

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



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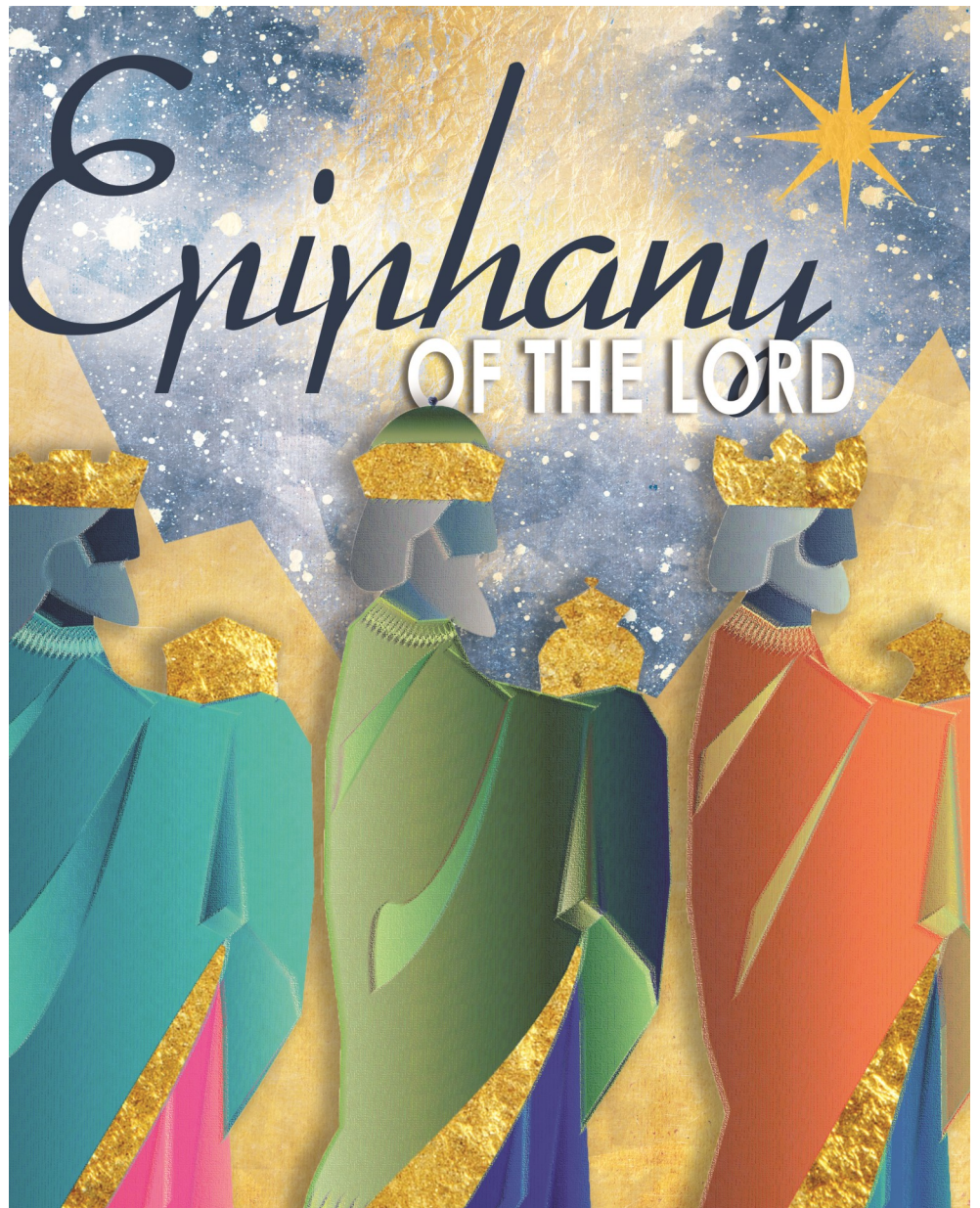
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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. ....10:00am-3:00pm



#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm,

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00

& 11:00 am,

Morning Mass: 8:00 am

(Monday-Friday)

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm

**MISSION STATEMENT** Our Divine Savior Parish, a Roman Catholic community, nourished by God's grace and the sacraments, embraces the mission of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live the gospel through our worship of God and through loving service to one another and to the greater community.

