

**THE
FRANCISCANS**

St. Elizabeth Church is a Catholic Community inflamed with Jesus Christ's love to embrace all people, forming them in the Faith, to build the kingdom of God in Peace, Justice and Truth.

**St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish
Parroquia de Santa Isabel**

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La Parroquia de Santa Isabel es una comunidad católica inspirada en el amor de nuestro Señor Jesucristo que acoge a todas las personas formándolas en la fe a fin de que juntos construyamos el Reino de Dios en justicia, paz

Parish Personnel

- Rev. Oscar A. Mendez, OFMPastor/Párroco..ext 101
- Rev. Martin Ibarra, OFM Vicar/Vicario..ext104
- Sr. Rosemarie Hennessy, OP.....Prin. Elem. Sch..532-7392
- Sara Brabec.....Social Service/Servicio Social..ext 103
- Salvador Mejia.....Rel. Ed ext 154....
- Teresita MejiaBookkeeper/Contadora ext 102
- Rosario DueñasAdmin. Asst. ext 102
- Jose Monreal.....Maintenance/Mantenimiento
- María Luz Salcedo.....Sacristan
- Rosa Maria CuevasReceptionist/Recepcionista ext 100
- Miguel Zavala.....Receptionist/Recepcionista ext 100

Office Schedule—Horario de Oficina

- Monday (Lunes)8:30 am— 5:00 pm
- Tuesday - Friday (Martes a Viernes)9:00 am— 6:00 pm
- Saturday (Sábado)9:30 am— 1:30 pm
- Closed 12-1pm for Lunch.....Cerrado 12-1pm para comer
- Sunday/Domingo.....CERRADO/CLOSED

Masses Schedule—Horario de Misas

- Daily Mass (English)7:00am
- Misa Diaria (Español) 8:15am
- Saturday Evening (English)5:00pm
- Sábado (Español)6:30pm
- Sunday (English).7:00am, 10:00am & 6:30pm
- Domingo (Español)... 8:30am, 11:30am, 1:15pm & 5:00pm

Adoración del Santísimo

- Jueves de 9:00am a 5:30 p.m.
- Viernes de 8:30pm a 9:30 p.m.
- Primer viernes de mes de 9:00am a 5:45 pm

RECONCILIATION-CONFESIONES

- Saturdays 3:30pm - 5:00pm or
- by Appointment during weekdays office hours.
- Sábados 3:30pm - 5:00pm o
- por cita durante horas de oficina de lunes a viernes.

QUINCEAÑERAS

- Call the parish office at least six months in advance.
- Llame a la oficina con mínimo seis meses de anticipación.

BAPTISMS-BAUTISMOS

- First Sunday every 3 monthsat 2:30pm in English.
- Saturdayat 9:00am in Spanish.
- Please stop by to register two months in advance
- Sábados.....a las 9:00am en Español
- Primer domingo.....a las 2:30pm en Ingles
- Llenar la solicitud dos meses antes de la fecha

WEDDINGS-BODAS

- Please contact one of the parish priests at least **eight months in advance**.

Welcome New Parishioners! ¡Bienvenidos Nuevos Feligreses!

If you are not currently registered, please take a moment to fill this form out and return it to the parish rectory, or you may drop it in the collection basket. Si aún no se ha registrado en nuestra parroquia, por favor tome un momento para llenar esta forma y regrésela a la oficina parroquial o simplemente déjala en la canasta de la colecta.

Name/Nombre _____ Phone/Teléfono _____ Other/Otro _____

Address/Dirección _____ City/Ciudad _____

Members in your family/Miembros en la familia _____ Language/ Idioma _____

Updating Parish Registration Form /Modificaciones de su forma de registro.

New Parishioner/Nuevo Miembro. New Name or Address/ Cambio de nombre o dirección.

Remove from mailing list /Remover de la lista. Send Sunday Envelopes/Quiero recibir sobres para las donaciones

Cancel Sunday Envelopes/Cancelar sobres.

I would like to serve in the parish as a: /Me gustaría servir en la parroquia como: _____

Please call me/ Por favor llámenme.

