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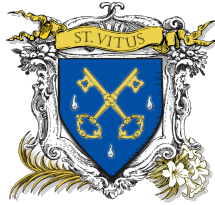
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## MASS TIMES

CONFESSIONS  
11:00 AM ON MON, WED & FRI  
AND 30 MIN BEFORE EACH MASS  
(15 MIN BEFORE THE 6:15AM MASS)



### SUNDAY

8:00 AM - LOW MASS  
10:30 AM - HIGH MASS  
4:00 PM - VESPERS  
5:00 PM - MASS

6:15 AM - MON, WED & THURS  
12 NOON - MON, WED & FRI  
7:00 PM - TUES & FRI

### SATURDAY

9:30 AM

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## A THOUGHT FOR SUNDAY



HERE'S FIVE KINGS IN THIS STORY. WE ONLY EVER THINK OF FOUR AND MENTION THREE.

THREE KINGS COME FROM THE EAST TO VISIT THE FOURTH KING - THE KING OF KINGS, BABY JESUS IN THE MANGER.

THE FIFTH KING IS TOO BUSY KILLING HARMLESS BABIES TO MAKE SURE HE REMAINS THE ONLY KING.

TODAY, YEARS LATER, ONE KING RULES. THE THREE WHO CAME TO ADORE HIM REMAIN HOLY KINGS IN HIS KINGDOM AND ARE LOVED BY PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE ALIVE. THE OTHER ONE IS COMPLETELY DISGRACED THROUGHOUT HISTORY.

*HAPPY FEAST OF EPIPHANY,  
FR FRYAR*

## HYMNS

FOR THE MASS OF 10:30 AM

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AS WITH GLADNESS MEN  
OF OLD



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**F**IRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN THE TWO MORNING MASSES. THEY WILL BEGIN TODAY AT 9:30 AM AND WILL LAST ABOUT 20 MINUTES. PLEASE MEET IN THE OFFICE BUILDING.

**B**EGINNING NEXT WEEK, IT WILL BE THE EXCEPTION AND NOT THE RULE TO PARK IN THE CHURCH CAMPUS ON SUNDAY. THERE IS AMPLE STREET PARKING AND A PARKING LOT ACROSS THE STREET. WHEN THERE IS AN EVENT AT THE POOL (ETC) THAT PARKING IS HARD TO FIND, WE WILL OPEN UP THE CHURCH LOT TO PARK IN. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, WHO RUN AND PLAY ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF ONE OF THEM GOT KILLED BY A CAR BACKING UP - AND IT WOULD BE TOO LATE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AFTER THE FACT!

PLEASE RESERVE THE SPACE ALONG THE STREET IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH FOR HANDICAP PARKING.

DURING THE WEEK, HOWEVER, IT IS ENCOURAGED TO PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT, ESPECIALLY FOR THE EVENING MASSES. IT IS MUCH SAFER FOR YOU TO CONGREGATE IN THE LIGHTS OF OUR PARKING LOT RATHER THAN ON THE STREET AFTER THE EVENING MASSES.

SO TO BE CLEAR: **SUNDAYS, NO PARKING IN THE CHURCH, OTHER DAYS YES.**

**S**PANISH DAILY MISSALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. THEY COST \$65. PLEASE SEE FR MASUTTI IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE OF THESE MISSALS. IT IS A GOOD INVESTMENT BECAUSE THIS MISSAL WILL WORK FOR ANY MASS YOU ATTEND FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE OR UNTIL IT FALLS APART, WHICHEVER HAPPENS FIRST!

**A**RE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? DO YOU NEED THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION? ADULT CATECHISM WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH AND THEN EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7.00 PM. PLEASE CONTACT FR. MASUTTI BY EMAIL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

**N**EXT YOUTH GROUP WILL BE THIS FRIDAY JANUARY 11TH. WE WILL HAVE THE YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY THAT DAY.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**T**HE WATER IN THE HOLY WATER CONTAINER AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IS EPIPHANY WATER, BLESSED LAST NIGHT. FEEL FREE TO TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, THERE'S PLENTY MORE. THERE ARE SOME BOTTLES AVAILABLE FOR FREE - THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOUR DONATIONS EACH SUNDAY PAY FOR!

