

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY



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Worship & Sacramental Life
OLS: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
SA: St. Anthony Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday:

4:30 p.m. (SA), 5:00 p.m. (OLS)

Sunday:

7:30 (OLS), 8:00 (SA), 9:00 (OLS)

10:00 (SA), 11:00 a.m. (OLS),

6:30 p.m. (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil:

7:00 p.m. (SA)

Daytime:

7:00 a.m. (OLS), 12:15 p.m. (SA)

7:00 p.m. (OLS)

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (OLS)

8:00 a.m. (SA)

Holidays as announced

Sacrament of Baptism

11:15 a.m.: 1st Sunday (SA)

12:15 p.m.: 2nd & 3rd Sundays (OLS)

11:00 a.m.: 4th Sunday (Mass) (OLS)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and by appointment

3:15-4:00 p.m. (SA), 3:45-4:30 p.m. (OLS)

Parish Staff

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 2009

"They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
5:00 p.m. Elizabeth Courtney Robbins
*William & Virginia Kelly

Alfonzo Doohaluk *Wife & family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Margaret Boozan *Rosary Altar Members
Deacon Joe Malloy *Nick Chomicki & family
11:00 a.m. Matthew Okupski *Mom & Dad
Marsilio Persiani *Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 5
7:00 a.m. Mary Dileo Petromany *Frank & Doris Beres
Philip Stossed *Rocco & Dorothy Summa

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6
7:00 a.m. Judy DiPula *Joseph & Paula Fabrizi
Gaetana Calderone *Carl & Maria Vizzoni

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
7:00 a.m. Alexander Abramenko *Gene Strycharz
Joseph Chiaverone *Linda Bernstein

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
7:00 a.m. Anna DeChico *Angelo & Claire Milioto
Clare T. McClain *Rosemarie Wechsner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
7:00 a.m. Marguerite Brennan *Peg Graziano
Leon Forrester *M/M David Milinowicz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
5:00 p.m. Frances & Anthony Krosnowski *Son
Rafalowski Family *Randy & Pat Ponticiello

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Charles J. Halloran *John & Dell Halloran
Louis M. Angebrandt *Nick Chomicki
11:00 a.m. Joseph J. Cerino *Family
Charles J. Halloran *M/M Robert Bennett

Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 a.m. Gerald Howell *Tom Cesaro & family
Angelina White *Family
4:30 p.m. Alvin Rosetti *Family
Augustus T. Stewart *M/M Joseph Carrubba

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
8:00 a.m. Barbara Vereb *Griggs Family
Rose Lagana *M/M Lee Santilli
10:00 a.m. Paul Crea *Tony, Ceil, & Carolyn
Mary Romano *Mollye Carroll

MONDAY, JANUARY 5
8:00 a.m. Mary J. Bryson *Dorothy Hogarty
Charles H. Rittman, Sr.
*Michael & Valerie Mancuso & family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6
8:00 a.m. Nancy DiBiane *Family
Edith C. DiDonato *Michael Amantia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 a.m. Jerry Cox, Sr. *Katie Cox
Nora Gallagher *Catherine Russo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
8:00 a.m. Leo Zamparelli *Evalena Farbar
Bob Gates *Jennifer & Steve Czap

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
8:00 a.m. Paul Crea *Family
Robert Brennan
*Michael & Valerie Mancuso & family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
8:00 a.m. David Belyung *Mother
Joseph L. Suosso *Wife
4:30 p.m. John Schnorbus, Sr. *M/M Lester Maisto, Jr.
Ann Durastante *Laura & Harry Dearden

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
8:00 a.m. Primo & Vincenza Tala *Martha Pargigiani
W. Alan Volk *Cathy & Carmen Consiglio
10:00 a.m. David & Patricia Johnson *Mom & Dad
Deceased Members of the Mancuso Family
*Mancuso Family

Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Mon., Jan. 5	St. John Neumann
Tue., Jan. 6	Bl. André Bessette
Wed., Jan. 7	St. Raymond of Peñafort

Rectory Office Hours

Mon – Thu:	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fri & Sat:	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
	Closed Sunday

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady of Sorrows Church this week is offered in loving memory of Mary V. Chomicki at her family's request.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

Happy Epiphany! A Blessed 2009!