INFORMACION/INFORMATION

PARISH GROUPS-GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

Secular Franciscans

Meetings 1st Sunday 2:00 pm
Tuesdays 7:30 pm

Ministros de la Eucaristía

Reunion 1^{er} Jueves....7:00 pm

Lectores

Reunion 3^{er} Sábado.... 5:00 pm

English Lectors

English Ministers

Reflection 1st Tuesday....7:00 pm

Grupo de Oración

Reunion Miércoles....7:00 pm

Neocatecúmenos

Reunion Jueves y Sábado....8:00 pm

Grupo Familiar Divina Misericordia

Reunion Domingo....6:30 pm

Misioneros del Señor de Esquipulas

Reunion Viernes 7:00 pm
1er Sabado

GRUPOS JUVENILES

Misioneros del Espíritu Santo

Reunion Martes....7:00 pm

Ajarai

Reunion Jueves....7:00 pm

CHORUS & MUSICIANS

Gary Sponholtz.....290-8701
David Beleci (English)534-5221
Jose Garcia (Organista)418-5189
Fernando Zavala (Coro 8:30a.m.).....472-1013
Javier Alba (Coro 11:30am)532-7108
Walter Alvarado (Chorus 1:15pm)777-9356
Manuel Arce (Coro 5:00pm)533-0965
Lulu Cabuco (Organist - English)536-4759
Carlos Flores (bilingue/bilingual)..... 357-8755

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE/ CONCILIO PARROQUIAL

Chairs/Co-Presidentes

Juan Morales

Rosa Mendez

Secretario/Secretary

Marcos Yok

Representatives/Representantes

Grupos Parroquiales

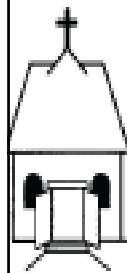
Parish Groups

FINANCE COMMITTEE/ COMITE FINANCIERO

Reyna Lupian

Cathy Esquivel Manchester

Nancy Mora



***Bienvenido a
Nuestra Parroquia***

Welcome to Our Parish



PROXIMOS EVENTOS

2009

Enero 4 Epifanía del Señor

Enero 5-9 No Habrá Misa (Iglesia Cerrada)

Enero 11 El Bautismo del Señor



UPCOMING EVENTS

2009

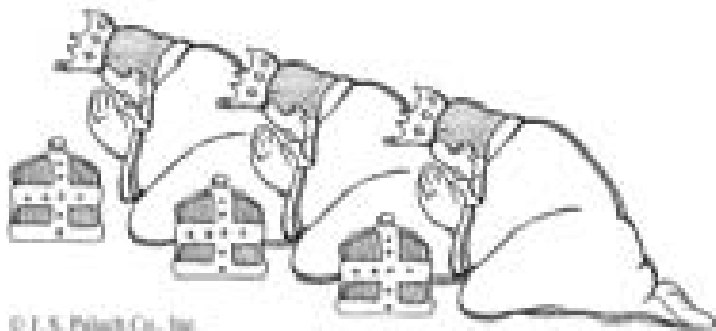
January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5-9 No Mass (Church Closed)

January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

4de enero del 2009
La Epifanía del Señor

January 4, 2009
The Epiphany of the Lord



The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2009

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

— *Psalms 72:11*

LA PROMESA DE DIOS A TODOS

Hoy Isaías le recuerda al pueblo de Dios que recuperará su tierra, que se alegrará al ver que las personas regresan del cautiverio del exilio y que será una luz para todos los pueblos. En otras palabras, por medio del pueblo de Israel, el Salvador llegará a todos los pueblos que buscan a Dios con un corazón sincero. Esto traerá la alegría y el resplandor de la gloria de Dios a todo el mundo y a todos los pueblos. Gracias a la fidelidad del pueblo de Dios y, gracias a la fidelidad de Dios con ellos, todos serán sus hijos y se alegrarán con el cumplimiento de su promesa a Israel.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Evangelio de san Juan comienza con una extraña revelación. Nos declara que al principio, Jesús no sólo estaba con Dios, sino que Jesús es Dios (Juan 1:1). Dependiendo de nuestra traducción de las Sagradas Escrituras, Jesús es nombrado ya sea “Palabra” o “Verbo” en el primer pasaje de Juan.

