

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

RISE UP IN SPLENDOR, JERUSALEM! YOUR LIGHT HAS COME,  
THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHINES UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1

JANUARY 3, 2010

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p><b>RISE UP IN SPLENDOR</b></p>	<p>This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness—the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today’s world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany’s light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor—the splendor of peace and justice.</p>
<p><b>MARKET BASKET COLLECTION TODAY</b></p>	<p>The Market Basket Committee is deeply grateful to all who have so generously supported the monthly collection during the past year. It has made a big difference in the availability of food at the Catholic Charities Pantry. The need continues as we collect non-perishable foods again today. A monetary donation is very welcome, too—just place it in an envelope and write “Market Basket” on the front. Thank you!</p>
<p><b>COMUNIDAD MEETING</b></p>	<p>The next Comunidad meeting will be held this <b>Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM</b> in the Church for Mass to celebrate the 24th anniversary of Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics. Join us for this annual New Year's Mass. Come and rededicate yourself to practice your faith as a proud gay or lesbian Catholic. As part of the celebration the 2010 Coordinating Committee will be installed. A social will be held after Mass in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. You are welcome to bring a dessert to add to the refreshments. All are welcome.</p>
<p><b>CALENDARS AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p>You may take one or several calendars home with you as you leave the church today. We thank Luyben Dilday Mottell Funeral Home for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish.</p>
<p><b>ST. ANTHONY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE</b></p>	<p>St. Anthony High School will be hosting an Open House from 1-3p.m. on Sunday, January 10th. All prospective students and parents are invited to attend. Tour our renovated campus, meet our teachers/staff, participate in activities, meet our college counselor and coaches and get admissions information. For more info, please call 562.435.1217 or visit our website <a href="http://www.LongBeachSaints.org">www.LongBeachSaints.org</a>. (FYI: High School Placement Exam will be Saturday, January 30, 8a.m.-12Noon).</p>
<p><b>LITURGY MEETING</b></p>	<p>We are already looking toward the Lenten Season. Members of the Liturgy Committee, please plan to attend a meeting on Monday, January 11 at 7:00p.m. in the Rectory.</p>
<p><b>ADULT CONFIRMATION</b></p>	<p>If you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation within this calendar year, you must <b>call Sister Sharon Francis TODAY</b> (562.439.0931 x 5) to inquire if there is space in the upcoming class.</p>
<p><b>NEED A TAX STATEMENT?</b></p>	<p>If you need an end-of-year contribution statement for tax purposes, we ask that you please email or call the parish office to request one. Thank you.</p>
<p><b>START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT... REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD.</b></p>	<p>We encourage all parishioners to treat yourselves to some quiet time each and every week throughout this year... open your bible to read and reflect on next Sunday’s readings. The readings are listed below along with a question to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your personal life. <b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:</b> First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. Reflection: <i>What does my Baptism mean to me? How can I continue the mission of Jesus, especially to those in need?</i></p>