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Our sick: Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quailey, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Andre and Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & housebound

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6pm (for Summer)

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm Wed 9am

Thurs 6.45am Fri 9.00am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am

RECONCILIATION: 10 mins before

Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 1st February 2018

7pm meeting room

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: next:

7th and 8th April 2018

NOVENA OUR LADY

DIVINE MERCY Tues. 6.30pm

www.vocationcentre.org.au

EWTTN-Kids (internet catechism)

CatholicNewsService

Sat. 9 am: For the Holy Souls **Vigil 5 pm:** Pro Populo; **Sunday 8am:** +; **9.30am +** **Mon: +**

Tues: + ; **Wed:** +Souls in needs; **Thurs:** + ; **Fri:** +

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who live here.

Leader: Bless, O Lord, this household and family, and allow all of us who live in this home to find in it a shelter of peace and health. Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of the whole family. Make our home a haven for us all, and a place of warmth and caring for all our friends who come to visit us. Enlighten us with the brilliance of your Epiphany star so that, as we go into the world, we might clearly see our way to You and discover You in our work and play.

All: For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever, Amen.

Bless the house with the sign of the cross and holy water. .After the blessing the initials are written over the main doorway in chalk Christus Mansionem Benedicat 'Christ bless this house' (The Initials also correspond to the traditional names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) The final blessing inscription would look like this:

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On the road to Exile
Dear Jesus,
Mary and Joseph,
Holy Family of Nazareth,
today we turn to you our gaze with admiration and confidence; in you we contemplate the beauty of communion in true love; to you we commend our families, so that in them wonders of your grace be renewed. Holy Family of Nazareth with joy we entrust ourselves and all families to you. Amen.



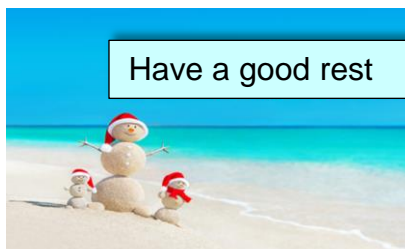
EPIPHANY GIFTS:

1. Gold – kingship on Earth
2. Frankincense – priesthood
3. Myrrh – death

"Why did the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus?" Mt 2 tells us that the magi, or wise men, travelled from the East in search of the Christ child. They inquired of King Herod where they might find Him, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Mt 2:2). Upon finding the baby Jesus, "they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh" (Mt 2:11). Gold is a precious metal and as such was a very valuable commodity. Its value could very well have financed Joseph and Mary's trip to Egypt. The Bible does not tell us any other significance to these three gifts; however, tradition has it that there is a deeper meaning for each of the three. Gold is a symbol of divinity and is mentioned throughout the Bible. Pagan idols were often made from gold and the Ark of the Covenant was overlaid with gold (Ex 25:10-17). The gift of gold to the Christ child was symbolic of His divinity—God in flesh. Frankincense is a white resin or gum. It is obtained from a tree by making incisions in the bark and allowing the gum to flow out. It is highly fragrant when burned and was therefore used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God (Ex 30:34). Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. The gift of frankincense to the Christ child was symbolic of His willingness to become a sacrifice, wholly giving Himself up, analogous to a burnt offering. Myrrh was also a product of Arabia, and was obtained from a tree in the same manner as frankincense. It was a spice and was used in embalming. It was also sometimes mingled with wine to form an article of drink. Such a drink was given to our Saviour when He was about to be crucified, as a stupefying potion (Mk 15:23). Mt 27:34 refers to it as "gall." Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction. The baby Jesus would grow to suffer greatly as a man and would pay the ultimate price when He gave His life on the cross for all who would believe in Him.

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU WHILE ON HOLIDAYS

Christmas envelopes are available for your consideration to support our retired and disadvantaged priests.



Audio-visual resource for our readers: <http://catholicreadings.org>

O LORD our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! I will sing of your majesty above the heavens...When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place... O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth.