

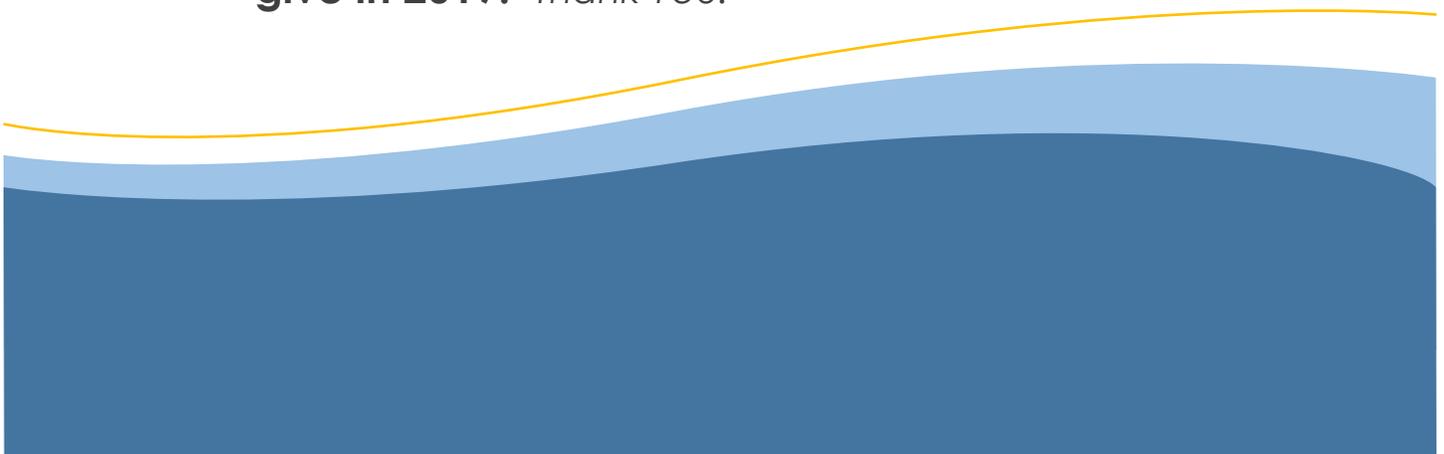
St. Joseph the Worker

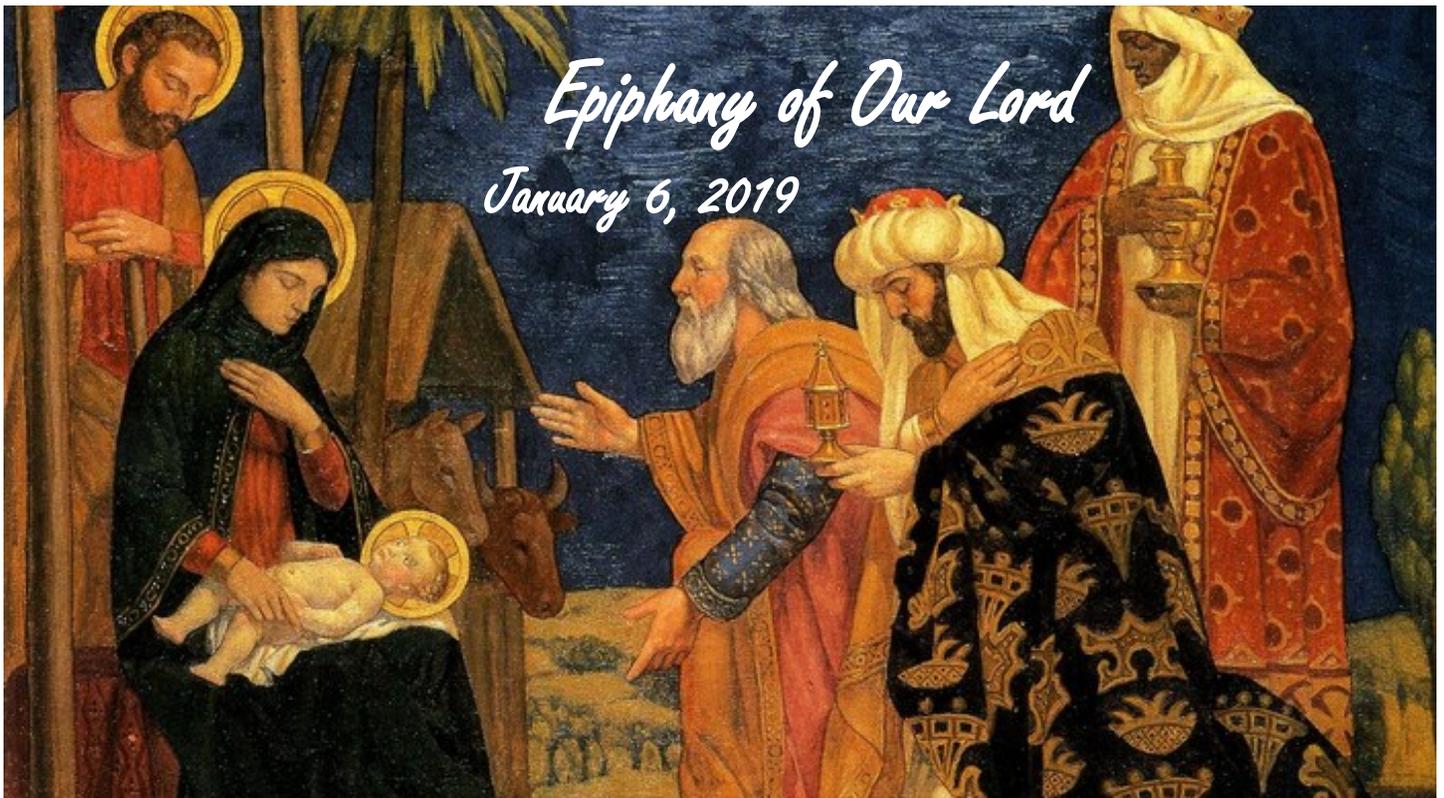
Commitment Weekend * January 12 & 13, 2019

Next weekend, we will be asking each parishioner to reflect on how we can live our lives as Christian stewards by making an annual written pledge of our gifts to God through your contributions to our parish.

Likewise, in order for our parish to be good stewards of your contributions, we need to be able to match the offertory we receive from you to the needs and work of the parish.

Please help us budget for the year by coming to mass next weekend prepared to share with us the amount you plan to give in 2019. Thank You.





The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways Christ made Himself known to us. We honor the revelation of Himself to mankind mainly through three events which clearly define Him as divine; as God as well as man. These are: 1) The visit of the Magi *MT 2:1-12*, 2) The baptism of Jesus *Mk 1:9-11* and 3) the miracle of Cana *Jn2:1-11*.

In the visit of the Magi, three wise men from far away Persia, having no way of knowing about the birth other than through God's message, follow a star to find Jesus, the babe in Mary's arms. They brought gifts:

- ◆ Gold in homage of His new Kingship, symbol of their **hearts** offering *love*
- ◆ Incense in homage to His Divinity, symbol of their **minds** offering *adoration*
- ◆ Myrrh in homage to His Humanity, symbol of their **bodies** offering to do *penance*

The visit of the Magi is emphasized on January 6th, Epiphany Day, and Christ's Baptism is celebrated on the first Sunday that follows, January 13th, while the Wedding Feast of Cana is remembered on the second following Sunday, January 20th. This is a time of wonderment and joy that Jesus, God and man, shone his light on us, making his divine self known to humanity, and sharing his love for us through his life, death, and resurrection.