Según una canción de Ricardo Arjona “Jesús es verbo, no sustantivo”. Y tiene razón. Hay que recordar que Juan no escribió en español, ni siquiera en inglés. El evangelista escribió en griego y aplicó el concepto filosófico del logos a Jesús. El logos, de la filosofía griega se manifiesta en Jesús de Nazaret. Para los griegos esta noticia era asombrosa, porque logos quiere decir palabra activa, es decir, el verbo que actúa y por el cual todo es creado. Juan declara que Jesús es este Verbo, él es el Dios que lo hizo todo y en el cual todos tenemos vida si actuamos como él.

El evangelio de Juan nos desafía a vivir el verbo que es Cristo, no sólo diciendo que somos cristianos, sino actuando como Jesús, cual Verbo Divino.

HAGO EPIFANÍA

Cuando un alma generosa responde
“sí” a Dios, Él baja al mundo, se
hace Epifanía.



GOD’S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God’s glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God’s fidelity to them, all people shall become God’s children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city’s cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city’s possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick’s in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as “an exceptional work of human creative genius.” This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar To fill the world with light.

New Year/año nuevo

New year's resolution

Metas para el nuevo año

With the New Year comes new hope for a new beginning. A new beginning is a perfect time to decide to strengthen your Catholic faith life.

Why not tie your faith to some of your New Year's resolutions/goals? Below are some ideas to implement doing just that.

Prayer – Add more prayer to your daily life. There are many ways to pray. Traditional prayers like the Rosary, talking to our Lord, getting a daily prayer book or daily Catholic devotions book... and read it.

Faith Formation – No matter how old you are (children and adults alike), there are religious education programs designed to deepen your faith knowledge and formation. Find out what your parish offers and join a program or Bible Study group.

Be Active and Get Involved – Going to Mass on Sunday is only part of being a Catholic Christian. There are so many ministries within the Catholic Church and all of them need volunteers to keep them running.

What ministries are offered within your parish?
What interests you?
Do you see a need within your parish that's not being met?

Attend Mass – . Try to attend Mass as often as your schedule will allow.

Take Your Christianity with You – Don't leave it in the church pew when you leave Mass. Strive to live as Jesus commands us to do so.

Wishing you and your family a very blessed and wonderful New Year.

Resource: <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art48340.asp>

Con el Nuevo Año viene la esperanza para comenzar de Nuevo. Este es un buen tiempo para re-en forzar nuestra fe católica en nuestras vidas personales.

Por que no hacer metas para este año que incluyan nuestra fe. Aquí hay unas cuantas ideas para como hacerlo.

Oración– agrega la oración en tu vida diaria. Hay varias formas de oración. El rosario, el hablar con Dios, consigue un libro de oración diaria, o un libro de devociones y léelo.

Formación de Fe– no importa cuantos años tengas, siempre hay cursos que incrementan nuestro aprendizaje en nuestra fe. Averigua que se ofrece tu parroquia. Haste parte de un grupo parroquial o asiste a la clase de biblia.

Envuelvete– el asistir a misa es solo parte de nuestra misión como católicos. Hay tantos ministerios en la Iglesia, y necesitan de voluntarios como tu. Investiga que hay en tu parroquia y en que puedes servir.

Que te interesa? Ves alguna necesidad en tu parroquia?

Asiste a misa—trata de asistir a misa lo mas que puedas. Si es diario mejor.

Lleva tu fe contigo– no la dejes en la iglesia cuando sales de misa. Has lo que puedas por vivir como Dios nos dice.

Que tengan un año nuevo maravilloso y lleno de bendiciones

Tomado de: <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art48340.asp>

Anuncio parroquial/parish announcement

Saludo de Año Nuevo del Equipo Parroquial de La Parroquia de Santa Isabel

El Señor que siempre es fiel, nos ha dado muchas bendiciones tanto individualmente como comunitariamente. Durante este año, gracias a su generosa ayuda pudimos pagar la deuda en menos de un año. Durante semana Santa pudimos vivir como comunidad la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nuestro festival fue un gran éxito, gracias a todos ustedes, y la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe fue muy participativa, así mismo todos los gestos de unidad que cada uno de nosotros ha tenido es una señal que vamos por buen camino. Que Dios nos siga bendiciendo grandemente y se siga manifestando a través de cada uno de nosotros. Que el Dios de Abraham, Isaac y Jacob derrame abundantemente sobre cada uno de los feligreses muchas bendiciones, y que el próximo año sea aun mas de bendiciones en cada uno de ustedes.

