Date: 1/6/2019 The Epiphany

What is happening at the Monastery:

- **Sunday, January 6th** — Mass 10:15am
- **Friday, January 11th** — 4:30 prayer, 5:00pm mass
- **Saturday, January 19th** — Oblate Candidates, 1-4 pm
- **Sunday, January 20th** — POSOLE fundraiser (watch for pre-sales after masses)
- **Saturday, February 16th** — Oblates and Candidates, 1-4 pm

Happy Epiphany,

Today we celebrate the 3 Kings. It is a tradition within our Church for us to bless our homes on this day. We prepared kits for each family attending the Monastery to bless each of their homes today. We are, also, blessing the Monastery chapel during Mass today. I have included the information that we gave at Mass for you to read on this tradition.

We are now moving into the retreat season, if you are able to help with cooking for the retreats, please contact Julie Pino. Julie would be very happy to have your assistance.

Now that we have moved back into our chapel we will be using the temporary chapel at Scholastica for a conference area. The original conference area at Scholastica will be a meditation room for those using Scholastica House for retreats.

It is wonderful to get back into a regular routine as we enter into 2019.

Blessings always,
Sister Linda Campbell, OSB, Prioress

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**Readings—The Epiphany of the Lord**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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Lupe’s Thrift Store reopens on Friday, January 4, 2019 and Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 8 am to noon.

GYM FOR SALE! $800 for all. Please contact Irene or Miki at Lupe’s Thrift Shop. Buyer will need to pick up gym after purchase.

Queen bedroom set $400 [including dresser]. Table/chairs/hutch set $200.

1/6 Matthew Hernandez

**Remember to do an Act of Kindness each week!**
Happy Feast of the Epiphany

Each day we enter and leave by so many doors without ever noticing. As we enter this year of 2019, it is a good time to stop and give thanks for all the doors God opens for us. We reflect on Christ, the door to the Father, who knocks at the door of our hearts, our homes, our churches, and this Monastery.

The second door is to open the doors of our homes to our families, our friends, and all who need us. We are called to open the door to those in our family who have been alienated by the past, to our neighbors who offer us a view of the world that is different than ours, to those in our own faith community who come and pray for one another and for those whom we reach out to in need.

We also need to see how the doors of our homes call us not to remain hidden from the world but by passing Christ through our door that we are called to go out into the world to build the Reign of God. The doors of our home provide a secure place of refuge, rest and nourishment to help us to go forth into the world proclaiming the Good News.

The third door of our lives is the door to the Church. The Church door is the silent witness to all the moments of our lives. The Church door is the door to salvation, the portal of the Reign of God. We pass through these doors at the end of each Mass and are commanded to take Christ to the world by the way we live each day of our lives.

Now we will bless the door of our chapel. I invite you to each bless your homes today in a very simple and festive way. We bless our homes so Christ will be manifested in our homes, so that we become mindful Christ is in each room, each doorway. I will take the chalk and write above the door, “20 + C + M + B + 15” and I ask Father Rossi to bless our doorway.

We have prepared blessing kits for you to take home and bless your homes.

Please bring in your aluminum cans to the Monastery for recycling!

Place bags of cans in blue cans provided by Monastery. Thanks!

Want to see something special in the weekly bulletins? Email Sophie Bejarano by Wednesdays to get in Sunday’s bulletins.

scbejarano@yahoo.com Thank you!

Oblate corner—THE EPIPHANY

“Psalm 72 describes a kingdom ruled by a righteous king. The words justice, peace, and the images of plenty create a vision of heaven on earth. In the last refrain of today’s responsorial psalm, the psalmist wants secular rulers to humble themselves before this righteous king.

Today is all about awe. We are commanded to love God with our heart, mind, and soul; but to do that takes time. Nobody drives past the Grand Canyon at 70 miles an hour, with occasional glances out the window. We stop, take pictures, and breathe deep the experience.

Jesus is King. Think about the king the ancient Israelites yearned for in Psalm 72. Think about how, for lifetimes, the people did not know justice or peace, only subjugation and forced labor. Think about this in front of the Blessed Sacrament, at home, or in the car with the radio off.

Then, place yourself in the room with Mary and Joseph. Close your eyes and imagine you are handed a wrinkled, delicate newborn. This is your King. This is your Epiphany.”

Stephen Griggs, Oblate, 2017

We invite you to join us in learning about the beginning of our Christian faith with William A. Anderson’s *The Acts of the Apostles Good News for All People & Mike Aquilina, The Apostles and Their Times.*

We meet January 10th & 24th Thursdays, 10:00 noon at the Scholastic House and each month (September-May). Cost of the books is $25.00. Scholarships are available.

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