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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

Inside Church

Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Blessings as we commence a New Year! It was a joy to see so many families come to Saint Joseph to celebrate our Christmas Masses. Thank you for bringing your relatives and friends to St. Joseph's! As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend, Epiphany means, "Manifestation". May the Lord be manifest in the everyday events in your life during this New Year! I'm praying for you and your families that your New Year may be blessed in every way.

Here is a New Year's prayer for you:

A New Year's Prayer:

***Lord, as a New Year begins,
we come to you and ask for your blessing.
We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days,
peace to fill our hearts
and love to fill our lives.
Thank you for the plans you have for us in this New year,
we wait in anticipation to see all that you will do.
Bless all our families, keep them safe and healthy,
and may we trust in your providential care in this New Year! AMEN!***

I will be away on an annual Christmas break this coming week Monday through Friday. Msgr. Jim Halley will celebrate the 8:00 AM Masses on Monday and Wednesday and Fr. Al Scott on Tuesday. No personal column in this bulletin next week!

Epiphany Blessings,
Msgr. Kevin



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ^{©LPi}

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the
gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

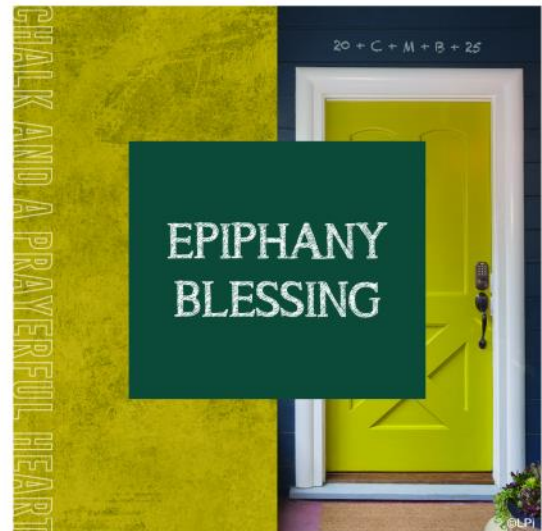
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod.
We see his anxiety clearly in today's
Gospel. This is what Christ has come to
do, after all. He has come to shake things
up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

Observances for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a
and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,
27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11)**. Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir

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Ask yourself these questions -

- Do you feel that there is something missing from your life?
- Are you struggling to find clarity and purpose in a busy world?
- Would you like to meet more people in the parish?
- Would you like to strengthen your faith?
- Do you want to be a better version of yourself?



"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor 9:11

Christmas Food and Gifts: Our most sincere THANK YOU to everyone that contributed to our Christmas Present Drive Dec. 14-15. We collected over 450 gifts for our Parish Community supported families! Our Adopting Families provided over 150 MORE!

Along with four or more boxes of food, these presents were distributed this weekend to 108 families in need! 4,500 lbs. of food was provided by way of over \$6,000 in Skip-a-Meal donations and our School's food drive. Please be especially mindful of Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season when our needs are greatest.

Home Furnishing Special Needs: Our holiday distributions provided feedback of many basic home furnishing needs by our supported families; refrigerator repairs, beds, tables, dressers, heaters, immanent loss of utility service, etc. We have begun to fulfill these needs as a parish. Are you able to help us in this urgent ministry? For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

Jan. 18-19: Homeless Kit Drive: Provide daily necessities to people experiencing homelessness. Shopping lists will be available Jan. 11.

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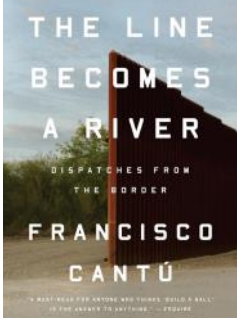
The numbers represent the year (2025).
The letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar) and the phrase
"Christus Mansionem Benedicat,"
which is Latin for
"May Christ Bless the House."



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. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is **Wednesday, February 19th at 7pm on Zoom**

The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border
by Francisco Cantú

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Monday, January 13th at 9:30 am.

Lets welcomer in the new year together. Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!

St. Joseph Grief Support

Grief support



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