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Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, to the home of the infant Jesus, bless this home and all who live here with your loving and welcoming presence.

May all who follow your star and dwell in your love become a light for the world. May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom be our guide, and your peace be our blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

January 8th, 2017, Epiphany of the Lord



Weekly Words from The Rock

I believe that God says yes to our prayers more often than no, although I don't know of any surveys that support my conclusion. When He does say yes, however, He may qualify with his reply. He may say "Yes, right now," for example, or "Yes, but you will have to wait a little while," or "Yes, but you are going to have to wait a long time," or "Yes, but you will be surprised."

Let's take a look at these four responses. I'll illustrate the first three by comparing God answering a prayer to a person cooking a meal. Three common ways to cook are with a microwave, a stove or a slow cooker, each of which makes a great symbol for how quickly God may respond.

Microwave cooking is nearly instantaneous: you put the food in, push a few buttons and in practically no time the food is piping hot. Sometimes God, in a manner of speaking, puts our prayer "in the microwave": We just about finish saying the prayer and He answers. I have found that God allows Saint Anthony of Padua to use the "microwave" frequently.

Once, for example, I had to make a number of important phone calls but couldn't find the paper on which I had written the phone numbers. I searched everywhere, through papers and drawers and desks, and was feeling very frustrated. Suddenly I thought, "This requires St. Anthony's help." I stopped my searching and said an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be in honor of this patron saint of finding lost things. Then I put my hand in my pocket, and lo and behold, there was the missing piece of paper! Saint Anthony had done it again, and at microwave speed. In these cases God says, "Yes, right now" in answer to our prayers, sometimes through the intercession of the saints.

Most people cook their meals on a stove, a method that takes a little time. If a pot of water boils in ten minutes, it will not boil in five; if a turkey roasts in five hours; it won't be done in two. On the stove things have to run their course. When God answers our prayers "on the stove," so to speak, He lets them run their natural course.

If a student is praying on Monday to pass an exam he will take on Thursday, his prayer will not be answered on Tuesday. If a pregnant woman is praying for a successful delivery, her prayer will not be answered until the baby in her womb has developed sufficiently. God answers such a prayer by saying, "Yes, but you will have to wait a little while," as the situation runs its course, like a good meal cooking on the stove.

Sometimes God responds to our prayers by saying, "Yes, but you're going to have to wait a long time." This answer isn't easy to take, but it reminds me of cooking with a slow cooker. You put a stew into the slow cooker at eight o'clock in the morning, and it's still cooking at four o'clock in the afternoon. The juices blend together throughout the day, and you end up with a delicious stew.

The slow cooker symbolizes those prayer responses that are too important-in fact, too precious-to hurry through. God wants to give a savory gift, one that usually has a marvelous grace-filled impact not only for the petitioner but for many others who are affected by this slow-cooker prayer in ways only God could foresee.

Usually these slow-cooking prayers involve significant religious experiences, especially a person's conversion. Saint Francis, for example, prayed for nearly three years before he understood the form of religious life that Jesus wanted him to embrace so that he could be a special instrument in rebuilding the Church.

Saint Monica, another example of the rewards of long-simmering prayer, prayed for years for the conversion of her husband. It was the conversion of her son, the great Saint Augustine, however, for which she is best known. Augustine said that his mother prayed for his conversion for sixteen years. She prayed in church twice a day, morning and evening, and Augustine said that the floor where she knelt in prayer was always wet with tears. She even asked a bishop to talk to her son, but he told Saint Monica that her son was not ready to listen to anyone. At this, Saint Monica burst into tears, prompting the bishop to say, prophetically, that it would be impossible that the son of so many years would be lost.

God heard Monica's prayers and saw her tears and said yes, but He made her wait a long time. Her prayers and her example have touched countless people over the centuries who identify with her anguished plea. What a marvelous grace God was preparing all those years "in the slow cooker."

Sometimes the answers to our prayers involve an element of surprise, and God gives us more than we ever thought possible. At other times, He gives us something we really need although we may not have known we did. Since it's not exactly the thing we prayed for, we find ourselves disappointed. Later, however, when we look back, we recognize the hand of God and know that the things that took place were really the answer to our prayer. A poem from an unknown Confederate soldier of the American Civil War captures this sort of surprising yes from God:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve...

