

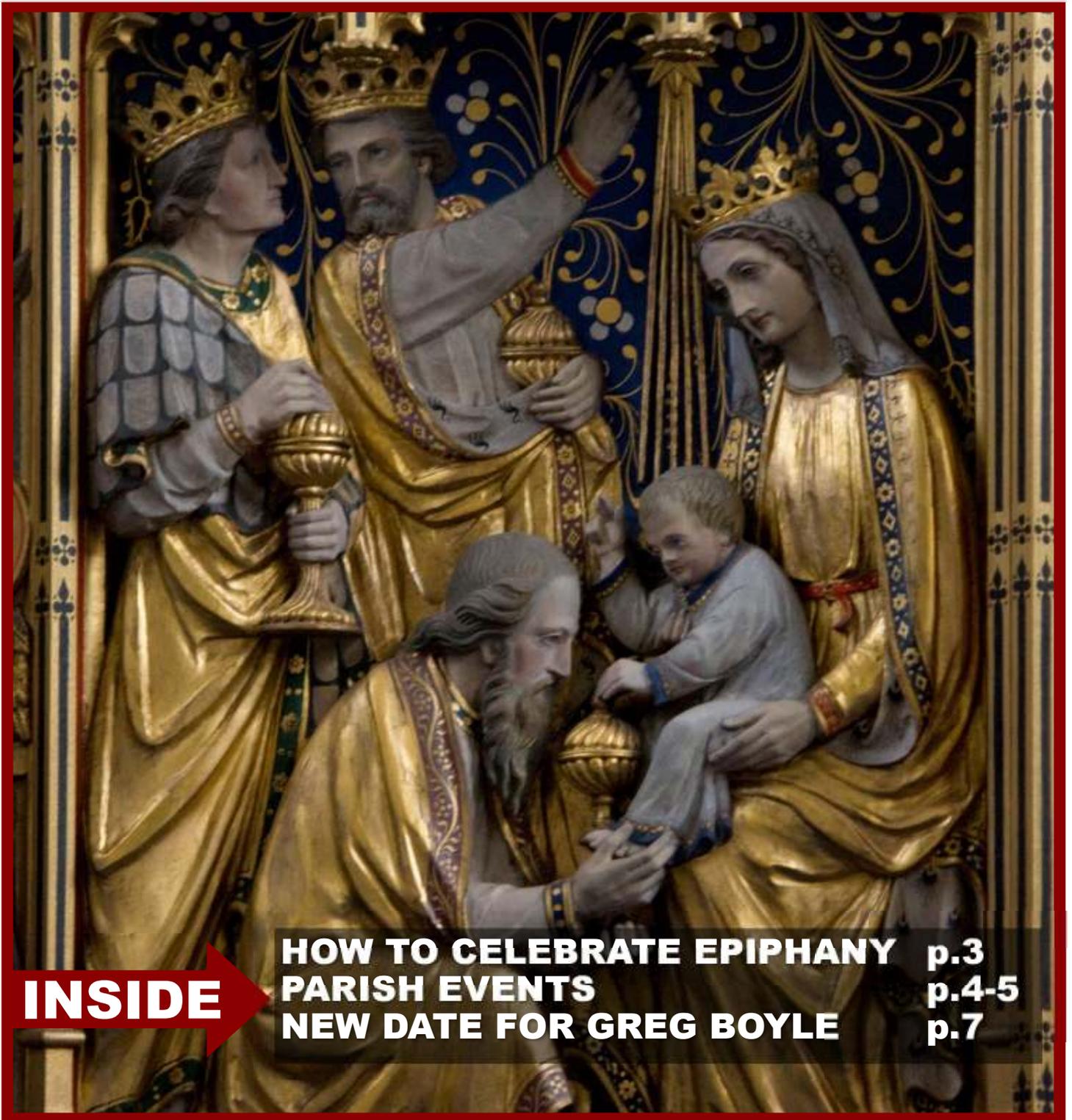


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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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ON THE COVER: *Adore the King of Kings.* Detail from Comper's alabaster reredos in the Lady chapel of Downside Abbey church. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Creative Commons BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/7ryEz8>.