## PARISH PERSONNEL

### FACILITY MANAGER

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Monday - Friday  
10:00 am-3:00 pm

## PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Director of RCIA :  
Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348  
rciaods2@yahoo.com

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

By appointment, 6 months in advance.  
Call the Parish Office

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays from 10:05am - 10:50am (SH)  
Wednesdays from 7-8 pm (SH)

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 11:00am Mass -  
Matt & Pamela Meuter, 566-0425

## PARISH MINISTRIES /ORGANIZATIONS

### ALTAR SERVERS

Dan & Derette Layne, 521-6520

### BEREAVEMENT /FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Tamara La Rossa, 809-1782

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings 9-11AM  
in the ODS Prayer Room.  
Everyone is welcome.  
Contact Terry Matthews, 893-1644

### BULLETIN

ourdivines@yahoo.com, 343-4248  
Deadline: Friday, by 1:00 pm  
**Bulletin Advertising:** Please call the Parish  
Office, 343-4248

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sharon McQuirk, 530-570-0181  
Carole Claiborne, 530-228-9701

### CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

Kathy Lanphear, 899-7783

### CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Deacon James Burkett,  
893-2348

### CHOIR

Children's: Tuesday, 4:30-5:30pm  
Adults: Tuesday, 7-8pm  
Both in the Social Hall. Contact Cecelia  
Dickman, 802-1608,  
odsmusicdirector@gmail.com

### CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

### FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342  
Norina Egan, 342-2027

### INNER HEALING MINISTRY

Derette Layne, 530-588-4386  
for a confidential appointment.

### JESUS CENTER

Randy Linquist, 894-0460

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13765

Steve Mormann, 410-5882

### LEGION OF MARY

Claire Richard, 893-1722

### LITURGY COMMITTEE

Joanie Frericks, 345-4283

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER and VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Deacon James & Stephanie Burkett,  
893-2348

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings, 6-7AM in the Knights of  
Columbus Room at ODS Parish. Contact  
Deacon Steve Schwartz, 891-0626.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Bunny Ripp  
Please call Parish Office,  
343-4248.

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Steve Appleby, 899-1672

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Scott, 343-2484

### PRO-LIFE CATHOLIC MINISTRY

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
of the month in the ODS,  
Social Hall #4, 6-8:30 PM.  
Mary Waldorf, 345-8638

### PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

This group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
of the month in the  
Social Hall, #4, 6-7 PM.  
Diane Lusk, 519-9749.

### SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

If interested in joining one of the Small Church  
Communities, contact Carol Weigel, 343-3885

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Judith Rojas, 342-2676

### TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418





## READINGS

### Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

**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:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	06	5:00	† Leo Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Sun	07	7:30	† Jason Safranac, d, (Brent & Suzanne Roden)
		9:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
		11:00	† Matthew Settlemyre, d, (Cheryl Hathaway)
Mon	08	9:00	† Larry Loughlin, d, (Fr. Simon)
Tues.	09	8:00	† Manuel Soares, (Helen Soares)
Wed	10	8:00	† Stanley Korock, d, (Fr. Simon)
Thurs	11	8:00	† Cecelia Chaidaz, d (Catholic Daughters)
Fri	12	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS

### Observances for the Week of January 7, 2018

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

**Monday:** *The Baptism of the Lord*

**Tuesday:**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

**Saturday:** St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

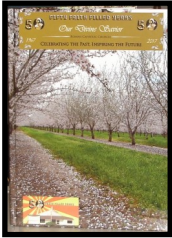
Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

*Parish Finances will be reported after the holidays because of the time constraints in publishing the bulletin.*

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR PROJECTS & INITIATIVES



During the last two weeks of 2017, we gave away more than 400 copies of **The 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Book of Our Divine Savior Parish** as a Christmas present from Fr. Francis to the families of ODS. The book is organized into a re-presentation of the first 25 years of the parish, the second 25 year history of the parish, as written by Jerry Converse, the "Spotlight Interviews" by Terry Matthews and "favorite recipes" submitted by many members of the parish and collected by Bernie Heitpas. The book displays pictures submitted by parishioners, as well as all our bishops, pastors, substitute priests and deacons. There are pictures from five previous parish directories to enrich the stories of the organizations and ministries at ODS.

