

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

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Queens Deanery 1, Diocese of Brooklyn

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Mission of our parish is to serve our neighbors with Jesus, to pray in faith with Jesus, and to teach as His Church with Jesus, so "that all may have more abundant life." (John 10:10). The Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are the instruments and standards of this work of evangelization and faith formation.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday (Upper Church) 5:00pm (*Vigil Mass*)

Sunday (Upper Church)

English Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:15am,
5:00pm

Misa en Español: 12:30pm

Sunday (Lower Church)

9:00am (Italian) 10:30am (Czech-Slovak)
3:00pm (Vietnamese)

Monday–Friday (Lower Church)

8:00am and 12:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

Church Hours: Weekday 7:00am–7:00pm
Weekend: 7:00am—End of last Mass for the day

Parish Office Hours/ Horario de la Oficina

Weekdays: 9:00am-12:00 Noon & 1:00pm-8:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am– 12:00 Noon

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Confessions/Confesiones: Saturday (Lower Church)

3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment.

Weddings/Bodas: Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance. *Arreglos para bodas deben hacerse 6 meses en avance.*

Sweet Sixteen/Quince Años: Arrangements must be made 3 months in advance & must have made the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Arreglos deben hacerse al menos 3 meses antes y debe haber recibido el sacramento de Confirmación.*

Social Media: @OLMCAstoria



Civic Holidays/Días Festivos Nacionales: There will only be one Mass at 9:00am in the Upper Church. *Solo habrá una Misa en la Iglesia de Arriba.*

Recitation of the Rosary: After weekday Masses.

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude:

Every Wednesday after the 12:00 Noon Mass.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

(The Epiphany of the Lord)

- 8:00am John Lanca
9:00am Gaspare Barretta
10:00am The Living & Deceased Members of our Parish's Rosary Society
11:15am Maria Bueno & Family– Living
12:30pm Machado Family, Jadwiga Switycz,
En agradecimiento a San Jose, Niño Jesus
5:00pm For the People of our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

(Holy Name of Jesus)

- 8:00am Bernardino & Margherita Petruso
12:00pm Irene & Joseph Dura

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

(Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton)

- 8:00am Deceased Members of the Min & Suh Family
12:00pm Encarnacion Futaland & Rey Timtim

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

(Saint John Neumann)

- 8:00am Gaspare Barretta
12:00pm 37th Wedding Anniversary–
Rodolfo (Butch) & Melanie Butiong

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

(Saint Andre Bessette)

- 8:00am Giuseppa & Vincenzo Barretta & Family
12:00pm Frank Giraud

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

(Saint Raymond of Peñafort)

- 8:00am Purgatorial Society
12:00pm Vito Avena
7:30pm Guiovanny Molina Berestein

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:00am Jane M. Bolin
5:00pm Catherine Kenney; Bridget Tomkins
Constantin Serafin Popescu, Mary Zatura,

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

(The Baptism of the Lord)

- 8:00am Nancy Orellana
9:00am Maria Scenna
10:00am Gilberto Martinez– 16th Anniversary
11:15am Wasyl Bodnar– Birthday in Heaven
12:30pm Rosalina Mediavilla, Angelo M. Rodriguez,
Miguel A. Rodriguez
5:00pm For the People of our Parish

Dedicated Offerings This Week

This week's Altar Candles are being offered in loving memory of Bernardino & Margherita Petruso, by Tony & Nina Carullo

Weekly Collections Report

Weekly Collection

December 26/27 2020- \$4,725
December 25/26, 2022- \$5,742

Second Collections/ Segunda Colecta

January 9, 2022– There will be a second collection after communion for our Diocesan Mission. Your gift will enable the Church to continue its pastoral services in our Diocese. We are grateful for your generosity.

9 de enero 2022– Habra una segunda colecta después de la comunión para las Misiones Diocesanas. Su regalo habilitara la la Iglesia continuar sus servicios en nuestra Diocesis. Estamos agradecidos por su generosidad.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Electronic Giving Opportunity

Supporting our Church financially is a concrete way to live out the faith and participate in Christ's mission. To make it more convenient for you to make your weekly contributions, we encourage you to enroll in this electronic way of giving which is both secure and easy. If you prefer to use a credit card, you may be able to accumulate reward points. We are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness. Enroll at faithdirect.net– code NY370.



Text-To-Give

Another way to securely make a gift to our parish is by texting a dollar amount to (929) 254-3850. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration providing your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to the phone number above.

From Your Pastor's Heart

Dear parish family and friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and all your loved ones!