This first Sunday in the New Year is spent in the company of the Magi, or Wise Men, who encountered the Lord in faith. Let us too set out on the journey of this Year of the Lord 2009 with profound faith, firm hope and ardent love. This prayer may be a help to us as we look to the days, weeks, and months that lie before us:

Jesus,

*I want to face this new year
with the same trust of Mary, your Mother,
preserving in the depth of my heart
the many signs of your love
that you wish to give me.*

*It will be a year of many words,
many events, many moments, many duties
in which I shall be involved,
not unlike the year that has just ended.*

*May I face life with the treasure of time
which you offer to me as your gift.
May I not turn back nostalgically to the past,
nor lament past times,
but face with serenity every obstacle,
the unexpected, and all my work..*

*Jesus, I want to face this new year,
like Mary, your Mother,
to entrust myself as did she
to the plan of God,
and to make it a part of my daily life.*

With affection
Msgr. Gervasio

A Little Liturgical History

The Solemnity of the Epiphany

The history and meaning of the feast of the Epiphany is rather complicated.

Epiphany is a Greek word which primarily means *appearance*, or in this case, the *manifestation*, of God in the world. This feast was well known in the East in the middle of the third century which stressed the divinity of Jesus, the coming down of God to dwell among men, whereas the western or Latin feast of Christmas stresses the Lord's humanity, his birth from Mary.

The date for the feast of the Epiphany, January 6, is also an illustration of the Christianization of a pagan celebration. The pagan celebration of the winter equinox was celebrated on a day which later came to be January 6 on the Julian calendar. Commenting on this pagan celebration, liturgical scholar, Jesuit

Fr. Joseph Jungmann notes: "On this day, or rather during the night, processions were held in the temples amidst the cries, "the Virgin has brought forth; the light is increasing." This feast must also have been associated with the feast of the sun god Osiris, who was highly venerated in Egypt. The appearance of the sun, which now begins to grow stronger as the days become longer, and the appearance of Jesus, whom the sun symbolized, were a natural union. The preface for the Epiphany still speaks of the only begotten son "appearing:" in our mortal nature.

Still another pagan belief connected with this day was that certain miraculous springs yielded wine instead of water. Thus the day was connected by the Church with the miracle of Cana. And the association with water naturally led to a further association with baptism: the waters of baptism are miraculous because they bring life. They enlighten man, and bring light to the world. Indeed, the early Christians called baptism "enlightenment."

The picture is further complicated by the fact that the baptism of Jesus was also associated with this feast. In allowing himself to be baptized in the waters of the Jordan Jesus also cleanses his spouse, the Church. Thus the marriage of Christ and his Church is also considered. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the antiphon of the Canticle of Zechariah reads: "Today the Church is joined with her heavenly Spouse, for in the Jordan Christ cleansed her of sin; the Magi hastened with gifts to the royal wedding, and from the water made wine the festivities are celebrated." Thus the Roman liturgy sums up in one antiphon all the elements associated with the feast. The Baptism of the Lord was later given its own feast.

But what of the wise men? We are accustomed to think of January 6 as the feast of the Magi who came bearing gifts, who followed his star in the east. This story however, contained in the Gospel of the feast, is merely intended to show how the Son of God came to save all regardless of race, nationality, etc.

The use of Psalm 71, which speaks of the kings coming with the gifts, has also given the wise men due prominence. But it was not really until 1164 that their cult began to take on greater proportions, and this was due mainly to the fact that Frederick Barbarossa transferred the relics of the wise men from Milan to Cologne, where they repose to this day. This transfer was a great impetus to the devotion and legend which has come to be attached to these three mysterious figures of the gospel. In the United States, the feast of the Epiphany is now celebrated on the Sunday closest to January 6.

(Edited from *Living the Christian Seasons*,
Charles Riepe—Herder & Herder 1964)

**Family Blessing of the Home
Solemnity of the Epiphany**
From the Book of Blessings
(Chalk and blessed water may be used)

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany in the U.S. (In many countries, it is still celebrated on its traditional date: January 6.) It is customary that the head of the house offer a prayer of blessing for the home and even mark the occasion over the entry in chalk.

Leader:

Peace to this house and all who live here. During these days of the Christmas, we keep this feast of the Epiphany. Through the guidance of a star, the coming of Jesus was made known to the Gentiles. We celebrate Christ revealed to the Magi, to St. John the Baptist at the Jordan and at the wedding in Cana. The Magi came from the East to Bethlehem to adore the Lord and brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let us adore the Lord and bow our heads in prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only begotten Son
to every nation by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it,
Fill them with the light of Christ
that their concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The leader may sprinkle those assembled with blessed water taken from church.

He or she may then write the following in chalk over the entry: The letters represent the names of the three Magi: Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar.

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Youth Group News

High School Youth Group Calendar

- Jan. 4 - Guys Night Only (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Jan. 11 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Jan. 18 - Girls Night Only (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Jan. 25 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 1 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 8 - Guest Speaker (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 15 - Valentine's Day Party (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 22 - Volleyball-A-Thon – (Time TBA, OLS Gym)

Middle School Youth Group

- Jan. 16 -17 Middle School Lock-In
- Jan. 30 - Meeting (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 6 - Girls night only (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 7 - Guys night only (7 – 9 p.m., Mary's Haven)
- Feb. 20 - Bowling Night (7 – 9 p.m., Hamilton Lanes)

Stewardship Report

Weekly collection: December 21 \$16,679

Rosary Altar Society News

There will **not** be a general meeting or a meeting of the Rosary Makers or Prayer Shawls Group in January.

Sacramental Statistics – 2008
(Number of Households: 3170)

Baptisms	116
Receptions in the Church	2
First Holy Communions	121
Confirmations	103
Marriages	31
Anointings of the Sick	220*
Funeral Rites	152*

* As of 12/18/08

Many Thanks!

With gratitude the parish priests acknowledge the wonderful contributions of all those who helped to make our celebration of this Christmastide so beautiful.

All our Parishioners

Without your presence and prayerful participation, we could hardly celebrate with joy and thanksgiving.

Our Deacons and Liturgical Ministers

Your assistance and devotion were an invaluable aid to our worship! Thank you Reverend Deacons, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Altar Servers, and Ushers.

Our Music Ministry

The beauty added through your gifts helped us to praise and thank the Lord! Thank you, Michael and Choir, Cantors, Carl, Pat, and the Hand Bell Choir, and Instrumentalists!

Our Liturgy Committee

Thank you for helping to sharing your talents to create the environment for sacred worship. Thanks Barbara, Kevin, Sr. Ruth, Committee Members all. Thanks to all those who offered so much of their time to the careful work of decoration!

Our Office and Maintenance Staff

Your many hours of necessary work nearly always "behind the scenes" are greatly appreciated! Thanks to Phil, Roscoe, "Lew and Crew," the Scouts, Clara, Doreen, and Denise, and all our "Counting Crews!"

Knights of Columbus News

The K of C will conduct membership drives after all masses at Our Lady of Sorrows on the second weekend of January, and at St. Anthony on the third weekend. A Knight also will speak briefly after communion at each mass (including the Creole Mass at St. Anthony).

Wedding Music Seminar



Are you celebrating your wedding in 2009 in either of our churches? If so, then save this date, time, and place:

January 26
7:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows Church

On this day, couples planning on celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to attend a Wedding Music Seminar to assist them in choosing their wedding music. At this seminar, engaged couples (and *only* the couples) will have the opportunity to hear the music selections from the parish repertoire and make their choices of instrumental and vocal music. Please make every opportunity to attend this informative session.

Bible Study Groups

Monday Night Bible Study

OLS Lower Church at 7:30 p.m.

Information: Len Commini—800-365-9656 x6561

Wednesday Morning Bible Study & Faith Sharing

OLS Church Meeting Room at 9:45 a.m.

Information: Mary Napolitano—586-2203

Women's Scripture Sharing

1st & 3rd Sunday each month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

2nd floor of Mary's Haven, OLS Campus

New members & guests welcome.