**F**OR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE PRIESTS WILL BE BLESSING YOUR HOMES WITH THE EPIPHANY BLESSING. THEY WON'T BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS ETC AT THE OFFICE DURING THAT TIME.


IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING, YOU WILL RECEIVE COMMUNICATION WHEN FATHER WILL BE ABLE TO COME. DON'T PANIC IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD YET, IF WE CANNOT BLESS YOUR HOME WE WILL TELL YOU - IF YOU DON'T HEAR ANYTHING WE SIMPLY HAVEN'T SCHEDULED YOU IN YET. THERE'S CLOSE TO 100 HOMES. DEPENDING ON DISTANCES AND LA TRAFFIC, ONLY 7-13 HOMES CAN BE BLESSED EACH DAY.

WHEN THE PRIEST ARRIVES AT YOUR HOME, HE WILL COME BRINGING ALL THAT HE NEEDS. THE PRAYERS BEGIN AT THE DOOR OR IN THE MAIN ROOM OF THE HOUSE, THEN INCENSE AND HOLY WATER ARE SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. MORE PRAYERS ARE PRAYED, THEN AN INSCRIPTION OF THE NAMES OF THE THREE KINGS IS WRITTEN ABOVE YOUR FRONT DOOR. THERE IS A FINAL PRAYER OF CONCLUSION.

FATHER WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY VERY LONG - HE HAS OTHER HOUSES TO BLESS AS WELL. HE ISN'T BEING BAD MANNERED IF HE HAS TO LEAVE AFTER ONLY A SHORT TIME. MAYBE AT ANOTHER TIME IN THE YEAR YOU CAN INVITE HIM TO HAVE DINNER AND SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY!


## STILL MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!


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 OUTSIDE THE CHURCH TODAY YOU WILL FIND PROMOTERS OF ADORACION NOCTURNA. THIS IS A SODALITY OF ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WHO SPEND THE NIGHT IN PRAYER EACH MONTH IN FRONT OF OUR LORD EXPOSED IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHAPTER OF THIS GROUP HERE AT ST. VITUS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP! THE IDEA IS THAT ON FIRST FRIDAYS WE WILL HAVE THE USUAL ADORATION BETWEEN THE TWO MASSES, THEN AFTER THE EVENING MASS IT WILL CONTINUE WITH THE ADORACION NOCTURNA UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

 E ARE PLANNING A WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2ND. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS, THERE IS A REGISTRATION FORM OUTSIDE THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH.

 OOKING AHEAD: IT IS WONDERFUL THAT THINGS ARE SO CROWDED AT ST. VITUS, HOWEVER WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS! WE WILL BE ADDING A FOURTH SUNDAY MASS AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT. MORE ON THIS SOON!

 F YOU ARE AN EMT, FIRST RESPONDER, MEDICAL DOCTOR, NURSE, LAW ENFORCEMENT OR ABLE TO HELP IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCIES AT ST. VITUS, AND IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN TIMES OF NEED, PLEASE CONTACT FR FRYAR ([FRFRYAR@ME.COM](mailto:FRFRYAR@ME.COM)) TO LET HIM KNOW! GOD REWARD YOU!



JOSEPH DREAMED ALSO ANOTHER DREAM: I SAW IN A DREAM, AS IT WERE THE SUN, AND THE MOON, AND ELEVEN STARS WORSHIPPING ME. - GEN 37:9

VIDI PER SOMNIUM QUASI SOLEM ET LUNAM ET STELLAS UNDECIM ADORARE ME. GEN 37:9

REGINA SABA DEDIT ERGO REGI CENTUM VIGINTI TALENTA AURI. III KINGS 10:10

THE QUEEN OF SABA GAVE THE KING A HUNDRED AND TWENTY TALENTS OF GOLD, AND OF SPICES A VERY GREAT STORE, AND OF FRANKINCENSE. - III KINGS 10:10



## TRES PENSAMIENTOS AL FIN DEL AÑO

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**C**ADA VEZ QUE EL CALENDARIO NOS TRAE, INEXORABLE, ESTA FECHA DEL 31 DE DICIEMBRE, NO PUEDEN MENOS QUE PREOCUPAR AL HOMBRE PENSADOR, Y MÁS TODAVÍA AL FIEL CRISTIANO, ESTOS TRES GRAVES PENSAMIENTOS:

EL TIEMPO PASA,  
LA MUERTE SE ACERCA,  
LA ETERNIDAD NOS ESPERA.

