

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## CATHOLIC PARISH

**SUNDAY,**  
**JANUARY 4, 2025**  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

**WEEKENDS:** SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS

## Star of Light

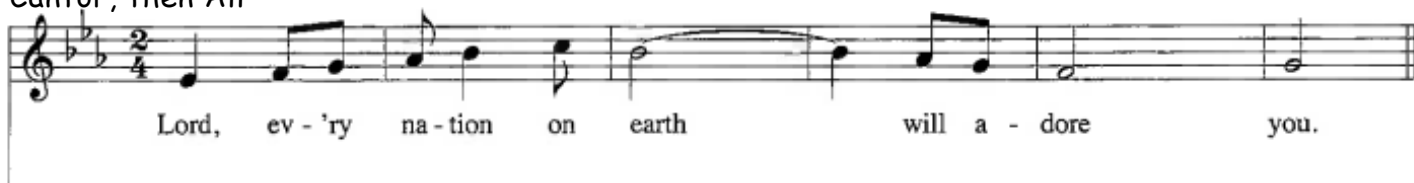


Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word Epiphany means “to reveal,” and on this day we rejoice that God’s saving love, revealed in the birth of Jesus, is made known to the whole world. The visit of the magi shows us that Christ came not for a select few, but for all people, without boundary or exclusion. Guided by the star, the magi followed God’s light with trust and perseverance, even when they did not know where the journey would lead. That same star continues to

guide us today, reminding us that God provides light for our path and calls us to follow Him in faith. As Scripture tells us, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). In humility and hope, the magi knelt before the Christ Child and offered Him their gifts. Epiphany invites us to do the same—to seek Christ sincerely, reject division, and allow His light to guide our lives, so that we too may become bearers of His light to the world.

### *Responsorial Psalm*

Cantor, then All



## Scripture Reflection for Jan. 4, 2026: Epiphany of the Lord

This Epiphany Sunday, the star of the Gospel is — literally — the star.

Here is the original GPS device, guiding the magi from the East toward Christ. One of my favorite Christmas symbols in New York City is the massive star that hangs over 57th Street. Nothing symbolizes the hope and serenity of this season more beautifully. (Of course, it's worth noting that if the wise men were to follow that star today, it wouldn't lead them to a stable and a baby. It would lead them to Tiffany's.)

But, suspended over the busy, noisy, distracting sounds and sights of New York, that star still captures our imagination. And it should. It represents something transcendent and historic — especially this week. The very word Epiphany means “manifestation.” Webster's Dictionary elaborates: “An intuitive grasp of reality through something simple and striking.”

Something as simple as a child. Something as striking as a star.

Scripture is silent about just who the Magi really were, whether they were kings, astrologers or “wise men.” Historians will tell you that we don't know exactly how many of them there were. But because they brought three gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh — tradition has held that there were three of them.

That, of course, is a number with powerful biblical significance, echoing the number of persons in the Trinity and the days Christ spent in the tomb.

But it also signifies something even more compelling — and a beautiful truth we should seize on this Sunday.

It reminds us that we don't embark on the Christian journey alone. We are part of a body of believers, a community. Again and again, when Christ is revealed to the world, he doesn't show himself to just one person at a time.

Think of Christmas night, when the news was announced to shepherds — another group, another kind of community.

This will happen repeatedly. Epiphanies abound. Think of all the times Jesus makes a kind of “manifestation” — at his baptism, when he preaches, when he performs his first miracle, when he reappears after the Resurrection, even when encountering travelers on the road to Emmaus.

The familiar citation from Matthew 18 — “Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, there am I with them” — is prophetic and real.

To consider all that is to consider part of the great message of Christianity. We are meant to receive the Good News together, to live it together, to celebrate it and share it with one another. Christianity is not a solitary experience.

Thomas Merton put it beautifully: “Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone. We find it with another.”

And there is something else about this great feast worth noting: the Magi didn't come to the Lord empty handed. The Gospel tells us “They opened their treasures.” The Magi had priceless gifts to share. So do all of us.

The prayerful question we should ask ourselves is: What do we have to give? What do we have to share with Christ and with the world?