Information: Pat—587-6838

OLS School Fundraiser at Carella's



"The Brown Dog"

Monday, Jan. 12

2:30 p.m. to Closing



No coupon needed, just tell the cashier that you would like your purchase to benefit OLS School. It's that easy!

God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Darren James McIlwain

Opportunities to Help Our Seniors

Have an extra hour in your week to give to someone who needs your help? Caring Hearts can match you with a homebound senior who may need just the talents you have to offer. Is one of these current needs a match for you?

Dusting Angel: If you wield a mean dust cloth, how about helping one of our senior ladies near St. Mary's Cemetery with a little light housekeeping? Just a bit of your time and elbow grease will help keep her healthy and comfortable.

Shopping Assistant: Know your way around those supermarket aisles? You could be just the person to help a wonderful 95-years-young senior stay well-fed and well-supplied. Every other week is enough for her needs. To find out about these or other opportunities for visiting, transporting, shopping, helping with paperwork, etc., call Anne Kantor at 586-6596.

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your prayers all the sick in the parish. While not every name can appear in the listing below, we remember all those who are ill and pray that they may know the Lord's healing presence.

Frank Adamczyk, Peggy Seiler Brand, Kay Daily, Katherine D'Angelo, Helen Devlin, Paula Donahue, Tom Dzuibek, Patricia Havardansky, Edith LaBella, George Loh, Marie Marki, Judy Miller, Charlotte Nucaso, Richard Pizzuti, Thomas Powner, Vivian Saxby, Ian Scheuerman, Dave Thoennes, Mary Masick Timian, and Anthony Tonzini

Due to limited space and our desire to include the names of others, absent special circumstances, names will remain on our list for one month only. Please call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.

Seniors' Activities

Senior Club #1

Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 1:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Church Hall

Trip to Resorts (AC): Tuesday, January 20

Bus leaves St. Anthony church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Call Gloria (587-1944) for reservations

Senior Club #2

Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 1:00 p.m.

Church Meeting Room

Senior Club #3

Meeting: January 13, 1:00 p.m.

Church Meeting Room – Table 1 Hosts

Happy New Year to All!

Our Seniors Clubs welcome new members! You do not have to be a parishioner to join the Seniors Clubs.

Bingo Assignments

Saturday: 8 p.m. – Parish Center Cafeteria

The Bingo worker schedule appears below. If there is a scheduling conflict, please contact Karen Brisson (587-4141) or Susan Dolan (324-3985) well in advance so that other arrangements can be made. Workers are asked to arrive by 6:45 p.m.

**Jan. 3 Brodtman, Brown, DelCristo
Delgado, Ferrazzano**

**Jan. 10 Jefferys, Kelly, Kerins, Mack,
Olave-Grajales**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Plan Ahead

The 94th season of America's longest running Passion Play—a modernized version of the Passion Play performed in Oberammergau, Germany, since 1634—will open on March 28 in Union City (NJ). Show times are 2:00 p.m. March 28 & 29 and April 4 & 5. Ticket prices are: \$24 general admission; \$15 students; and \$10 children under 12 years old. You may make reservations by calling 201-865-6980, ext. 10, or purchase tickets online. For details, including information about an optional lunch cruise on the Hudson River before the show, please visit www.parkpac.org and click on Passion Play.

Visit the Mount

Mount St. Alphonsus Pastoral Center in Esopus, NY, one of the largest Roman Catholic centers in the world, invites you to attend its upcoming programs:

Day of Prayer

Wed., Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; \$20

The theme is "St. Paul's Letter to Philemon". The day will include presentations and discussions, and celebrations of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. There will also be time to enjoy the Mount's majestic building and grounds at your leisure. The fee includes lunch. Priests and deacons are invited to attend the program for free. Reservations are required.

Taize Prayer

Wed., Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m.; donations welcome.

Come hear the Mount's choir sing these simple repetitive and scripture-based chants made glorious with harmonies, in candlelight only.

Thousands of people from around the northeast make a pilgrimage to the Mount each year. For more info, go to www.VisitTheMount.com or call 845-384-8000.