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things...

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy... I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men...

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life...

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing I asked for, but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am among all men, most richly blessed.

For the Week

I will be gone this week, leaving after Mass on Sunday, January 8 and returning on Sunday evening, January 15.

God's blessings! Father Schuster

You can listen to Fr. Schuster's Sunday homily on our website. Current homilies are posted on Monday's and his past homilies are available as well. Website is rescathroch.org.



Will Schwalbe stated in his book, *Books for Living*, "I used to say that the greatest gift you could ever give anyone is a book. But I don't say that anymore because I no longer think it's true. I now say that a book is the second-greatest gift. I've come to believe that the greatest gift you can give anyone is to take the time to talk with someone about a book you've shared."

As I think about the book we were gifted this Christmas at Resurrection, "*Confessions of a Mega Church Pastor*," I hope that we will not only read it, but invest time in listening and sharing our thoughts with other parishioners about what we have read. May it help us to rediscover what we treasure about our faith and give us the



courage to let our faith shine through our actions. This is our fifth Resurrection Reads book. I am convinced that reading books together as a parish has had a huge impact on the quality of our faith. For the teens, the book, *Prove It—Jesus*, is our first attempt at

providing a similar opportunity for our youth.

During Lent (March 1—April 12) we will be encouraging everyone to gather with a group of friends weekly and discuss the book as a spiritual enrichment opportunity. But you do not need to wait until February to begin to read it and reflect on Allen Hunt's experience. What are the questions you still have today about your faith? How might you explore your own questions? The more I know about the Catholic faith, the more I realize the depths to our faith and it richness. That seeking and growing provides purpose and meaning throughout our lifetime.



Speaking of lifetimes, this Christmas, Mark and I went to Bellville, Texas where Mark taught and coached during 1983-1987. Thirty years ago...a lifetime. We had the good fortune to meet with many of Mark's basketball players for an evening of catching up and watching game tapes of the boys. It was a very special

evening made possible by our host family, Jimmy and Joyce Marik. Not only was Jimmy a high school teacher with Mark, he was also the Bellville baseball coach. But an even stronger tie to the Marik family was that they were members of the Catholic Church in town where we went.

As we took a tour of the city and saw how the Church had grown and made short stops at homes of the people who we had come to know and love, it was still the friends that were from our parish that retained the strongest connection. Thirty years had passed, but our love for one another was timeless. May you seek to get to know your fellow parishioners and nurture those relationships. Even if you move away, or they move away, that relationship will have meaning and value your entire life.

Enjoy God's embrace.

Parish News

Cookie Saturday/Donut Sunday after Mass. Stop in for some fellowship and a donut/cookie.

Resurrection's 50th Anniversary, June 11, 2017. Volunteers are needed for the planning of this event. See the display in the Gathering Space for more details.

2017 St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available in the Gathering Space. Cost is \$4 per book.

KC Breakfast next weekend following Sunday Masses. This breakfast will benefit the Rooke Schlorship Fund.

On behalf of Fr. Tom Loomis and Fr. Marreddy Pothireddy, thank you for your generous response of \$6,672.45 towards the Ann Loomis Fund. This fund is an opportunity to financially support children and the elderly in India. We hope it has helped you in giving thanks for what you have been given, by sharing with others in need.



Thank you to all that have donated food and items to the **Food For Friends ministry**. Church of the Resurrection and Channel One are serving 130 students, with the potential of increasing to 150, at Ben Franklin Elementary with extra

food items to have over the weekends when children are not in school. **In January, we will be collecting cereal.** Cereal is great both for breakfast and for snacking. Our goal is to have 130 boxes donated. We can do this! These items may be placed in black tubs located outside the church office. Notice the wonderful presentation board, made by Charlotte Bruining! If you have gently used winter boots or can purchase a new pair, they are in need of sizes 1-6, boys or girls.

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2017 Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/ Ps 29/Mt 3:13-17 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Ps 8/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105/Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34 ©Liturgical Publications Inc



Liturgy Notes from Joann Christmas Epiphany

What is an epiphany? It is that "ah ha" moment when you understand something that you might not have understood before. It is like that moment when you turn on the light in a dark room...now you can see. Today we celebrate the *Feast of the Epiphany*, but all of Christmas Time is a celebration of *epiphany*, which means "to show." The whole season proclaims, that in Christ Jesus – GOD is "shown" to us.

