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Matthew 2, 1-12

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"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy"

~ Matthew 2:10



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La Navidad, "la humanidad atormentada" y la voz consoladora de los Papas



"Si nos hacemos humildes, sencillas, dóciles como Jesús en el pesebre, poseemos el secreto de su Corazón."

En las primeras vísperas de la solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios, este miércoles 31 de diciembre de 2025, el Santo Padre presidió el canto del Te Deum en acción de gracias por el año transcurrido y por el Jubileo, invitando a leer la historia desde el designio misericordioso de Dios y a oponer la esperanza evangélica a las lógicas de poder del mundo.

Sebastián Sansón Ferrari - Ciudad del Vaticano
 "La liturgia de las primeras vísperas de la Madre de Dios tiene una riqueza singular", afirmó el Santo Padre al inicio de su homilía, pronunciada en la basílica de San Pedro durante la celebración, este miércoles 31 de diciembre de 2025, que culminó con el canto del Te Deum en acción de gracias por el año civil que concluye. Una riqueza que, explicó, brota tanto del misterio celebrado —la maternidad divina de María— como de su ubicación "justo al final del año solar", cuando la Iglesia contempla el paso del tiempo bajo la bendición de Dios. León XIV enfatizó que esta solemnidad, que cierra la Octava de Navidad, "cubre el paso de un año a otro y extiende sobre él la bendición de Aquel 'que era, que es y que viene'". En ese horizonte situó también el Jubileo recientemente concluido, celebrado "en el corazón de Roma, junto a la tumba de Pedro", afirmando que el Te Deum "quiere expandirse para dar voz a todos los corazones y rostros que han pasado bajo estas bóvedas y por las calles de esta ciudad".

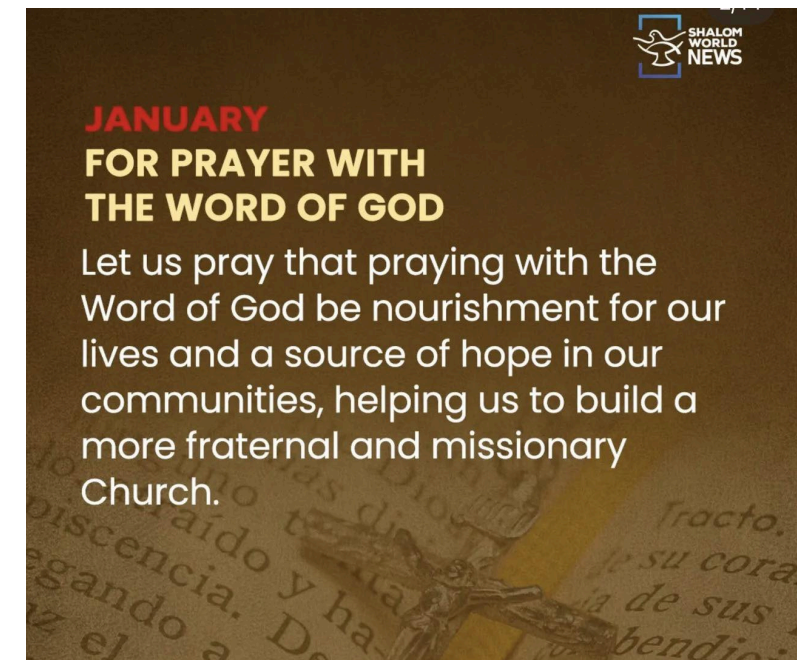
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May God and the Virgin Mary grant you the joy of Christmas and bless you with a prosperals New Year 2026.

Sincerely,
 Monseñor Juan Moreno

Que Dios y la Virgen María les concedan la alegría de la Navidad y les de un próspero Año Nuevo 2026.

Sinceramente,
 Monseñor Juan Moreno



The Popes and the new year: a time for thanksgiving and hope

As 2026 approaches, Vatican News revisits some reflections by the Popes on this transitional period between the end of 2025 and the arrival of the new year. As the year comes to an end and a new one is set to begin, the Church's perspective on this "chronological relay," between two distinct but closely connected timeframes is always linked to the Gospel. It extends along a dual horizon: gratitude to God and trust in the Lord. Thanksgiving and hope become the keys to understanding the past year and also to welcoming the future, with its opportunities and uncertainties.