Some parishioners were not here during the first distribution period. If you did not get your copy of the publication and want it, ask for one from an usher at the Mass you attend or pick one up at the parish office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for the 20<sup>TH</sup> annual Marian Eucharistic Conference, January 12, 13, 14, 2018 at St Rose of Lima Church Hall, Paso Robles, Ca.

## RESTORE YOUR SOUL!

**Our Divine Savior Women: *You are invited.***

This is the last week to register for the Women's Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center! The retreat begins with dinner on Friday, Jan. 12 and concludes with a light lunch on Sunday, Jan. 14. If you are feeling overwhelmed, burned out, frazzled, or just empty, this is an opportunity to place yourself in God's hands for healing and a new beginning. You can register online at [christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://christthekingretreatcenter.org).

If you prefer, you can call Terry Matthews at 893-1644 or Stephanie Burkett at 893-2348 for assistance.

Men's retreat is **February 16-18, 2018**. Don't delay! Register at: [christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://christthekingretreatcenter.org).

## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Inquiry

Are you Catholic and want to learn more about your Faith? Do you have family members who don't practice the faith anymore? Are there family or friends who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church? In this world there are trials and tribulation in our lives.

What are we doing about it or do we feel that there is no hope? There is hope! It is with finding guidance and direction through faith.

We will be starting another session of RCIA Inquiry soon. If you would like to join us, please, contact RCIA coordinators Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348, [rciaods2@yahoo.com](mailto:rciaods2@yahoo.com) or visit us online at [ourdivinesavior.org](http://ourdivinesavior.org). It is never too late to join us!

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson  
Carmela Sorrentino  
Marie Viera  
Esther Lund  
Larry & Kathy Grundmann  
Jim Hubbard  
Mary Kay Bringham  
Virginia Bourdic  
Bill Sheridan

Isabella Brazzale  
Joseph Cruz  
Wayne Burkett  
Ruth Fischer  
Jeff Carr  
Rueben Guerra  
Jo Ann Coules  
Vincent Lucido

Geoff Edmond  
John Hauder  
Elmer Silvera  
Madeline Ballew  
Janet Grens  
Rosemary Hull  
Tom Claiborne  
Pat Bernadett

*Please note: in order to keep our Prayer List current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.*

*Please resubmit after that time by contacting the Parish Office, 343-4248*

## Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters will be celebrating a Mass for our deceased member Cecelia Chaidez at 8:00 am on Thursday, January 11th at Our Divine Savior.

On January 11th we will also have our January meeting with snacks at 12:30 pm and meeting at 1:00 pm.

Our 67th Anniversary luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 17th, at Canyon Oaks. The cost is \$17.00 per person which includes a buffet meal, tax and tip. Doors open at 11:00 am and lunch will be at noon. Please contact Angela Frazier at 809-1623 if you are planning to attend.

If you have any questions, you can contact Sharon McQuirk at 342-0399 or Carole Claiborne at 228-9701.

**Congratulations!**  
**"Keep Christ in Christmas"**  
 poster contest winners are:

<u>Age Group 8-10</u>	<u>Age Group 5-7</u>
1=Paisley Bechtold	1=Ronan Currie
2=Liam Currie	2=Lucy Anderson
3=Gavin Anderson	3=Henley Bechtold

## Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus council is continuing an activity started a few years ago called **"The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship."** At no cost to the athletes, all eligible boys and girls 9-14 years old will be testing their skills to make baskets from the free throw line. This will take place in our social hall at 11:00 am on January 13th. It is suggested that you arrive up to an hour early to allow time for registration and warm up as needed. All competitors must register using the official Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheet. Proof of age and signed parental consent are required. Winners will receive Council Championship Certificates and an invitation to move on to a higher level. Non-winners will receive a Participation Certificate. All will get Free Throw Patches. More information and registration forms are available by writing to event Chairman Glenn Fry at [glennfry@glennfry.com](mailto:glennfry@glennfry.com). Forms will also be at the event.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love.

## Religious Ed Classes

Classes meet September through April. New students are **always** welcome! To register your student call or email the Religious Education office or simply come to our next class meeting. Our K-6th grade Religious Education classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:05-10:50AM between Masses. We also have a Wednesday night option from 7-8PM for 2nd-6th graders. The holidays have arrived. Be sure to check the calendar for class times as we will not be meeting every week.