The celebration of epiphany begins in the silence and the darkness of Christmas Eve. The Advent waiting, the silence and the darkness are broken with the song of the angels as we sing *"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will."* All the readings of the Christmas Masses tell us who this child is: the Only Begotten Son, a Savior, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace and Word made flesh.

The second epiphany of the season is celebrated today, on the Sunday after the Octave of Christmas. The story of the Magi that we hear today is all about that "ah ha" moment. The Magi follow a star – a light in the darkness – and are shown the Christ child. The gifts they bring show that they recognized who this child was: gold and frankincense symbolize the royal character of Christ the King and the gift of myrrh (a costly ointment used in burial) points to Christ as the Savior who would die for us all.

The final Christmas Time epiphany is the celebration of *the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* (which this year, we celebrate on Monday, January 9). In the account of the Lord's baptism, a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." This epiphany is not meant for us to watch from afar, but to recognize that through our Baptism, we are "reborn of water and the Holy Spirit." Since we share in the same baptism of Jesus that led to his mission, we are called to share in his mission – to follow the Light of the Nations as sons and daughters of God.

Thank you to *everyone* who contributed time and talent to the Christmas liturgies! Many hours were spent practicing music, setting up sound systems, preparing the worship spaces, practicing readings, changing music in the hymnals, decorating, watering poinsettias, arranging flowers, hanging wreaths and putting up trees! That's not to mention everyone who came to celebrate and those who ushered, greeted, served, prepared the bread and wine, distributed Holy Communion and put things away after Mass. Thank you to *everyone* and a special thank you to Margaret and Dale Hawker for the Christmas tree in the church.

Psalm Refrain for January 15 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Psalm 40: 8-9)

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Liturgical Ministries

NOTE: Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry as scheduled.

Thank you. January 14th/15th

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Altar Serve	ers
8:00 pm	Gabriella Schimnich, Devon Wald
8:30 am	Beli Jones, Carolyn Jones
10:00 am	Andrea Augeson, Ryan Neppl
11:30 am	Stella Pelowski, Felix Pelowski
Eucharistic	c Ministers
8:00 pm	Rick Haeflinger, Patricia & Walter Max Theresa Root, Jennifer Schoenfelder, Patricia Schoenfelder, Kim Shimak-Hansen, Elizabeth Teuteberg
8:30 am	Diane Doty, Christine Dvorak, Calvin Guyer, Nancy Hass, Ramona Kleist, LeeAnn Mueller, Dianne Plager, Charlotte Robinet, Kevin Sutter, Sharon Walters, Donna Weber
10:00 am	Regina Boehmke, Esther Connelly, Robert Degnan, Charles DeVos, Gloria Flicek, Julie Galkowski, Daniel Galkowski, Brett Maronde, Marylu Nemgar, Richard Streit, Robert Techentin
11:30 am	Tim Fague, Janet Helgren, John & Arlys Leitzen, Lynette Lenoch, Daniel McCormick, Sheila Pelowski, Rebecca Woodcock
Lectors	
8:00 pm	John Wald
8:30 am	Martin Cormack, Michael Lose
10:00 am	Sharyn Voss, Bob Voss
11:30 am	Mary Meine
Greeters	
8:00 pm	Judith Pelowski
8:30 am	Gretchen Cutshall, David & Marlys Gathje
10:00 am	Kolton Mullenbach, Molly Sweeney
11:30 am	Carrie Plumlee
Ushers	
8:00 pm	Greg Hansen, Kevin Schimnich, Randall Schoenfelder
8:30 am	Tom Brown, Eric Ladin, Kenneth Mueller, Albert Weber
10:00 am	McKenna Chestolowski, Eric Chestolowski, Zachary Walston, Scott Walston

11:30 am

Karen Reopelle

About the Parish

Phone 288-5528 Fax 252-0763 Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00 am- 5:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday 8:00 pm **Sunday** 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am **Daily Mass** 8:30 am Monday - Friday

Rosary, Prayer and Devotions

Rosary: 8:10 am Monday-Friday Saturday: 7:30 pm (starting January) Adoration Chapel:24 hours, 7 days

Parish Registration

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 9th Prayer Shawl Group Meeting 2:00 pm Learning Centers Gr. 5 4:00-7:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 1-4, 4:30pm/6:00 pm Tuesday, January 10th St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting Weekly Bulletin deadline is Monday before noon. General Email: communications@rescathroch.org; General Office Email: officemgr@rescathroch.org

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Communion for Shut-ins

Each First Friday and upon request. Call the office for assistance.