St. Paul VI: The meaning of time

The moment of "transition" from one page almost finished to a new one about to begin is an invitation to reflect on time. During his Angelus message on January 2, 1972, Pope Paul VI urged the faithful consider the value of time. "Before we venture into the new year, it's time to dedicate some reflection to it," he said. "Time is the measure, so to speak, of events that follow one another. It is the measure of our present life. A measure that instills fear, because it makes us see that yesterday no longer exists, that tomorrow does not yet exist; only today exists, or rather, only the present moment exists for us: we live only on a moving point, a single fleeting moment.... And this teaches us to live this present moment with reasonable intensity, a moment over which we alone have control, and which constitutes our only experience of the present life. In other words, it teaches us the value of time."

Pope Benedict XVI: Don't end the year without thanking the Lord

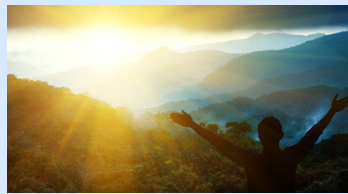
The words of the Popes at this time of year especially accompany the Te Deum hymn of giving thanks. Pope Benedict XVI, on December 31, 2011, during the celebration of the First Vespers of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, spoke precisely about this temporal space: "Another year is drawing to a close, as we await the start of a new one." The anticipation, desires, and hopes cannot be separated from praise to the Lord:

Hence the Church places on our lips the ancient hymn Te Deum. It is a hymn filled with the wisdom of many Christian generations, who feel the need to address on high their heart's desires, knowing that all of us are in the Lord's merciful hands."

Pope Leo XIV: Continue being Pilgrims of Hope

The beginning of 2026 also marks the conclusion of the Holy Year centered on hope. This virtue is not a door that closes, as hope does not die, and it is "generative," emphasized Pope Leo XIV during the Jubilee audience on December 20, 2025:

Without hope, we are dead; with hope, we come to the light. Hope is generative. Indeed, it is a theological virtue, that is, a strength of God, and as such it does not kill, but gives birth and rebirth. This is true strength. What threatens and kills is not strength: it is arrogance, it is aggressive fear, it is evil that does not generate anything. The strength of God gives birth. This is why I would like to say to you, finally: to hope is to generate."



Pope at Audience: As we cross from old year to new, let us entrust everything to God

During his final General Audience of the year on Wednesday, Pope Leo XIV recalled that the months just lived had been marked by events of contrasting significance.

"Some of them joyful," he said, "such as the pilgrimage of so many of the faithful on the occasion of the Holy Year; others painful, such as the passing of the late Pope Francis, and the scenarios of war that continue to convulse the planet."

Precisely for this reason, he added, the Church calls believers to gather everything—joys and sufferings alike—before God, asking Him "to renew, in us and around us, in the coming days, the wonders of his grace and mercy."

Te Deum prayer

With this in mind, Pope Leo reflected on the ancient tradition of the solemn Te Deum sung on the evening of 31 December. "It is in this dynamic," he explained, "that the tradition of the solemn singing of the Te Deum, with which we will thank the Lord this evening for the blessings we have received, finds its place."

Quoting Pope Francis, he contrasted this prayerful gratitude with what he called a worldly attitude. "While 'worldly gratitude and worldly hope are evident... they are focused on the self, on its interests,'" Pope Francis had said. "In this Liturgy... one breathes an entirely different atmosphere: one of praise, of wonder, of gratitude."

This spirit of thanksgiving, Pope Leo continued, also calls for truthfulness of heart. "With these attitudes," he said, "we are called upon to reflect on what the Lord has done for us over the past year," and also "to examine our consciences honestly," asking forgiveness "for all the times we have failed to treasure his inspirations and invest the talents he has entrusted to us in the best possible way."

"Let the sinner rejoice"

Reflecting on these signs in the light of Christmas, Pope Leo recalled the words of Saint Leo the Great, who saw the Nativity as a proclamation of universal joy. "Let the saint rejoice, because he is approaching his reward; let the sinner rejoice, because he is offered forgiveness; let the pagan take courage, because he is called to life."

"This invitation," the Pope said, "is addressed today to all of us." To the baptized, "because God has become our companion on the journey towards true life"; to sinners, "because, forgiven, with his grace we can stand up and set off again;" and to the poor and fragile, because the Lord, "making our weakness his own, has redeemed it."

God is Love

In conclusion, Pope Leo recalled the Jubilee of 1975, noting how Pope Paul VI summed up its message in a single word: "love."

"God is Love!" Pope Paul VI said during that audience. "God loves me! God awaited me, and I have found him! God is mercy! God is forgiveness! God is salvation! God, yes, God is life!"

"May these thoughts," Pope Leo XIV concluded, "accompany us in the passage from the old to the new year, and then always, in our lives."

