

ST. SYLVESTER PARISH

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 06, 2019

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ST. SYLVESTER MISSION STATEMENT

Having prayed and reflected over the components that give life to a parish's mission, we the people of **ST. SYLVESTER PARISH** embrace the MISSION to which God is calling us. We are called to be a welcoming, faithful, and missionary-oriented community that desires to share the joy of the Gospel. Our beautiful church and prominent location in the Logan Square area allows us to have a presence in this diverse and ever-changing neighborhood, inviting new and long-time parishioners to come, encounter, and know the person of Jesus Christ more deeply.

Our parish is at a time when our neighborhood demographics are changing, which gives us the opportunity to work together to serve the needs of all our brothers and sisters, and to serve God. With the changes in demographics, we rely on our current parish strengths of welcoming, diversity, and quality education for our children. We are dedicated to serving those in need, while embracing new opportunities to reflect on some of our current ministries and create new ones to serve the needs in our neighborhood.

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Through the Holy Spirit, our parish is committed to be servants of God. Christ has called us, the community of St. Sylvester, to focus on evangelization, missionary spirit, and spiritual stewardship as the building blocks to carry out his mission.

As a parish, we reach out to our neighbors and invite them to encounter Christ and foster the mission entrusted to our church. We create events and an atmosphere that will bring new people into the church and prepare them to become missionary disciples. We strive to serve the diverse needs of the people, while raising awareness of social issues that are affecting our community.

We recognize that the diversity of our parish offers many talents and gifts, and in gratitude for these blessings we are dedicating them to doing God's will. We hope to encourage all our parishioners to recognize their talents and dedicate them, with joyful heart, to the service of God.

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Declaración de la Misión de San Silvestre

Después de orar y reflexionar sobre los elementos que dan vida a la misión de una parroquia, nosotros, el pueblo de la parroquia de San Silvestre, aceptamos la MISIÓN a la que Dios nos llama. Este llamado es a ser una comunidad de acogimiento, de fe y misionera que comparte la alegría del Evangelio. Nuestro hermoso templo y su ubicación ventajosa en el área de Logan Square nos permite tener presencia en este diverso y cambiante barrio, invitando a los recién llegados y los feligreses que llevan mucho tiempo, a conocer más profundamente a la persona de Jesucristo.

Nuestra parroquia vive una época de cambios demográficos que ofrecen la oportunidad de trabajar juntos para servir a Dios y a nuestros hermanos y hermanas más necesitados. Con los cambios demográficos, confiamos en nuestras fortalezas parroquiales como el espíritu de bienvenida, la diversidad, y la calidad de educación para nuestros niños. Nos dedicamos a servir a los más necesitados, mientras abrazamos las oportunidades nuevas para reflexionar sobre los ministerios existentes y crear nuevos ministerios dedicados a servir las necesidades de nuestra comunidad.

La misión de nuestra parroquia se inspira en la historia de Jesús y la mujer samaritana en las Escrituras. De la mujer podemos aprender la manera correcta de responder a un encuentro con Cristo. Sabemos que después del encuentro con Jesús, ella abandonó su cántaro en el pozo y salió a llamar a otros para que conocieran a Cristo. Jesús le dijo a la mujer samaritana, “Todo el que beba de esta agua volverá a tener sed, pero el que beba del agua que yo le daré, no volverá a tener sed jamás. Sino que el agua que yo le daré se convertirá en un manantial del que brotará la vida eterna”. (Juan 4:13).

A través del Espíritu Santo, nuestra parroquia se compromete a ser servidores de Dios. A la comunidad de San Silvestre, Cristo nos ha llamado a enfocarnos en la evangelización, en el espíritu misionero y la corresponsabilidad espiritual como los fundamentos para llevar a cabo nuestra misión.

Como parroquia, les extendemos la mano a nuestros vecinos y los invitamos al encuentro personal con Cristo y fomentar la misión encomendada a nuestra iglesia.

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Celebramos eventos en una atmósfera para traer gente nueva a la iglesia y prepararlos para convertirse en discípulos misioneros.

Nos esforzamos para servir a las diversas necesidades de las personas, mientras aumentamos conciencia sobre las cuestiones sociales que afectan a nuestra comunidad.

Reconocemos que la diversidad de nuestra parroquia nos ofrece muchas bendiciones y talentos, y en agradecimiento a estos dones, los dedicaremos para hacer la voluntad de Dios. Esperamos animar a todos los feligreses a reconocer sus talentos y dedicarlos, con un gran corazón, al servicio de Dios.

Big Shoulders Fund.®

Dear families,

We hope that you and your family are having a terrific holiday season! Over at Big Shoulders Fund, we are feeling particularly festive as we have some very exciting news to share. You may have heard information about the Tax Credit Scholarship Program in Illinois, which can potentially cover some (or all!) of the cost of tuition for families who meet certain income and residential eligibility requirements. You may have even received a Tax Credit Scholarship from Big Shoulders Fund this year, or from another Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO.) Essentially, the program enables donors to reserve Illinois income tax credits based on contributions made to SGOs. SGOs then provide scholarships to eligible students to attend private schools. As with last year, the number of scholarships awarded for the 2019-2020 school year will depend on available funding.

We are pleased to announce that the Big Shoulders Fund Tax Credit Scholarship Program application for the 2019-2020 school year will open January 22, 2019 at 8:00 am.

We encourage you to visit www.bigshouldersfundsgo.org to find Frequently Asked Questions and an application checklist.

You can also contact us at SGOapp@bigshouldersfund.org or 312.751.8337 with any questions. Sincerely, Big Shoulders Fund

Gospel

MT2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Evangelio

Mt 2, 1-12

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo". Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: "En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el profeta:

Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel."

Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: "Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo". Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

Mass Intensions

Saturday, January 5

5:30 †Juan Ascencio Castro

Sunday, January 6

8:00 †Abigail Wambui

9:30 †Almas del Purgatorio, †Emperatriz Marquez,
†Maria Elvia Cortinez, †Maximino Lebron,
†Briana Rodriguez, †Juan Rodriguez,
†Pedro Alicea, †Epifanía Soler

11:30 †Taber Chadwick, †Ana Rosa Rosario

Readings for the Week

January 06, 2019

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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In Your Prayers / En sus Oraciones

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Curso de 10 semanas. Tres horas semanales. Costo total \$120.00 Incluye material y diploma.

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Weekend Services

Saturday

10:30am Confessions

5:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Sunday

8am, 11:30am English Mass

9:30am y 1pm Misas en Español

Daily Masses 8:30am Bilingüe

(NO THURSDAY MASS)

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Saturday	9a.m.- 3p.m.
Sunday	9a.m.-3p.m.