Hospital Visitation

Please notify the parish office if any parishioner is confined to a hospital and would like a visit from a priest.

Calvary Cemetery

Joseph Vroman 288-1770 www.calvarycemeteryrochester.org

Rochester Catholic Schools RCS Office 507-424-1817

Rite of Christian Initiation of

Adults (RCIA) For those considering becoming Catholic contact Joann Reier: 288-5528.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday from 6:45 - 7:45 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism preparation is held the second Tuesday of each month. Consult the Parish Office for the Pre-Jordan class and to schedule a baptism.

First Communion

First Communion/Reconciliation is usually in second grade.

Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program starting in ninth grade with Confirmation being at the end of the tenth grade.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with the parish at least six months prior.

7:00 pm **Wednesday, January 11th** Food For Friends 4:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Gr 6-10 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Thursday, January 12th Marketing & Communication Meeting 5:30 pm Friday, January 13th Widow Prayer Group Meeting 9:15 am Saturday, January 14th Society of Divine Mercy Monastery Prayer Group 6:30 am KC Rosary 7:30 pm

St. Francis School News

The regular monthly meeting of the Home and School Association will be held on Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

The weekly all school Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:15 a.m.

The RCS Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lourdes Forum.

Community News

Join us at St. Pius X in Rochester for another Trivia Night! Teams of 8 will compete against each other in a battle of wits through several rounds of themed trivia, but that's not all! Your ticket price includes pizza, beer, wine, pop, snacks, door prize drawings and more! This year's event is Friday, January 13th and tickets are on sale now. You may register as a team or individually and we will place you with a team. The cost is \$15/person (or \$120/table). You may reserve your tickets by going to <u>www.piusx.org</u>, or by contacting Ginny Amundson at 289-2357. All proceeds from this event go to support our St. Pius X summer youth trips.

Calvary Cemetery Association Annual Meeting You are invited to attend the Calvary Cemetery Association annual business meeting January 17, 2017 in the St. John the Evangelist Church conference room at 2:30 p.m. Calvary Cemetery provides a dignified, sacred in-ground or columbarium resting place for Rochester area families. It is supported with business income, donations, and the generosity of Rochester Catholic parishes. For your personal planning in advance of need or memorial donations, please contact Director Joe Vroman (507) 288-1770.



Resurrection Parish Rosary will be recited every Saturday at 7:30 pm. If you would like to lead the Rosary, see the information in the Gathering Space or call the office at 507-288-5528.

Following are the Rosary leaders:

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January 7th: January 14th: January 21st: January 28th:	,
February 11th	Georges Montille
March 4th: March 11: March 18th: March 25th: April 1st:	Jerome Taubel <i>Open</i> <i>Open</i> Kyle Herring Jerome Taubel

Mass Intentions

Mon.,	Jan., 9th	8:30 am	Mulhern Family
Tues.,	Jan., 10th	8:30 am	†Eleanor Hanke
Wed.,	Jan., 11th	8:30 am	†Graham & Meredith Rooke
Thurs.	Jan., 12th	8:30 am	†Kevin Gossman
Fri.,	Jan., 13th	8:30 am	†Chuck Rath
Sat.,	Jan., 14th	8:00 pm	†Fr. Phil Conlon
Sun.,	Jan., 15th	8:30 am	†Viola Schuchart
		10:00 am	†Francis Linder
		11:30 am	For the Parish

Financial Blessings Sunday, Dec., 25th, 2016

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Church Support		 	\$18,106
Capital Projects			
Children's Collection			
EFT Church Support		 	\$360
EFT Capital Projects			
Christmas Day			
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Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



Hours of Need

Could you not spend one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

Life changes when we spend time with Jesus face to face. Prayerfully consider committing to one hour a week before Him in Eucharistic Adoration. Call Tim Fague at 507-288-6578 to sign up. Any hour is welcomed.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9 pm*	9 am*	1 am	11 am	12 pm	3 am*	5 am
	11 am	3 am*		1 pm	2 pm	8am*
		9 am*		7 pm*	4 pm*	2 pm
					5 pm*	9 pm
						10 pm

* We are looking for a second adorer in these hours.