Personal de la Parroquia de Santa Isabel.

New Year's Greetings From the Pastoral Staff Of Saint Elizabeth Parish

God has always been faithful to us. God has blessed us individually and as a parish. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to pay our debt in less than a year, only God could do that through us. Our Holy week was full of His presence, we all celebrated His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and our Easter vigil was a joyful celebration. Another sign of His presence was our Festival. Each one of us contributed with something. The celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe was a joyful one, we experienced the Mexican culture in our midst. All these signs of unity among us is an affirmation that we are in the right path towards forming a real Christian community. May the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob continue blessing us, and guiding us in His love and understanding. May the God of Jesus bless us and pour out His Spirit in us this coming year.

St. Elizabeth's parish staff.

ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALK FOR LIFE

On January 24, 2009 the West Coast Walk for Life will have its 5th Annual event to showcase Pro-Life activities and host speakers. We are expecting 25,000 – 30,000 people. Many of you will be attending individually or in groups. In order to ensure the Walk is another success we are looking for volunteers to help staff information booths, work communications and give directions. We'd like to get one representative from each group attending to act as a liaison to help coordinate these activities.

Please contact Steve Hagarty at 925-680-8714 or e-mail wolfhag@pacbell.net. With your help we can ensure this annual event is a continued success.

For more information and details go to:

<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>

Retreat Opportunities

Franciscan Retreat – Franciscan Rule of Life and Gospel, January 9 through 11, 2009

The Franciscan life and Rule incarnates the Gospel of Jesus present, available, and read in the lives of men and women in their ordinary, concrete, and everyday living. During this retreat we will reflect on the dimensions of Franciscan life which are Gospel and life for those who follow the Franciscan path. This retreat will be presented by Fr. Michael Blastic, OFM, from the Holy Name Province in New York. Registration is from 4 to 6:30 pm, social is at 6:00 pm, dinner is at 7:00 pm, and the session starts at 8:00 pm.

Personal Growth Day – Uncovering Shame, Discovering the Sacred: The Spiritual Transformations in the Book of Jonah, Friday, January 30, 2009

What is it that prevents us from following the divine calling to be ourselves? Known affectionately as the "Reluctant Prophet," Jonah faced the challenge of being himself and bringing his message to the world. Continuing Education units offered to LCSWs, MFTs, RNs and LVNs. Cost is \$95 with units and \$75 without units. Lunch is included. For more information, or to make reservations, please call 925-837-9141 X 315, or visit our website at www.sandamiano.org.

REMINDER

No Weekday Mass from
January 5-9, 2009.
Sidewalk will be closed
Thank You

RECORDATORIO

No habrá misa entre semana
enero 5 al 9 de enero 2009
Estará cerrada la acera.
Gracias

SIDEWALK REPAVEMENT

During the week of **January 5-9** the sidewalk will be closed for repairs. Therefore the church will be closed and we will have no services for that week. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Mass intentions will be transferred to a later date.
thank you for your understanding

NUEVA ACERA

Durante la semana de **enero 5-9** la banqueta está **cerrada** para poder trabajar en la nueva acera. Por lo tanto no habrá misa o celebraciones en la iglesia toda esa semana. Les pedimos disculpas por cualquier inconveniencia que esto pueda causarles.
Las intenciones de estas misas serán cambiadas para otras fechas.
Gracias por su entendimiento.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS VERY IMPORTANT

Please bring or send your offering regularly.
If you are absent, remember that the church expenses go on just the same.

	<u>12/21/2008</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
1st Collection	\$ 4,726.50	\$5,962.00
2nd Collection (improvements)	\$ 1,147.00	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 12.00	
Maintenance	\$ 43.00	\$ 185.00
Catholic Education	\$	\$ 1.00

God bless you!

MAKE TITHING PART OF YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST.

Average Weekly operation expenses \$13,500.00.