Bus Trip to Lancaster

St. Hedwig's Church is sponsoring a day trip to Lancaster to see the Sight & Sound production of *Behold the Lamb* on Friday, March 6. The \$115/adult package includes round trip transportation by motor coach, a complete Amish family-style luncheon at Good 'n Plenty Restaurant and the 4:15 p.m. show ticket, as well as all taxes and meal gratuities. (The cost for teens ages 13-19 costs \$90 and for children ages 3-12 is \$75.) The bus departs from the rear of the Burlington Coat Factory, Route 1, Lawrenceville, at 11:15 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:00 p.m. A \$40 deposit is due by January 15; the balance is due by February 4. Please call Ray Primka (883-2271) for details and reservations.

Trip to Showboat Casino

The Happy Days Senior Club sponsors a bus trip to the Showboat Casino on the first Wednesday of each month. The bus leaves the OLS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$25. Call Madelyn (586-4549) for reservations and further information.

Adult Faith Enrichment Program

Healing Wounded Emotions

Genuine spirituality is rooted in our ability to be fully human. No more is this fully seen than in our relationships with others. This evening will focus on some practical advice on how to keep relationships healthy and how to heal those that are wounded.

You are invited to hear Fr. Martin Padovani, M.S., address this topic on Wednesday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of St. Gregory the Great.

The program is free and open to all. Babysitting is available if requested in advance. For more information, please call Sr. Jean at 587-1131, ext. 260.



Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center

Mount Holly, NJ

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Hermit Weekend

7:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18

We will begin and end this silent retreat with a brief prayer together. The rest is yours with God. Donation: \$100; \$40 non-refundable deposit with registration.

Valentine Evening for Couples

Saturday, February 14, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Liturgy, renewal of marriage vows, and a full course dinner highlight this most enjoyable way to celebrate Valentine's Day. The evening will focus on celebrating the love between you and growing in gratitude and joy. Sign up early! Donation: \$50/couple, due with registration.

This Week's Activities*

<u>Day, Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat., Jan. 3	8:00 a.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	3:00 p.m.	Catholic Committee on Scouting	Lower Church Front
	8:00 p.m.	Bingo	Cafeteria
Sun., Jan. 4	Noon	CYO Sports Program	Gym
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Mary's Haven
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 38 Meeting	Lower Church Front & Church Library
	7:00 p.m.	H. S. Youth Group Mtg (Guys Only Night)	Mary's Haven & Gym
Mon., Jan. 5	5:30 p.m.	Jazzercise	Gym
	7:30 p.m.	Bible Study	Lower Church Front
	8:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Tue., Jan. 6	1 p.m.	Senior Club 2 Meeting	Church Meeting Room
	5:30 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Serra Club Meeting	Lower Church Front
Wed., Jan. 7	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study	Church Meeting Room
	5:30 p.m.	Jazzercise	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Meeting	Lower Church Front
	7:00 p.m.	Rosary Altar Society Regional Network Mtg.	Church Library
	7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Church Meeting Room
	8:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
Thu., Jan. 8	5:30 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Communion & Liberation: School of Community	Mary's Haven
	7:30 p.m.	Baptism Class	
Fri., Jan. 9	5:00 p.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Meeting	Lower Church Front
Sat., Jan. 10	8:00 a.m.	CYO Sports Practice	Gym
	9:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation	Upper Church
	10:00 a.m.	Catholic Committee on Scouting	Church Meeting Room
	8:00 p.m.	Bingo	Cafeteria
Sun., Jan. 11		Welcome Sunday	Lower Church Front
	Noon	CYO Sports Program	Gym
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 38 Meeting	Lower Church Front & Church Library
	7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group Meeting	Mary's Haven & Gym

** Activities listed above represent requested facility reservations. Please contact your group's leader if you have any question about whether or not the activity is still being held.*

KID'S KOrner

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GOSPEL TODAY

JAN. 4, 2009

MATTHEW 2: 1-12



The 3 are called wise men, kings, or magi - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

- INGREDIENTS -

1 cup milk (scalded)
1/3 butter
(melted in milk)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

SWEET AS HONEY



Buy a king cake online, at a local store/bakery or make your own!

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring, pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*