MESSAGES FOR FR. DANIEL



If you wish to leave a card or letter for Fr. Daniel, please deliver them to the parish office where we will forward them to him.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS If you have a notice for the bulletin, please send it to bulletin@straymondmp.org. Submissions are due by Friday two weeks before the publication date. Entries may be included for two weeks as space allows.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor to St. Raymond Parish, we want you to know you are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the Archdiocese. Say hello to any of our parishioners! For information about our parish or to register, please contact us at office@straymondmp.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASSES

Sundays 5:15 pm Sat. Vigil, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon (Chapel), 6:00 pm
Weekdays 8:15 am (including Saturday) in the Chapel
Holy Days 6:00 pm Vigil, 8:15 am, 12:00 Noon, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday after the 8:15 am Mass in the Chapel
Thursday 7:00—8:00 pm at Holy Hour (p. 4)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Thursday after 8:15 am Mass in the Chapel
Thursday 7:00—8:00 pm at Holy Hour (p. 4)
Saturday after 5:15pm Mass
Sunday after all the Masses or by appointment

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 pm—4:45 pm or by appointment

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Mon.-Sat. 7:25 am (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer) in the Chapel

ROSARY

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 am in the Chapel

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755 or office@straymondmp.org.

VISION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a family. As disciples of Jesus, we are “children of God” and “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Jesus himself says, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50). We welcome all to belong to our Catholic family and to inherit with us in Christ the mission to preach the Gospel!

MISSION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a community united by our Catholic Faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through ongoing personal and communal conversion to Christ and a deeper commitment to the mission Jesus gives each of us to preach the Gospel. The sacred scriptures and sacraments of the Church sustain us. We dedicate ourselves to Truth and strive to grow in love of God and neighbor through community, prayer, study, and service, as we work by grace to build up in one another and share freely with others the abundance of magnificent gifts God has given.

HOW TO CELEBRATE THE RITES & BLESSINGS OF EPIPHANY

BY GRETCHEN FILZ

Epiphany is one of the Church's major and spectacular feasts. It occurs on January 6th, the final day of the 12 days of Christmas (in some locations it is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 – 8). In some places it is also called Twelfthnight or Three Kings Day. This is the day the Church commemorates the Magi arriving to give homage to the newborn King of Kings with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, symbolic of all the Gentile nations coming into the Kingdom of God. In many places around the world, this was the traditional day of gift-giving in celebration of Christmas.

In the East this feast is quite a bit more elaborate than in the West. For the Eastern Church, Epiphany is the celebration of not one, not two, but three 'epiphanies', or revelations of Christ: the arrival of the Magi with their kingly gifts, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. These three biblical events are theophanies, or visible manifestations of who Jesus really was—God incarnate. In some locations a fourth event was also historically celebrated on this day, the Nativity of Christ.

There are many beautiful and ancient traditions that come to us from the East in the form of special blessings that the Church performs on this feast: the blessing of water, salt, chalk, and homes, as well as of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

SPECIAL EPIPHANY BLESSINGS

EPIPHANY WATER: There is a special blessing for water on the feast of the Epiphany because of its connection to the celebration of Jesus' baptism. This ancient rite of the blessing of the waters, with its extraordinarily powerful prayers of exorcism, renders Epiphany Water more spiritually potent than 'ordinary' holy water (also, exorcised salt is part of the ritual and is used to 'make' Epiphany water).

BLESSED CHALK: There is a long-standing Epiphany tradition of marking churches, homes, schools, and other buildings with a special 'holy

formula' over the entryway using chalk that has been blessed for this purpose on Epiphany. This formula includes the current year along with the initials C, M, and B in the order shown below.

20 + C + M + B + 19

The C, M, and B are placed in between the numbers of the current year, with crosses in between each symbol. The three letters have two significations: the invocation *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house), as well as the first initial of the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.

BLESSING OF HOMES: Epiphany, including its octave, is the traditional time of year to have your home blessed by a priest. If it isn't possible to have a priest bless your home, the head (i.e. the husband/father) can preside over the ceremony as in the above link to the Roman Ritual. After the ritual, mark 20 + C + M + B + 19 over the entryway of the home with chalk.



BLESSING OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, & MYRRH: There is also a special Epiphany blessing in honor of the original Christmas gifts. The faithful can have their items of gold blessed (such as wedding rings and rosaries), myrrh for medicinal use, and frankincense to be used for the Epiphany home blessing and other liturgical feasts (such as Easter).