EFFECTIVAMENTE:

A. EL TIEMPO PASA.

EL PRESENTE AÑO HA PASADO COMO UN SOPLO, Y COMO ÉL PASARÁN TODOS LOS QUE NOS RESTAN VIVIR, SEAN POCOS, SEAN MUCHOS; SEAN FELICES, SEAN DESGRACIADOS.

¿QUÉ SE HA HECHO DE LAS PENAS Y DE LOS DOLORES? ¿QUÉ DE LAS ALEGRÍAS LOCAS Y DE LOS PLACERES DE ESTE AÑO TRANSCURRIDOS?

NI LAS PENAS NI LAS ALEGRÍAS PASADAS PUEDEN YA VOLVER. DE ELLAS SÓLO QUEDA EL MÉRITO DE HABER SUFRIDO O GOZADO CON CONCIENCIA PURA Y CON ALTEZA DE MIRAS, O, AL REVÉS, LA RESPONSABILIDAD DE HABERLO PERDIDO TODO POR FALTA DE ESPÍRITU CRISTIANO.

EL TIEMPO PASA PARA TODOS, ESTE AÑO HA PASADO PARA TODOS, NADIE HA PODIDO DETENER EL RELOJ. ¡CÓMO HUBIESE DESEADO EL GOZADOR DE LA VIDA, EL PECADOR DISOLUTO, QUE NO HUBIESEN PASADO SUS HORAS DE PLACER, SUS DÍAS Y SUS NOCHES DE MIEL! SIN EMBARGO PASARON PARA NO VOLVER.

HA PASADO ESTE AÑO CORRIENDO, VOLANDO; PERO NO HA PASADO EN VANO. MUCHOS DESEARÍAN QUE HUBIESE PASADO SIN DEJAR HUELLA, COMO EL



VUELO DEL PÁJARO; QUE LO PASADO, COMO DICEN, QUEDARÁ PISADO, MAS NO ES ASÍ. TODO EL PASADO QUEDA SUJETO AL JUICIO DE DIOS.

#### B. LA MUERTE SE ACERCA.

LA MUERTE GALOPA Y SE ACERCA DE DÍA EN DÍA PARA CADA UNO. A MUCHOS, A INNUMERABLES, LOS HA ALCANZADO EN ESTE ÚLTIMO AÑO, Y LOS HA ALCANZADO SORPRESIVAMENTE. A MUCHOS QUE HEMOS CONOCIDO SANOS Y ALEGRES, EN POCOS MINUTOS, O EN POCAS HORAS O EN BREVES DÍAS, LOS HEMOS VISTO DESAPARECER.

NI LA EDAD, NI EL BIENESTAR, NI LA DIGNIDAD, NI LA CIENCIA, NI EL VICIO, NI LA VIRTUD RESPETA LA MUERTE INEXORABLE. TODOS TENEMOS NUESTRO DÍA SEÑALADO, COMO LO TUVIERON LOS QUE NOS HAN PRECEDIDO ESTE MISMO AÑO Y LOS AÑOS ANTERIORES. DESAPARECIERON EN UN ABRIR Y CERRAR DE OJOS, Y DE MUCHOS DE ELLOS NO QUEDA NI EL RECUERDO.

¡TANTO AFÁN POR VIVIR, PARA VIVIR TAN POCO Y TAN TRISTEMENTE! ¡TANTO CUIDARSE DEL CUERPO Y DEL VESTIDO Y DEL NEGOCIO Y DE LA HONRA, PARA PERDERLO TODO TAN PRESTO Y TAN SIN REMEDIO! ¡TANTO ALARDEAR DE LAS RIQUEZAS, DE LA HERMOSURA, DE LAS SIMPATÍAS, DE LA INFLUENCIA, PARA QUEDAR DE SÚBITO REDUCIDO A UN CAJÓN DE PODREDUMBRE!