Rest In Peace

May the eternal Light shine upon them



Richard "Dick" Voss Survived by his brother, Bob

Richard Mulcahey Survived by his sister, Elizabeth Furr

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Faith Formation



News from Sheila, Sunday School dresscm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x101

Nursery and Sunday School: Welcome back Nursery and Sunday School participants and catechists! I hope you enjoyed your Christmas break with friends and family. Today we learned that the three wise men were not Jews. They were astrologers from the far East. They used the stars to guide them on their journey. They knew of the prophecies of an infant king who would be our savior. Through them, his arrival was announced to the world. Jesus had come not for the Jews but for all people! Come to Room C to see the addition of the wise men to our Christmas Tree bulletin board!

Virtues in Practice: Parents, your child will be bringing home a Virtues in Practice bulletin about St. Bernadette and the virtue of fortitude, being brave and strong in the face of trials . Please find 5 minutes to talk about our Christian faith. Perhaps at the dinner table or before bedtime. Our children will see that faith is important and valued. Sometimes, even parents need to be brave and strong and trust that we can talk about faith in simple and easy ways. St. Bernadette, pray for us! Amen.



News from Stacey, Grades 1-5 dre1to5fm@rescathroch.org or 288-5528 x108

Grades 1-5: Welcome back from your Christmas break! Faith formation classes resume for grades 1 – 4 on Monday, January 9th at 4:30 and 6:00pm. **5th graders and their parents** will participate in Learning Centers, which will be set up in Fr. Zenk Hall from 4:00-7:00pm and will take about an hour to complete.

Virtues in Practice: 1st and 2nd graders are learning about *fortitude*, being brave and strong in the face of trials, and St. Bernadette of France. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette but no one believed her. They said she was lying and threatened to punish her. One time, Mary asked her to

drink water from a stream in the ground. All Bernadette could find was mud. People made fun of her for trying to drink it. Later, the water came flowing out, and many sick people who drank it or washed in it received healing. **First Communion:** The Parent-only Meeting is on Monday, January 16th at 6:30pm in Fr. Zenk Hall. A letter was sent to all families with children preparing for First Communion. If you did not receive a letter, or have any questions, please contact me.



News from Rosemary, Grades 6-10 *dre6to10ym@rescathroch.org* or 288-5528 x104 **Many thanks** to Fr. Schuster and the wonderful faith sharing leaders for making the Confirmation retreat such a great experience! Just a reminder– there are no faith sharing sessions for January since the groups met during the retreat.

First year Confirmation (9th grade): FAITH SHARING LEADERS NEEDED! With the present enrollment, we will probably have 5 or 6 faith sharing groups. Each group needs 2 or more adult leaders. A faith sharing leader journeys with the candidates by leading discussion and organizing some activities. Meetings are just once/month. Leaders do not have to have a child in the program,

though most do. Please contact me as soon as possible for more information or to let me know that you are interested.

First year Confirmation (9th grade) Parent & candidate meeting. Sunday, January 29th at 2:00pm in the Fr. Zenk Hall.

Winter Chill for Middle School: Saturday, Jan. 28th at the Pax Christi Youth Center. This night of prayer, service, and fun is presented by all the Catholic parishes in Rochester including Resurrection. See me for a registration form.



News from Georges, Grades 11-12, Young Adult *dre11to12yam@rescathroch.org* or 288-5528 x116 **Social Squared**: We are participating in Project Community Connect Friday, January 27th 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mayo High School . Contact Georges if you'd like to be part of the Team.

Fusion: February 10th, 6:00 pm. Speaker will be Georges Montillet, "Romantic Catholicism." **RCTC**: Rock Climbing is back! Meet us at 1:00 pm today, Sunday, January 8th at Prairie Walls (4420 19th St NW).

Teen Core Team Meeting: 4:30pm today, January 8th in Fr. Zenk Hall