

The month of January is

IMMIGRATION MONTH IN THE CHURCH



We celebrate that our Lord and Savior and his family were immigrant refugees from the despot, King Herod beginning with the Feast of the Epiphany. There will be a number of activities that month to celebrate our own status as immigrants or the descendants of immigrants to this country. To prepare for this month here are some things you can do during this Christmas season:

- As you are baking for Christmas or preparing foods that are traditional in your family, bake or make a little extra, throw it in the freezer and bring it to mass on January 5th or 6th. We will enjoy your traditional food after mass during hospitality time.
- Take some time to look through old photos for pictures of your ancestors who came to this country from other lands or a picture of your own immigration. Enlist the help of your family as you celebrate Christmas. Bring them to church to place on the V-Wall (as we did in November) for the month of January. Be sure to put your name and contact information on the backs of your pictures.
- As you gather with your family, ask for the stories of the people in your family or ancestry who came to this country. We will have a Family Story Telling Night on Thursday, January 10th, with time to hear the stories of the immigration of some of our parishioners and a chance to share your family stories around your table.

Details will follow as we get closer to January, but, for now, be thinking recipes, photos and the person in your family who knows the stories.