

7 January 2024

Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity



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Sunday Mass: 9.30 am, 11 & 12.30, 6.30 pm (Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm)

Mon-Friday Mass 8:30am; **Sat Mass** 11am

Every Saturday before Mass: Eucharistic Adoration: 10:30am.

Confessions: Sat: 11:30 to 12:30 & 5 to 6pm

CCC resumes Sunday 14th Jan for All children groups

Confirmations: The Retreat at Saint Augustin church 75008 is Saturday 20 January for **all young candidates**. Meet at 9:20am at St Joseph's, then we will walk to the Retreat, all finishes at 3pm at St Augustin.

Enrolment is Sunday 21 January at St Joseph's during Mass (see with teacher)

Collection 23/24 Dec: €1381.05; coffee €69.17; shrines €94.16; bookstall 20; ADP: €1270.

Christmas: €5400.52, ADP € 1590; coffee €61.59

30/31Dec: €2670.81; ADP €2418; \$456.04; shrines €211.05; coffee €113.36.

NewYear: €1576.94; coffee €15.55;

NB: French Tax Receipts 2023

Last Call for **cheques** dated 31st December 23 to "St Joseph ADP" still accepted **this WE** (online will be 2024)

US tax Receipts: donations of dollar cheques can get a St Joseph's receipt on demand to stjosephparis@orange.fr.

Thanks to all for your generosity.

Giving Tree: Thanks for your generosity, A nice message of thanks already came from Center: "Accueil Louise et Rosalie"

Feed the Homeless: 11:30am January 6th

Bible Study: Resumes January 10th
<https://biblestudystjosephsparis.wordpress.com/>

RCIA will resume 11th January 8pm

ACWO: Galette des Rois & Cidre at St Joseph's Thursday January 11th at 2pm, **plus Tombola!**

Pre-Marriage course will start in February 2024 (exact Sunday TBA)

EPIPHANY



In this first parish bulletin of 2024 I want to renew my greetings and best wishes for a happy new year to all our parishioners and friends. Thank God for all the blessings of 2023 and may 2024 bring God's peace to the whole world.

On the feast of the Epiphany we share the joy of the Wise Men who brought gifts to honour the newborn king. It is from this feast that the beautiful tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas arose. Of course the greatest gift we can offer is our love.

As a boy I was told to love especially "the unloved and even the unlovable". I thought that was a strange expression. Now I know that it is a way of saying that generous Christian love is shared with everyone without condition or qualification. We love not only those we like and whose we think deserve it, but all people without exception.

Today we include within the embrace of our love fellow Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, people of all religions and faiths, as well as people of no religion. May God bless all of us and help us to grow together into the one family of the beloved children of God.