HONORING CHRIST THE KING

Coinciding with the freshness of a new calendar year, and with the symbolism of the Gentile nations being received into God's Kingdom, Epiphany is the perfect time to honor Christ's dominion over your life, and all that belongs to you, with these ancient, external signs of the Christian faith.

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 5, 5:15 pm	Sergio & Angela Maestrini †
<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
Sunday, Jan. 6, 8:00 am	Briccio Malilay †
Sunday, Jan. 6, 10:00 am	Donald Terndrup †
Sunday, Jan. 6, 12:00 pm	Kyle Hart †
Sunday, Jan. 6, 6:00 pm	St. Raymond Parish
Monday, Jan. 7, 8:15 am	David Galletly †
<i>Solemnity of St. Raymond of Peñafort</i>	
Tuesday, Jan. 8, 8:15 am	Fortunata Paule †
Wednesday, Jan. 9, 8:15 am	Fr. Edward Inyanwachi
Thursday, Jan. 10, 8:15 am	Aurelio Maestrini †
Friday, Jan. 11, 8:15 am	John & Cecila Thieman
Saturday, Jan 12, 8:15 am	Maria Sa-ing Swang-ngam †
Saturday, Jan. 12, 5:15 pm	Patty Nelson †
Sunday, Jan. 13, 8:00 am	Mary Ann Egging
<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	
Sunday, Jan. 13, 10:00 am	Olga Mirek †
Sunday, Jan. 13, 12:00 pm	Aurelio Maestrini †
Sunday, Jan. 13, 6:00 pm	St. Raymond Parish

Mass Intentions are available for 2019 and 2020. Contact the parish office in person or call 650-323-1755.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Arthur Ang, Azreena, Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Candy Hernandez, Celeste Green, Dennis Warner, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Janice Hagy, Karen Lundberg, Lynn Bacon, Margaret Alivero, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, and Sally Cesario.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 or office@straymondmp.org and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

COFFEE & CATHOLICISM

Your Light Has Come - Celebrating Epiphany

In January, the Coffee & Catholicism talk will be **January 6, 2019 at 9:00 am**. The speaker will be **Mary Abinante**.

The feast of the Epiphany is an important moment in the ongoing Christmas celebration. We'll explore its spiritual insights and some of the family customs that deepen the Christmas experience for people around the globe.



PARISH EVENTS

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

9:00 am Coffee & Catholicism with Mary Abinante (see below)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

9:00 am Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Taizé Service (p. 6)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

10:00 am Small Group Bible Study

12:15 pm STARS Senior Mass followed by Bingo (p. 5)

7:00 pm Finance Council

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

7:00 pm Holy Hour (see below)

SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 (NEW DATE!)

7:00 pm Speaker: Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

Ash Wednesday

THURSDAY HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour with Fr. Carl will continue in the new year on **January 10 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Carl will be available during the hour for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Come for 5 minutes or 60 minutes and spend some time in the presence of the Lord Jesus! At approximately 7:50 pm, we will pray the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.



STEWARDSHIP

Due to early bulletin printing deadlines, collection totals and Fall Drive totals for December 23, Christmas, December 30, and New Year's will be published in a future bulletin.

PARISH EVENTS

ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JAN. 27, 2019, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Please join us for our annual St. Raymond School Open House on **Sunday, January 27 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**, immediately following 10:00 am Mass. Take a tour of campus, meet the faculty, visit with current and prospective families and students. Learn about all that St. Raymond School has to offer. We look forward to welcoming you!



STARS SENIOR BINGO:

Please join us on **Wednesday, January 9** for a special New Year's gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at **12:15 pm** for a senior mass with Father Carl. We will then move to the Parish Center for a light lunch and delicious treats. Bring a friend or two to join in the fun with this wonderful group - all are welcome!! If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com.



TAIZÉ PRAYER Taizé prayer is a simple form of Christian prayer in which we gather around the cross in candlelight to share scripture, chants, silence, and prayer. Brother Roger of Taizé describes it as: "... a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again... awakening us to heaven's joy on earth."

St. Raymond holds a Taizé prayer service on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the chapel. If you have not experienced it before, give yourself the gift of prayer and peace by trying it— all are welcome!

Next service: Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm.



LOCAL EVENTS ⁵

DOMINICAN NUNS OF CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY

DISCERNMENT DAY: Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single Catholic women ages 18-38 on **January 19, 2019** at their monastery at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California.

For more information and to register visit www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events/ or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org. The day begins with Mass at 8:00 am followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences on Discernment, Recreation with the nuns, Adoration and more!