As we embark upon a New Year, once again, we find that we are still dealing with this pandemic, especially in our own city. But, as you know, the entire world is going through much of the same.

I don't know about you, but perhaps there was a sense of hope last year at this time that as we turned the page on 2020, this would all be behind us within a few months. But that's not the case despite man's best efforts of masks, vaccines, and mandates!

While humanity can only do what we can in our strength, I want to remind you today that *God is still on the Throne* regardless of where we have been or where we are going! That means that *He is still in control*.

There is a wonderful verse of Scripture which serves as a reminder of who God is: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last"*. (Revelation 22:13).

While we cannot possibly know what the future holds, we know who holds the future! We are not even gifted enough to know what tomorrow will bring to us, but as Christian Catholics, we need to rest assured that God does!

When I understand just a bit of how much God loves me, it puts my mind at ease about His plans and purposes. This New Year will unfold as God has planned it to happen. Not one thing will take place that does not first sift through the loving hands of an Almighty God.

There are many times I don't understand the ways of God, but that's really not something we should concern ourselves with. We must only trust Him! Ultimately, I believe that God can write straight on crooked lines. *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord"* (Isaiah 55:8).

No matter what it looks like right now, God is still on the throne. He reigns today, the King of Kings. He is sovereign over all things. Nothing happens outside the scope of His power and authority. When it comes to our future, remember that God already has been there! There is absolutely nothing that will come up in the days, weeks, and months ahead that will be a surprise to Him!

Moving forward into this New Year, I encourage you to live with anticipation for the wonderful things God wants to accomplish through you! Some people will be looking for hope, and we have that hope, and His Name is Jesus! Be ready to show him to the world, and do so with boldness, confidence and without fear, because *God is on the Throne!*

Let's make this year a year of victory! With God's grace!

Blessings in Christ,

Msgr. Cuong M. Pham

Del Corazon del Pastor

Querida familia parroquial y amigos,

¡FELIZ AÑO NUEVO para ti y todos tus seres queridos!

Al embarcarnos en un Año Nuevo, una vez más, nos encontramos con que todavía estamos lidiando con esta pandemia, especialmente en nuestra propia ciudad. Pero, como saben, el mundo entero está pasando por lo mismo.

No sé ustedes, pero tal vez hubo una sensación de esperanza el año pasado en este momento de que, al pasar la página en 2020, todo esto quedaría atrás en unos pocos meses. ¡Pero ese no es el caso a pesar de los mejores esfuerzos del hombre de máscaras, vacunas y mandatos!

Si bien la humanidad solo puede hacer lo que podemos con nuestras fuerzas, quiero recordarles hoy que Dios todavía está en el Trono, independientemente de dónde hemos estado o hacia dónde vamos. Eso significa que Él todavía tiene el control.

Hay un maravilloso versículo de la Escritura que sirve como recordatorio de quién es Dios: "Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el Principio y el Fin, el Primero y el Último". (Apocalipsis 22:13).

Si bien no es posible que sepamos lo que depara el futuro, ¡sabemos quién depara el futuro! Ni siquiera tenemos el talento suficiente para saber lo que nos deparará el mañana, pero como católicos cristianos, ¡debemos estar seguros de que Dios sí!

Cuando entiendo solo un poco de cuánto me ama Dios, me tranquiliza acerca de Sus planes y propósitos. Este Año Nuevo se desarrollará como Dios lo planeó. No ocurrirá nada que no pase primero por las manos amorosas de un Dios Todopoderoso.

Muchas veces no entiendo los caminos de Dios, pero eso no es algo de lo que debemos preocuparnos. ¡Solo debemos confiar en Él! En última instancia, creo que Dios puede escribir directamente en líneas torcidas. "Porque mis pensamientos no son vuestros pensamientos, ni vuestros caminos mis caminos, dice el Señor" (Isaías 55: 8).

No importa cómo se vea ahora, Dios todavía está en el trono. Él reina hoy, el Rey de reyes. Él es soberano sobre todas las cosas. Nada sucede fuera del alcance de Su poder y autoridad. Cuando se trata de nuestro futuro, ¡recuerde que Dios ya estuvo allí! ¡No hay absolutamente nada que suceda en los días, semanas y meses venideros que le sorprenda!

Avanzando hacia este Año Nuevo, lo animo a vivir con anticipación las cosas maravillosas que Dios quiere lograr a través de usted. Algunas personas estarán buscando esperanza, y nosotros tenemos esa esperanza, ¡y Su Nombre es Jesús! ¡Esté preparado para mostrárselo al mundo, y hágalo con denuedo, confianza y sin miedo, porque Dios está en el Trono!