## Sacramental Preparation

Do you want your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Sacrament preparation is a two-year journey in our Diocese. Contact the office of Religious Education for more information or to register. We look forward to journeying with your family.

Jennifer Forward DRE

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# Sharing the Gospel

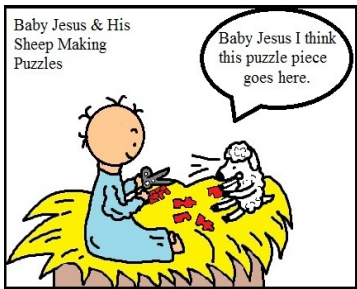
Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

## Prayer:

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

### *Mission for the Week:*

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.



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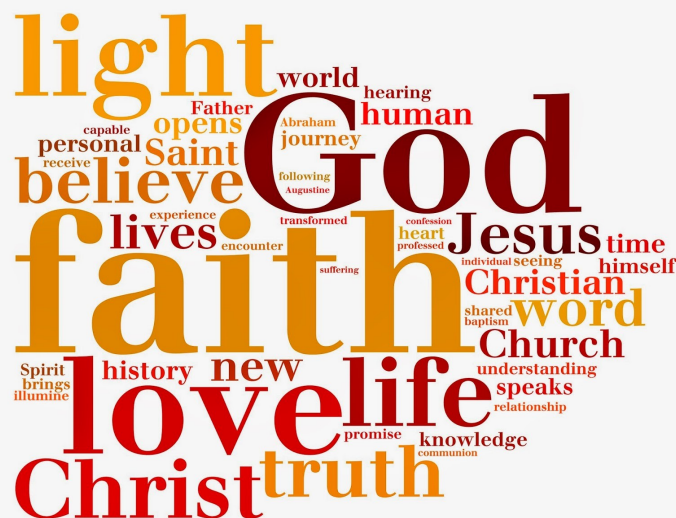


Youth Ministry meets in the Youth Room (Social Hall) on Sundays from noon to 2PM.

*Please check social media for youth  
schedule*

More information can be found at [odsyouthministry@yahoo.com](mailto:odsyouthministry@yahoo.com).

**Check Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or on the web.**







## National Migration Week

Pope Francis said this about the international emergency of migrants: "A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization, all typical of a throwaway culture, towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."

The plight of migrants is not just a national concern but also an international concern. As we mark National Migration Week here in the US, let us begin to realize that we all need to open our hearts and doors to those who leave their homes in search of a better life. Let us pray this prayer of the Holy Father from his Message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

Dear migrants and refugees! You have a special place in the heart of the Church, and you help her to enlarge her heart and to manifest her motherhood towards the entire human family. Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt: Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting.

## Family Room Jan. 6-7, 2018

### *Happy New Year!*

As the words trip off our lips, we seldom think about just what we are saying. Is this a wish, a prayer, a blessing, or just a trite phrase? We sometimes speak as if a "happy" New Year is something that happens to us, like a lucky day or year of fun times. Maybe our "happy" New Year is not what happens *to* us, but rather, how we *see* the events that come our way. We have all known those who suffer from a traumatic situation, like the loss of a job or a family member, who allow the difficulty to overwhelm them. They ask, "Why me?" or complain that life is unfair and they have been singled out for hardship. Challenges seem to be unevenly distributed, with some of us carrying more than our share of "growth opportunities."

We also all know people who show amazing resilience in the face of difficulty or even crisis. These are people who practice seeing the silver lining, or more accurately, the hand of God, in every situation. If we are able to discern God at work in our problems we are able to face each minute, each day, with a calm heart, knowing that all things work together for good when we trust in the Lord. We often see that good in retrospect, as the chain of events moves on and hidden blessings unfold. As we mature spiritually, we can begin to discover good even *while* we are struggling, and give praise for the opportunities that unfold all the time.

Our wish for a Happy New Year for the Our Divine Savior family is really a prayer that the Holy Spirit will transform our hearts to perceive the blessings all around us. Whatever experiences are ahead, we will be secure in the faith that God will bring us good. Happy 2018!