Thank You! Second collection today is for our parish improvements. The Second Collection next week will be for parish improvements.

TU CONTRIBUCION ES MUY IMPORTANTE

Por favor traiga o envíe su ofrenda o diezmo regularmente. Si usted esta ausente, recuerde que los gastos de la parroquia siempre tienen que hacerse.

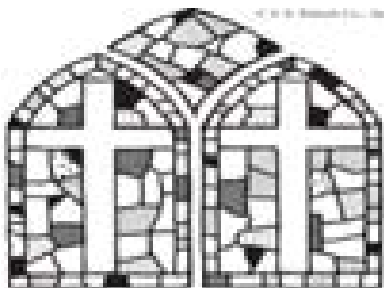
	<u>12/21/2008</u>	<u>Año Pasado</u>
1ra Colecta	\$4,726.50	\$5,962.00
2nd Colecta (mejoras)	\$1,147.00	
San Vicente	\$ 12.00	
Mantenimiento	\$ 43.00	\$ 185.00
Educacion Catolica	\$	\$ 1.00

Dios los Bendiga!

HAZ EL DIEZMO PARTE DE TU VIDA EN CRISTO.

Gastos semanales son de aproximadamente: \$13,500.00
Gracias! La segunda colecta el día de hoy es para nuestras mejoras parroquiales. La segunda colecta de la próxima semana será para las mejoras parroquiales.

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE MISAS January/enero 3-9, 2009



Sat.	5:00	pm	†Joseph Anthony Stenger
Sab.	6:30	pm	†Carolina Ortega
Sun.	7:00	am	† Joseph Anthony Stenger
Dom.	8:30	am	† Adolfo del Real y Ricarco Serrano
Sun.	10:00	am	†Joseph Stenger
Dom.	11:30	am	Jacqueline Herrera Munguia
Dom.	1:15	pm	†Maria Concepcion Castellanos
Dom.	5:00	pm	
Sun.	6:30	pm	Mary Sanchez
Mon	7:00	am	NO MASS
Lun	8:15	am	NO MISA
Tue.	7:00	am	NO MASS
Mar.	8:15	am	NO MISA
Wed.	7:00	am	NO MASS
Mier	8:15	am	NO MISA
Thur.	7:00	am	NO MASS
Jue.	8:15	am	NO MISA
Fri.	7:00	am	NO MASS
Vier.	8:15	am	NO MISA

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/ LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Mon/Lun:	1 Jn 3: 22 — 4: 6; Mt 4: 13-17, 23-25
Tue/Mar:	1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44
Wed/Mier:	1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52
Thu/Jue:	1 Jn 4: 19 — 5: 4; Lk 4: 14-22a
Fri/Vier:	1 Jn 5: 5-13; Lk 5: 12-16
Sat/Sab:	1 Jn 5: 14-21; Jn 3: 22-30
Sun/Dom:	Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 or Is 55: 1-11; Ps 29 or Is 12: 2-6; Acts 10: 34-38 or 1 Jn 5: 1-9; Mk 1: 7-11

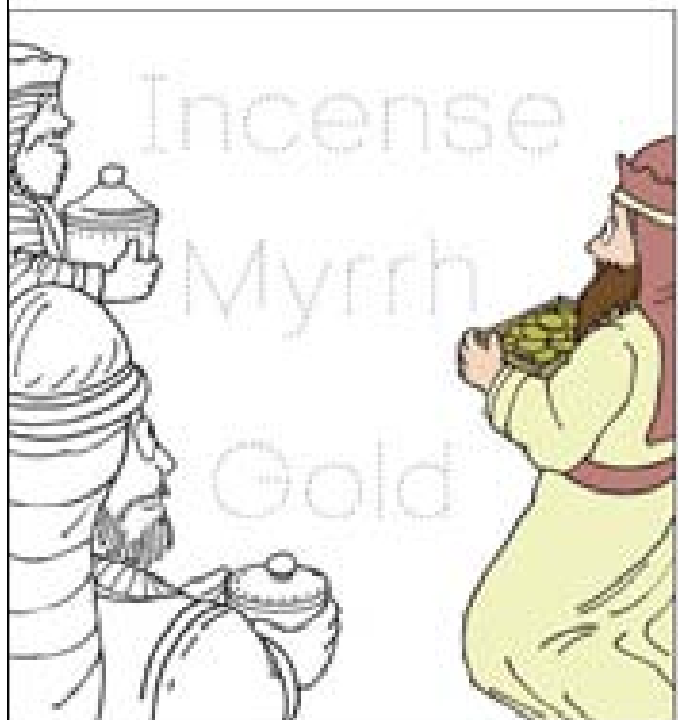
Want an Education that makes a difference?
Consider St. Elizabeth High School.
Entrance Exam January 10, 2009 at 8am.
Financial Assistance Available. Apply Now!