#### C. LA ETERNIDAD NOS ESPERA.

NADA SERÍA QUE EL TIEMPO PASASE Y QUE LA MUERTE SE ACERCARA, SI CON ELLO TODO SE ACABARA. MAS NO ES ASÍ. AL MORIR, EL HOMBRE NO MUERE DEL TODO: PERECE LA MATERIA, PERO EL ESPÍRITU PERDURA. EL CUERPO VUELVE AL POLVO DEL SEPULCRO, DE DONDE BROTÓ; PERO EL ALMA RETORNA A DIOS, QUE LA CREÓ.

TODO LO QUE AQUÍ ES PASAJERO, TODO FENECE; SÓLO EL ALMA SOBREVIVE EN ESTE GENERAL CATACLISMO. POR ESO EL HOMBRE, AUNQUE MUERE, NO MUERE PARA SIEMPRE, SÓLO CAMBIA DE VIDA: DE LA VIDA TEMPORAL PASA A LA ETERNA, DEL TIEMPO A LA ETERNIDAD.

¡LA ETERNIDAD! ¡QUÉ REALIDAD TERRIBLE! MUCHOS LA NIEGAN PORQUE LES CONVENDRÍA QUE NO EXISTIESE; ASÍ SUS VICIOS NO TENDRÍAN NINGUNA SANCIÓN ULTRATERRENA. OTROS MUCHOS, LOS MÁS, NO PIENSAN EN ELLA,

PORQUE NO LA COMPRENDEN. MAS NI POR NEGARLA NI POR DESCONOCERLA, LA ETERNIDAD DEJA DE EXISTIR Y DE ESPERARNOS.

NADA FUERA QUE LA ETERNIDAD EXISTIESE, SI ESTA FUESE PARA TODOS BIENAVENTURADA Y FELIZ. PERO NO ES ASÍ. HAY DOS ETERNIDADES: LA ETERNIDAD DEL CIELO, PARA PREMIO, Y LA ETERNIDAD DEL INFIERNO, PARA CASTIGO. HAY, PUES, UN PREMIO ETERNO Y UN CASTIGO ETERNO. ASÍ LO HA DISPUESTO DIOS, Y NADA NI NADIE PODRÁN HACER QUE NO SEA ASÍ.

SI, PUES, TE ESPERA UNA ETERNIDAD FELIZ ¡OH CRISTIANO!, DESPUÉS DE LOS SUFRIMIENTOS DE ESTA BREVE VIDA, ¿POR QUÉ NO LA SOPORTAS CON RESIGNACIÓN Y CON UNA SANTA ESPERANZA? Y SI A TI TAMBIÉN TE ESPERA LA ETERNIDAD, PERO UNA ETERNIDAD DESGRACIADA, ¡OH PECADOR Y GOZADOR DE LA VIDA!, ¿POR QUÉ PREFIERES UN PLACER SUCIO Y FUGAZ A UNA ETERNA DICHA?



## VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS

**T**HERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT FURNISHINGS AND OBJECTS IN A CATHOLIC CHURCH THAT WE EXPECT TO SEE AND THAT HELP US RAISE OUR PRAYERS TO GOD. ONE IS THE HOLY WATER FONT AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH, WHICH WE USE TO BLESS OURSELVES AND BY DOING SO WE WASH AWAY ANY VENIAL SIN SO THAT WE CAN ENTER THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH PERFECTLY CLEAN SOULS. ANOTHER IS THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, WHICH WE HAVE HAD MADE FOR ST. VITUS AND WILL BE INSTALLING VERY SOON.

ANOTHER SMALL FURNISHING IS THE VOTIVE CANDLE STAND. WE HAVE FINALLY PLACED A SMALL VOTIVE CANDLE STAND IN FRONT OF THE MANGER, AND THAT STAND WILL REMAIN THERE ONCE THE MANGER IS TAKEN DOWN AS THE VOTIVE CANDLE STAND FOR OUR LADY. A SECOND VOTIVE CANDLE STAND WILL BE PLACED IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF ST. VITUS WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING MADE.