The event is free and all meals will be provided.



VALLOMBROSACENTER

Sunday, January 20, 2019

AFTERLIFE, INTERRUPTED: Sunday Tea & Talk with the author, Nathan Castle, O.P.

Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 to Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019

AFTERLIFE INTERRUPTED: In-Depth Retreat with the author, Nathan Castle, O.P.

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Spiritual Spring – Lent Prep 2019 with Fr. Brian Thomas Becket Mullady, O.P.

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Retreat for Mothers - with Mary Abinante

Fri., July 26, 2019 to Wed., July 31, 2019

Annual Six-Day Retreat with new Auxillary Bishop Robert Christian, O.P.

For more information on these events, please visit www.vallombrosa.org/calendar/.

6 LOCAL EVENTS

THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

Upcoming Events

Fri. Jan. 18, 2019 to Sun. Jan. 20, 2019—Woman of the Old Testament with Ms. Anne Grycz and Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J. Silent retreat for women.

Fri. Jan. 25, 2019 to Sun. Jan. 27, 2019—St. Francis of Assisi Retreat with Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J. Silent retreat for men.

Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 to Sun. Feb. 10, 2019—Healing, Gospel Contemplation and Social Imagining with Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J. Non-silent retreat for men and women.

Fri. Feb. 15, 2019 to Sun. Feb. 17, 2019—Women's Weekend of Renewal with Mary Abinante and Cynthia Robertson. Non-silent retreat for women.

A complete listing of weekend retreat are available at www.jrclosaltos.org/about/contact/retreats/.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?
ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT
JANUARY 18-20, 2019



Conferences by Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane
All meals and lodging provided.
Attendance does not imply further obligation.
Must be a single man — 21 years or older.

To register, contact: **FR. PATRICK SUMMERHAYS**
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WALK FOR LIFE

Walk for Life West Coast 2019

Season's Greetings to our Walk for Life family. It's less than two months until the 15th annual Walk!

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **January 26, 2019**. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last year's Walk drew over 50,000 people. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call (415) 658-1793.

OUTREACH

SVDP STORIES

"Ciara" is deaf and lives on Social Security Disability Income with her son. He works in a warehouse and helps pay their rent. However, Ciara had some unexpected expenses and got behind on her bills. She received a shut off notice from PG&E and went to Samaritan House for help. They referred her to SVdP's Peninsula Family Resource Center (PFRC). SVdP volunteers visited the family with bags of groceries, and PFRC agreed to pay the PG&E bill. Ciara and her son are very grateful to SVdP for helping them get through this challenging time.

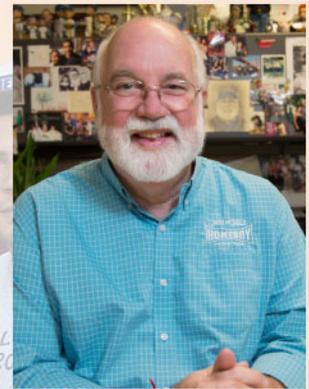


MARRIED COUPLES

This New Year, make a Resolution to make your marriage the best it can be by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **Feb. 15-17, 2019** in San Jose, CA and **May 17-19, 2019** in San Jose, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH & SCHOOL PRESENT



FR. GREG BOYLE, S.J.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23 AT 7:00 PM

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, DONATIONS WELCOME
SUGGESTED AGES 13+

Come and hear **Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.**, speak on the transformative power of community and kinship happening through Homeboy Industries, one of the largest gang intervention programs in the country. Fr. Greg will speak on his new book *Barking to the Choir, the Power of Radical Kinship* and how Homeboy Industries serves the over 10,000 men and women who walk through its doors each year, seeking to change their lives.

Please join us for a lively presentation and discussion by this visionary leader, best-selling author, and founder/CEO of Homeboy Industries.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the church. (The date has changed as was originally announced in previous bulletins.)

THANK YOU

Are we grateful? You bet we are! Thank you so much for your faithful participation in our **St. Francis Center Christmas Toy Program!** Thank you for helping so many of our client families to create deep and vivid memories. We understand toys are not everything, but for our children and for their parents they sure are a BIG something!

Blessing and gratitude,
Sr. Christina Heltsley, O.P.

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"Yes, gifts are given at weddings, but the Magi bearing gifts is not really the right reading for a wedding."