From The *Paster*

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you!" Isaiah 60:1-6

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today, we celebrate the epiphany of the Lord! In Catholic teaching, Epiphany (from Greek for "manifestation" or "appearance"), celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ as God's Son to the whole world, primarily symbolized by the magi, showing His divinity to the Gentiles (non-Jews). It's a feast day (Jan 4) that encompasses three main events revealing Christ's glory: the Magi's adoration, His baptism, and the miracle at Cana, signifying God's self-disclosure to all nations, not just Israel.

Today's readings and Gospel offer us a great sense of joy and peace which is coming from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples, but upon you the LORD shines" Isaiah 60:2. What a powerful image! Can you picture yourself enlightened by the powerful reading of Divine love?

I pray we will understand this year that the Word of the Lord has been fulfilled! It is a promise made to the people of Israel, but it is also for you and me! We, as this important nation, are called to irradiate the light of Christ to others. The Word of the Lord is actual and has the power to overcome the darkness of the world. We, as children of the light—the light we received the day of our baptism—are called to help others to see the love of God the Father who is revealed by Jesus. God's love never fades.

As Catholics we have the same desire as today's psalmist: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you" Psalm 72. There are many challenges for the church and Christianity in the present world. However, I truly believe this is going to happen one day; and it is our prayer that every nation may come to the knowledge of Christ. With fidelity we unite our efforts with our father Saint Paul, who treats us as copartners in the proclamation of this Gospel of joy; directed not just to a few but to all—even those who are called gentiles, including myself.

As good Catholics and guided by the example of the magi, we need to go in search of Jesus who is present in our midst! Sometimes He is hidden, other times he is visible in the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in our neighbors, in the children, in our youth, in the elderly, in the sick, in the migrants and in those who are fragile or defenseless, but who are blessed in the eyes of God.

Today, I invite you to contemplate Him in the Eucharist, the greatest of the gifts that we have received. As we humble ourselves, kneel and give Him homage, in true adoration, we thank Him once more for coming to us poor sinners. Why do I say true adoration? Because I believe that there is false adoration. Yes, like Herod who did not want to give Him homage because he felt threatened by Jesus, knowing it was the end of his kingdom. False adoration does not have Jesus at the center, but the person. Let us make Jesus the King of our lives and give Him the throne of our heart! Praised be His name forever.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will!

Happy New Year!
Sincerely,
Father Alejandro Reyes, Rector

Del *Paster*

"¡Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén! ¡Ha llegado tu luz, y la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti!" Isaías 60, 1-6

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Hoy celebramos la Epifanía del Señor. En la enseñanza católica, la Epifanía (del griego "manifestación" o "aparición") celebra la revelación de Jesucristo como Hijo de Dios para todo el mundo, simbolizada principalmente por los magos, quienes reconocen su divinidad y representan a los gentiles (no judíos). Es una fiesta (4 de enero) que abarca tres grandes acontecimientos que revelan la gloria de Cristo: la adoración de los Magos, su Bautismo y el milagro de Caná, signos de la manifestación de Dios a todas las naciones, no solo a Israel.

Las lecturas y el Evangelio de hoy nos ofrecen un profundo sentido de alegría y paz que proviene de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. "Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra, y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos; pero sobre ti amanece el Señor" (Isaías 60, 2). ¡Qué imagen tan poderosa! ¿Puedes imaginarte iluminado por la fuerza de esta Palabra de amor divino?

Ruego para que este año comprendamos que la Palabra del Señor se ha cumplido. Es una promesa hecha al pueblo de Israel, pero también es para ti y para mí. Nosotros, como esta nación importante, estamos llamados a irradiar la luz de Cristo a los demás. La Palabra del Señor es actual y tiene el poder de vencer la oscuridad del mundo. Nosotros, como hijos de la luz —la luz que recibimos el día de nuestro bautismo— estamos llamados a ayudar a otros a descubrir el amor de Dios Padre revelado por Jesús. El amor de Dios nunca se apaga.

Como católicos, compartimos el mismo deseo del salmista de hoy: "Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos" (Salmo 72). Hay muchos desafíos para la Iglesia y para el cristianismo en el mundo actual. Sin embargo, creo firmemente que este día llegará, y es nuestra oración que todas las naciones lleguen al conocimiento de Cristo. Con fidelidad unimos nuestros esfuerzos al de nuestro padre san Pablo, quien nos trata como coparticipes en el anuncio de este Evangelio de alegría, dirigido no solo a unos pocos, sino a todos, incluso a quienes son llamados gentiles, incluyéndome a mí.

Como buenos católicos y guiados por el ejemplo de los magos, debemos salir en busca de Jesús, quien está presente en medio de nosotros. A veces está oculto; otras veces es visible en la carne de nuestros hermanos y hermanas, en nuestros vecinos, en los niños, en los jóvenes, en los ancianos, en los enfermos, en los migrantes y en aquellos que son frágiles o indefensos, pero que son benditos a los ojos de Dios.