CANDLES BURN. THIS BURNING, SIMILAR TO THE CUT FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR OR THE BURNING OF INCENSE, IS A SACRIFICE. AS THE WAX BURNS IT EVAPORATES AND WILL NEVER BE USED AGAIN. THEY ARE BEING CONSUMED FOR GOD. AND THEIR SACRIFICE, LIKE ALL WORTHY SACRIFICES OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS REFLECT THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

SO IN THIS WAY THE CANDLE BECOMES AN EXTENSION OR EXPRESSION OF OUR PRAYER. OFTENTIMES WE WANT TO PRAY A LONG TIME BUT CANNOT - HOWEVER WE CAN LIGHT A CANDLE, OFFER THAT CANDLE TO OUR LADY (OR WHICHEVER SAINT) FOR OUR INTENTION, AND THEN GO ABOUT OUR DAY AND THE CANDLE REMAINS, RAISING OUR PRAYER TO GOD.

USUALLY WE GIVE AN OFFERING FOR THE CANDLE. WE ARE ACTUALLY *not* BUYING THE CANDLE, SINCE THESE ARE BLESSED. WE ARE OFFERING MONEY IN A SIMILAR WAY AS WE DO WHEN WE OFFER A STIPEND FOR A MASS - WE ARE SACRIFICING A TINY BIT OF OUR MONEY TO UNITE IT TO OUR PRAYER. THIS TINY BIT OF MONEY, INCIDENTALLY, GOES TOWARD PAYING FOR THAT LITTLE CANDLE - BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT. IT ALL FITS TOGETHER: OUR MONEY IS SACRIFICED FOR THE CANDLE, AND THE CANDLE IS SACRIFICED TO OFFER OUR PRAYER LONG AFTER WE LEAVE, AND THEY BOTH REFLECT IN SOME SMALL WAY THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

SO VOTIVE CANDLES SEEM LIKE A SMALL THING. ACTUALLY, THEY ARE QUITE SPECIAL!

*A little tidbit:* WE HAVE ARRANGED THE CANDLES FROM TALLEST TO SMALLEST. THOSE IN THE CENTER BURN FOR 24 HOURS. THE NEXT RING IS TEN HOURS, THE NEXT WILL BURN FOR FIVE HOURS AND THE OUTER RING TWO HOURS.



ACH PART OF THE WORLD HAS DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS AND MANY FAMILIES HAVE DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS. IN MADEIRA, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE THE CUSTOM OF “STEALING” ONE FIGURINE FROM A NEIGHBOR’S NATIVITY SCENE AND PUTTING IT IN THEIR OWN, ONLY ONE, EACH YEAR. YOU CAN’T STEAL YOUR FIGURINE BACK, YOU HAVE TO STEAL ONE OF THEIRS!

THIS FIRST CHRISTMAS AT ST. VITUS WE ARE INTRODUCING THE:

## ~ ST. VITUS CHRISTMAS CUSTOM ~

EACH YEAR, EACH PERSON CAN BRING ONE (**JUST ONE**) FIGURINE (LAMB, OX, SHEPHERD, ETC). YOU WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FIGURINE WITH PERMANENT MARKER AND YOU LEAVE IT AT THE OUTSIDE NATIVITY SET. AT THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ON FEBRUARY 2ND, THESE FIGURINES WILL GET A SPECIAL BLESSING AND THEN YOU TAKE IT HOME AND YOU CAN USE IT IN YOUR FAMILY NATIVITY SET AT YOUR HOME NEXT YEAR. THAT PIECE WILL BE SPECIAL SINCE IT SPENT LAST CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH!

PLEASE LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THE MAIN FIGURES OF THE NATIVITY SET AND MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FIGURINE IS PROPORTIONATE! NOT TOO GIGANTIC AND NOT TOO TINY!

YOU MAY BRING YOUR FIGURINE AND PLACE IT AT THE NATIVITY SET ANYTIME. PLEASE LEAVE IT THERE UNTIL FEBRUARY 2ND THOUGH, WHEN THEY WILL ALL BE BLESSED.

**DISCLAIMER:** YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING TO TAKE THE RISK THAT THE FIGURINE MAY BE DAMAGED, OR POSSIBLY STOLEN. PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN YOU ARE PLANNING ON PARTICIPATING!