¿Quieres una Educación que hace la diferencia?
Considera a St. Elizabeth High School
Examen de admisión:
10 de Enero 2009 8am
Asistencia financiera disponible.
¡Aplica Ahora!



The wise men bowed down and worshiped baby Jesus. They brought Him special gifts.

Trace the words below.



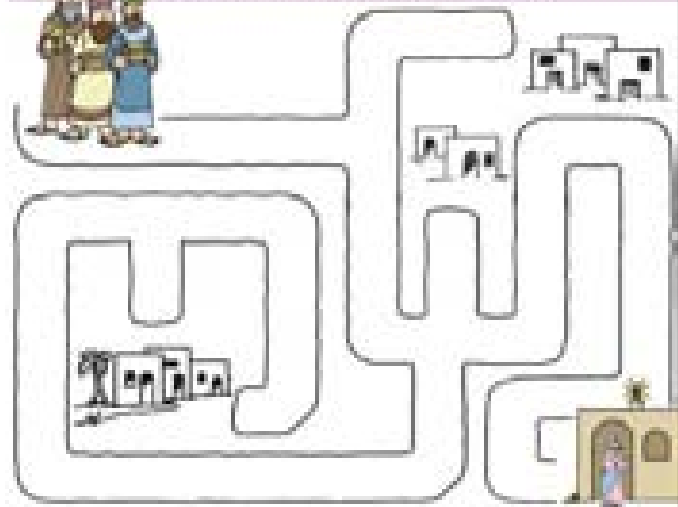
Ages 3-6

January 4, 2009 - Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Magi

Some wise men were called Magi. They came to Jerusalem looking for a special baby.

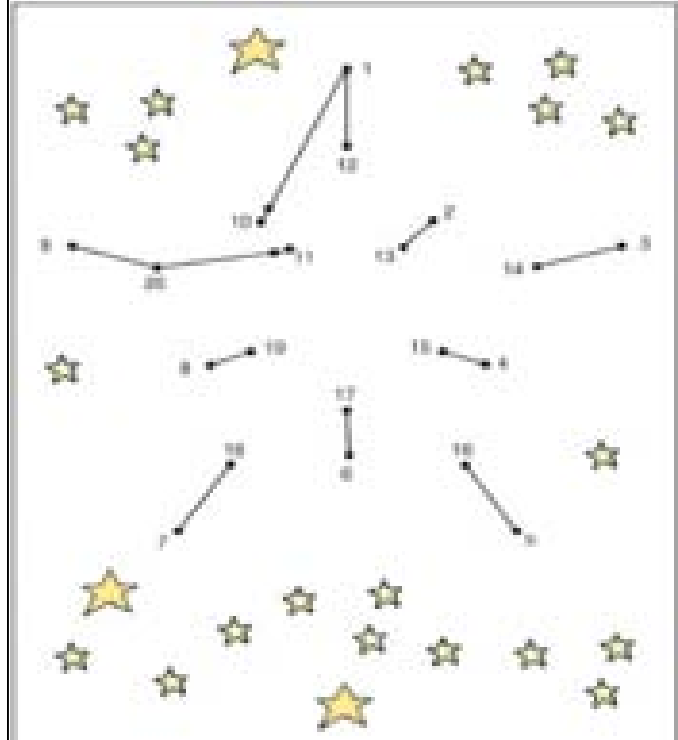
Help the wise men find the baby.



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The wise men followed a new star that had appeared bright in the sky.

Connect the dots to complete the picture.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20



The star went ahead of them. It stopped over the place where the baby Jesus was.

Find and circle the differences in the 2nd picture.