¡Hagamos de este año un año de victorias! ¡Con la gracia de Dios!

Bendiciones en Cristo,

Mons. Cuong M. Pham



Weekly Schedule ©LPI

This provisional schedule is updated daily on our website at mountcarmelastoria.org. Times shown may reflect set up and clean up time; please refer to this bulletin for actual event times.

Sunday, January 2

9:00am– 1:00pm	Rosary Society	Lourdes
9:00am– 11:30am	Reunion de Amistad	Nazareth
10:00am– 1:00pm	Czech Community	Guadalupe A
10:00am– 12:00pm	Spanish RCIA	Fatima+ Upper Room
10:30am– 11:30am	Cursillo	Guadalupe B

Tuesday, January 4

5:30pm– 6:45pm	Mariachi School	Balcony Rooms
6:00pm– 9:00pm	Marriage Enctr.	Guadalupe + Fatima
7:00pm– 9:00pm	Coro #1	Nazareth

Wednesday, January 5

4:30pm– 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms
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Thursday, January 6

10:00am– 11:30am	Legion of Mary	Guadalupe
6:00pm– 7:30pm	Religious Education	All Rooms

Saturday, January 8

9:00am– 12:30pm	AA Meeting	Guadalupe
10:00am– 1:00pm	Saturday Lessons in Faith	Lourdes
10:00am– 12:00pm	Spanish Children's Choir	Upper Room
4:00pm– 9:00pm	Adult Sewing Group	Lourdes
5:00pm– 7:00pm	Ministerio de Consolacion	Nazareth
6:00pm– 7:30pm	Porque Ser Catolico? S&C	Guadalupe

Vocation Discernment Opportunities

"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at 718.827.2454 or vocations@diobrook.org

Healing After Abortion

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain & sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer & Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at 866.575.0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Infant Baptisms

BAPTISMS IN ENGLISH

Preparation Meeting Tuesdays @ 7:00pm–Institute	Baptism Ceremony– Church Sunday @ 2:00pm
January 18, 2022	January 23, 2022
February 22, 2022	February 27, 2022
March 22, 2022	March 27, 2022
April 19, 2022	April 24, 2022
May 17, 2022	May 22, 2022
June 21, 2022	June 26, 2022
July 19, 2022	July 24, 2022
August 23, 2022	August 28, 2022
September 20, 2022	September 25, 2022
October 18, 2022	October 23, 2022
November 23, 2022	November 28, 2022

THERE ARE NO ENGLISH BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL

Reunión de Preparación Martes @ 6:00pm—Instituto	Ceremonia de Bautismo-Iglesia Domingo @ 2:00pm
8 de febrero 2022	13 de febrero, 2022
8 de marzo 2022	13 de marzo, 2022
NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN ESPAÑOL EN ABRIL	
Mayo 3, 2022	Mayo 8, 2022
Junio 7, 2022	Junio 12, 2022
Julio 5, 2022	Julio 10, 2022
Agosto 9, 2022	Agosto 14, 2022
Septiembre 6, 2022	Septiembre 11, 2022
Octubre 4, 2022	Octubre 9, 2022
Noviembre 8, 2022	Noviembre 13, 2022
Diciembre 6, 2022	Diciembre 11, 2022

To register your child for Baptism, please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with Deacon Jacob Rodriguez. More information regarding the process will be given during the call.

Para registrar a su hijo por el Bautismo, llame a la Oficina Parroquial para una cita con el Diácono Jacob Rodríguez. Mas informacion sobre el proceso se le dara durante la llamada.

Sanación después de un Aborto

Conoces a alguien que lleve el sufrimiento del aborto? Siempre hay esperanza. El dolor y la pena del aborto no necesitan perdurar para toda la vida. Un "día de Oración y Sanación" ofrece la oportunidad para experimentar el amor y la misericordia de Dios y para responder a Su invitación de empezar el camino de sanar la herida del aborto. Para saber sobre las próximas fechas, ubicaciones, y registro confidencial a las Hermanas de Vida al 866.575.0075 o hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org o llamar a Rosemary al 646.522.8093.