Hoy te invito a contemplarlo en la Eucaristía, el más grande de los dones que hemos recibido. Al humillarnos, arrodillarnos y darle homenaje en verdadera adoración, le agradecemos una vez más por venir a nosotros, pobres pecadores. ¿Por qué digo verdadera adoración? Porque creo que existe una falsa adoración. Sí, como la de Herodes, quien no quiso rendirle homenaje porque se sintió amenazado por Jesús, sabiendo que era el fin de su reino. La falsa adoración no tiene a Jesús en el centro, sino a la persona. Hagamos a Jesús el Rey de nuestras vidas y entreguémosle el trono de nuestro corazón. ¡Alabado sea su nombre por siempre!

Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!
Sinceramente,
Padre Alejandro Reyes, Rector

MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado January 3rd

5:30p.m. †Baby Joachim Verdugo Salazar
(by Mom & Family)

Sunday / domingo January 4th

7:30a.m. †Maria Asuncion Avitia
(by Jimmy & Martha Beasley)
† Harry A. Lujan (by Deacon Ed & Rose Fierro)

9:00a.m. †Saul & Manuel Burciaga
(Sp) †Ismael Alaejandro Rey (por la Familia)
Benditas almas del purgatorio

11:00a.m. †Bertha Maese Gallegos
(by Jose & Marie Gallegos)

Monday / lunes January 5th

8:15a.m. †Rose Barraza (by Lucia Gutierrez)
Healing of Barbara Bean (by Lucia Gutierrez)

Tuesday / martes January 6th

8:15a.m. For all of our priest in the Diocese

6:00p.m. Healing of Lidia Arredondo
(sp)

Wednesday / miércoles January 7th

8:15a.m. Health of the kids

Thursday / jueves January 8th

8:15a.m. Sister Maria Jose, carmelite

Friday / viernes January 9th

8:15a.m. For all of the Families in our Diocese
Jesus I trust in you
(by Denise Ingram & Family)

Saturday / sábado January 10th

8:15a.m. For all of the Families in our Diocese

What is happening

We are pleased to announce that the **winner of our raffle** is **Eloy & Gloria Flores.**

- Muchas gracias por su participacion entodos estos eventos comunitarios y parroquiales.
- Thank you very much for your participation in all these community and parish events
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Julieta Rojas	Rick & Gerry Duran
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Saint of the week / Santo de la semana

St. Francis Xavier



Forged in the fire of the Spiritual Exercises given to him by a master and friend, Fr. Francisco de Jasso (1506-1552) – or Francis Xavier, as he would be remembered – was a different man from the young aristocrat who had set off to Paris to study. The son of the king's privy counselor, born in the castle of Javier (Xavier, in the Basque language), young Francis had had other plans. He had dreamed of worldly success, and looked on his new college roommate, the fellow Basque Iñigo – or Ignatius – López de Loyola with some degree of scorn. When Ignatius spoke to Francis and their third roommate, Peter Faber, about following the Lord, Peter listened, but Francis responded sarcastically, a protective wall around his heart.

Yet something in Ignatius was truer and simpler than that wall of defense. It took time, but the words of the gospel spoken through his roommate penetrated Francis' heart: "What does it profit a man....?" The defenses crumbled, and the nobleman from a mighty castle was conquered. He became a priest, taking vows with Ignatius, Peter and four others – the nucleus of what would become the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits. After vows came the Exercises, where he learned to listen to God. His dross purified, he was ready. For what? Anything at all.

s. Francisco Xavier

Cuarenta y seis años de vida, once de los cuales dedicados a la misión: con razón, San Francisco Javier puede ser considerado un verdadero "gigante de la evangelización". En su existencia, breve pero admirable en la fecundidad misionera, este religioso español logra, de hecho, llevar el Evangelio al extremo Oriente, adaptándolo con sabiduría a la índole y al lenguaje de poblaciones muy diversas entre ellas. Sin embargo, su lugar de nacimiento parece indicarle un camino diferente en su vida.

La llegada a Japón

En 1547, la vida del futuro santo da otro viraje: conoce a un fugitivo japonés, llamado Hanjiro, deseoso de convertirse al cristianismo. El encuentro hace nacer, en Javier, el deseo de ir a Japón, para llevar el Evangelio también a la tierra del "Sol Naciente". Llega allí en 1549 y, a pesar de la pena de muerte vigente para los que administran el sacramento del Bautismo, el religioso español logra crear una comunidad de cientos de fieles.