

Epiphany of the Lord January 7th, 2018

*****A Christmas Thank-you
from Father Ken *****

It is always consoling to be remembered at Christmas time and so I have a full heart as I say 'thank-you' for including me on your Christmas list. The gift cards, monetary gifts, home baking, 'liquid' refreshments along with the may beautiful Christmas cards that came my way over Christmas filled my heart with joy. People of IC, you are a very generous and thoughtful community! May God bless you and your family in 2018!

Fr. Ken

TWILIGHT SUNDAY MASS: Come and join us tonight as we gather at 8 pm to celebrate our monthly 'Twilight Mass'! This 'Twilight Mass' is part of our Parish's response to the universal Church's call to embrace the 'New Evangelization'. Through this Mass we want to reach out to all who are looking to 'come home' to the church as well as for those seeking a deeper experience of Catholic Community and Liturgy. Over the years a wonderful community of renewal has formed through this Liturgy. We announce this new venture through word of mouth so please help us get the word out by telling family and friends about it. All are Welcome!

With Deep Gratitude... Thank you to all in our Parish who offered Masses, Prayers and kind words of condolences to me and my family as my father was dying and for the repose of his soul. An extra special thank-you to our Immaculate Conception school children and families for the home made cards, prayers and beautiful expressions of concern and care. I told my dad many times that there were people way out in Vancouver holding him and our family in Prayer – I know that your prayer brought light and grace into his dying. I saw how deeply moved he was – even in his frailty - to see the wonderful 'paper hearts' that the K-children made for me... How blessed we were to have the 'Body of Christ' form a circle of prayer around our little family as my dad was dying ! May God bless you for your goodness ...

Peace and Good Fr. Paul ofm

A Prayer for the Blessing of the Home on the Feast of the Epiphany

**Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only – begotten Son
to every nation by the guidance of a
star.**

**Bless our home and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our
concern for others may reflect your
love. We ask this through Crist our
Lord. Amen**

Appreciation: As we begin the New Year together let us all embrace the possibility that new beginnings offer... God is leading us into a future filled with promise! A great place to begin a new year is to prayerfully ponder and treasure the may beautiful brothers and sisters in Christ whose lives bless the soul of our parish and school and who bless our community with grace and goodness...

Prayers and Condolences... As a parish community we hold the grandmother of our Parish secretary in our prayers... Kathy's grandmother died this past week. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

In Loving Memory ... As a Parish family we pray with Brother Carlos and his extended family. On Christmas Eve Brother Carlos received word that his elder brother + Hugo Ramil Ona died unexpectedly. He was 50 years old and leaves his wife and child to grieve for him. Brother Carlos left for the Philippines on Wednesday for his brother's funeral. The Funeral will be on January 2. Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

The Three Kings, Casper, Balthazaar and Melchior remind us that Christ came for all peoples... if we lose Christ in Christmas we lose what Christmas is all about...

***** When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock.**

The work of Christmas begins;

***** To find the lost,
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among sisters and brothers,
To make music in the heart.**

Howard Thurman – theologian, civil rights activist, Dean of Boston University

RCIA – we will once again start our faith formation and catechism sessions on Friday, Jan. 12th at 7:30 pm in the Front Lounge at the Parish Center. RCIA is a faith formation opportunity for anyone adult seeking to be Baptized, receive Holy Communion or to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. For further information contact Fr. Paul.

2017 Tax Receipts
Will be available around the middle of February.



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