Giving Tree Donation Boxes

Our 14th annual "Giving Tree" Donation Boxes to help parishioners in need this Christmas will go on until this Sunday, January 2nd. One box will be located by the entrance on Newtown Avenue and the other will be by the elevator. Please donate: cash, checks (made out to Our Lady of Mount Carmel) or gift cards. Any donations made during the week, please bring to the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

Cajas de Arbol de Donaciones

Nuestro decimocuarto anual árbol de donaciones para ayudar a los feligreses necesitados continuara hasta este Domingo, 2 de enero. Una caja estará ubicada junto a la entrada de Newtown Avenue y la otra junto al ascensor. Por favor done: efectivo, cheques (a nombre de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo) o tarjetas de regalo. Cualquier donación durante la semana, por favor tráigala a la Oficina en la Rectoría. Gracias por su amabilidad y generosidad.

New Diocesan Covid Protocols

Bishop Robert Brennan has mandated that all parishioners must wear masks while being in church. Priest celebrants will wear masks during the entrance, recessional processions and when distributing Holy Communion. This mandate will be in effect until January 15, 2022.

Protocolos Nuevos Sobre Covid

El obispo Robert Brennan ha ordenado que todos los feligreses deben usar máscarillas mientras estén en la iglesia. Los sacerdotes celebrantes usarán máscarillas durante las procesiones de entrada, salida y cuando distribuyan la Sagrada Comunión. Este mandato estará vigente hasta el 15 de enero de 2022.

Pro-Life Event

Traveling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law and Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that could reverse *Roe vs. Wade*! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese for the Military Services, Fr. Frank Pavone of the Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, and Faith & Liberty at the 27th annual *National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers & Fathers*, the morning of the March, Friday, January 21, 2022 at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington DC, from 8:30– 10:30am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music & inspiring speakers and will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of *Roe vs. Wade*. Danielle D'Souza Gill will be the emcee for the event. Admission is free. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to www.NationalPrayerService.com.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Spiritual writers speak of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as "the Mass held in contemplation". As a way of encouraging devotion to the Eucharist, we invite all parishioners to come and spend some time before the Real Presence of the Lord on Friday, January 7, 2022. Exposition and Adoration will take place right after the 8:00am Mass and will conclude with Solemn Benediction before the start of the 12 Noon Mass.

Pray for the Sick

If you wish to have a loved one who is sick or suffering remembered in our prayer, you may enroll their names by calling the parish office. May the Lord bring them healing and peace.

PARISH REGISTRATION INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL

We welcome and encourage all who worship with us to consider joining our parish officially. Your registration will enable us to serve your spiritual and pastoral needs better. Please return this form in the collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Your active participation in the mission of the Church will be a strong testimony to your faith and will strengthen your sense of belonging.

Last Name/ Apellido: _____

First Name/ Nombre _____

Spouse/Espos(a) _____

Address/Dirección _____

Apartment _____

Zip Code/Código postal _____

Telephone #/Telefono # _____

E-mail/Dirección del Correo electrónico: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE/ MARQUE LA RAZON

New Registration

Change of Name/Address

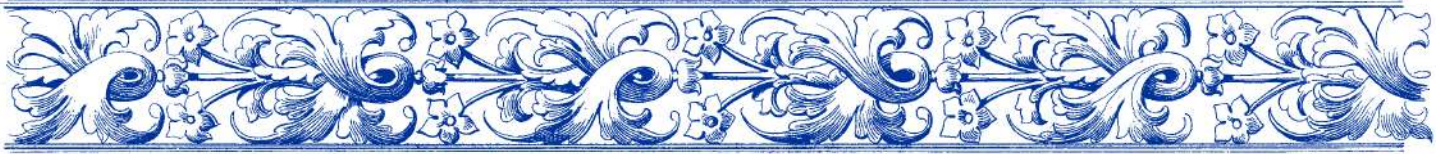
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Orando Por los Enfermos

Si usted desea tener a un ser querido que esta enfermo o sufriendo, recordado en nuestras oraciones, puede llamar a nuestra oficina parroquial y darnos el nombre. Que el Señor le traiga sanacion y paz.



WELCOME ST. MARGARET MARY'S COMMUNITY

This Sunday, January 2, 2022, the Feast of the Epiphany, our parish celebrates the definitive joining of St. Margaret Mary's community to the larger parish family at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This day marks a historic milestone in the life of our parish, as we look forward to bringing all parishioners together and having all spiritual and pastoral services provided to them at one single location.

There will be a Closing Ceremony at St. Margaret Mary's Chapel at 11:00am, followed by a Procession of the Statues and Liturgical Vessels to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where Bishop Paul Sanchez, Territorial Vicar of Queens, will join our pastor, Msgr. Cuong Pham and our parish priests in welcoming formally the faithful of St. Margaret Mary's Chapel at the 12:30pm Spanish Mass.

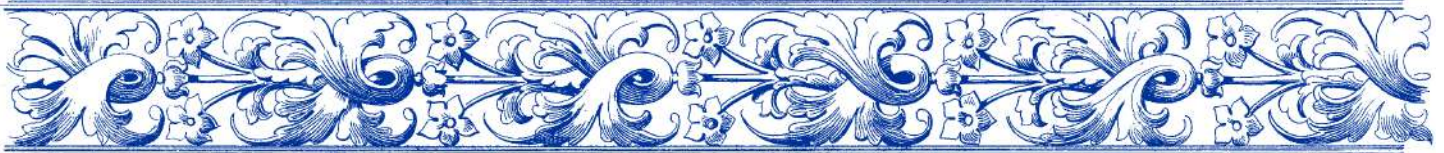
As our parish continues to look for ways to meet the needs of the bigger Spanish-speaking community as a result of this joining, let us pray for a spirit of welcome and collaboration on the part of all during this transition time. At the end of March 2020, as our pastor has been communicating clearly to the entire parish family, it will be necessary for us to make some changes regarding the 10:00am Sunday Mass in a way that will best serve the needs of our parishioners. More details on this topic will be published in the near future. We believe that the changes adopted will be an occasion of grace and blessing for everyone.

BIENVENIDA COMUNIDAD DE SANTA MARGARITA MARIA

Este domingo 2 de enero de 2022, la Fiesta de la Epifanía, nuestra parroquia celebra la unión definitiva de la comunidad de Santa Margarita María a la familia parroquial más grande de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo. Este día marca un hito histórico en la vida de nuestra parroquia, ya que esperamos reunir a todos los feligreses y recibir todos los servicios espirituales y pastorales en un solo lugar.

Habrà una Ceremonia de Clausura en la Capilla de Santa Margarita María a las 11:00am, seguida de una Procesión de las Estatuas y Vasos Litúrgicos a la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, donde el Obispo Paul Sanchez, Vicario Territorial de Queens, se unirá a nuestro pastor. Mons. Cuong Pham y nuestros párrocos para dar la bienvenida formal a los fieles de la Capilla de Santa Margarita María en la Misa en español de las 12:30pm.

Mientras que nuestra parroquia continúa buscando formas de satisfacer las necesidades de la comunidad más grande como resultado de esta unión, oremos por un espíritu de bienvenida y colaboración de parte de todos durante este tiempo de transición. A fines de marzo de 2020, ya que nuestro párroco se ha estado comunicando claramente con toda la familia parroquial, será necesario que hagamos algunos cambios con respecto a la misa de las 10:00am de una manera que sirva mejor a las necesidades de nuestros feligreses. Próximamente se publicarán más detalles sobre este tema. Creemos que los cambios adoptados serán una ocasión de gracia y bendición para todos.

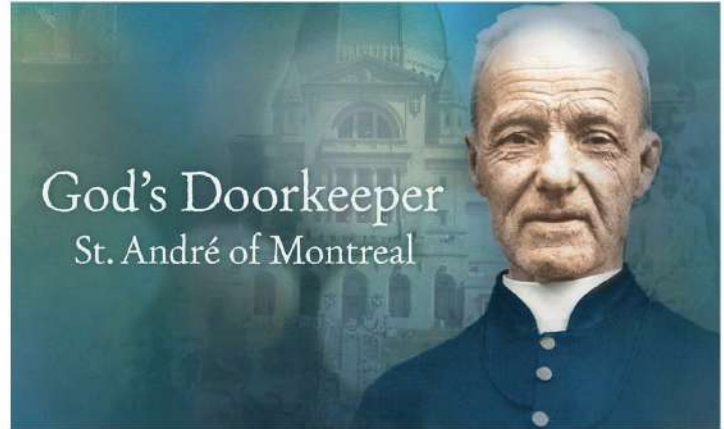


January 2, 2022

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

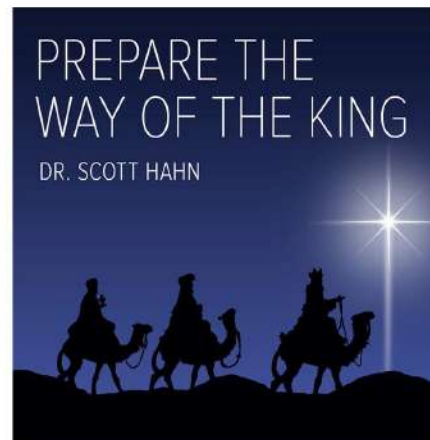
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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