I recently heard a story told by a marketing expert named Barbara Glanz. She gave a talk to a group of supermarket employees on the subject of customer loyalty — how to get people to keep coming back for repeat business. She told those in her audience: “Every one of you can make a difference and create memories for your customers that will keep them coming back.” She challenged them to think about that.

What she was saying was so simple, but so timely. In brief: Don't be shy about sharing your gift. No matter who we are, or where we come from, or what we do, each of us has a treasure to offer. Each of us is called, in our way, to be members of the Magi.

As we celebrate Christ manifesting himself to the world, think of what that manifestation has meant to each of us, to whatever community we belong to. What can we give in return — to God, and to one another? What are our treasures?

The Christmas season is coming to a close. But this lesson of Epiphany should stay with us: The season of giving doesn't have to end.

Source: Deacon Greg Kandra/OSV News



Merry Christmas to all!

As we move through the Christmas season, I would like to thank our Christmas choir for all their hard work and dedication to make those masses special. We now turn our attention to the Lenten and Easter holy days, which will be the focus of our next choir. If you have interest in participating in our festival choir that will support Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, and the Holy Triduum of Easter, please reach out to music director Joel Cummings at [jcumplings@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jcumplings@dioceseofspokane.org).

Keep on the lookout for announcements regarding our special music event during lent. In the meantime, enjoy the remaining feasts of Christmastide. May your Christmas season be full of joy and hope!

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, JAN 5**  
**NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, JAN 6**  
(8:30 am Confession)  
9 am, Fr. Vincent

**WEDNESDAY, JAN 7**  
9am, Fr. Hartin

**THURSDAY, JAN 8**  
(8:30 AM CONFESSION)  
9am, Fr. John

**FRIDAY, JAN 9**  
9 am, Fr. John

**SATURDAY, JAN 10**  
(4:15 PM Confession)  
5 PM, Fr. John

**SUNDAY, JAN 11**  
8 am, Fr. Hartin  
10:30 am, Fr. John

## PARISH STAFF

**Priest Administrator:** Fr. Vincent Gilmore; **Senior Priest:** Fr. Patrick Hartin;

**Parochial Vicar/Director of Faith Formation:** Fr. John Kibombo; **Deacon:** Patrick Cheung;

**Assistant Parish Administrator:** Rachael Lentesc; **Receptionist:** Mindy Muglia;

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## WEEKLY DONATIONS

**Dec 22 - Dec 29:**

Tithe: \$5607.75

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Guatemala Fund: \$198

Christmas: \$6661



Please continue to keep Joan Leeds and the family of Robert Leeds in your prayers. Robert's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 30. Joan and Robert have been longtime, faithful parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima, where they raised their 3 children Brad, Monica, and Ryan. As we reflect on the Magi and the gifts they offered to Christ, may we also remember the many gifts and talents Robert shared throughout his lifetime. May the Lord reward him with eternal rest and grant comfort, peace, and hope to Joan and all who mourn his passing.



In the coming weeks, parishioners may receive a phone call as part of our parish census. These calls are simply to confirm your most current contact information so we may stay connected with you and ensure we meet the ministry needs of the parish. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date!

**OCIA resumes TODAY**  
at 9 am in the  
parish office.  
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# FESTIVAL OF CAROLS



## 01.04.2026

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
2:30 PM | 1115 W RIVERSIDE, SPOKANE, WA 992201

Continuing this annual Cathedral tradition, the Cathedral Choir, Schola Cantorum, and orchestra will present music to celebrate the Christmas season.




Join us Wednesday evenings for Fatima Shepherds' Table Night! Come and grow in faith and community. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Starting at 6:30, adults are invited to take part in a book study, while children (ages 6 and up) will take part in sacramental preparation. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling the parish office so we can plan accordingly.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, Jan 6

For OLF Priests and Deacon  
Req. by Anon

### Wednesday, Jan 7

Souls in Purgatory  
Req. by Anon

### Thursday, Jan 8

Bob Leeds +  
Req. by Anon

### Friday, Jan 9

Dora Elia Hernandez  
Req. by Kika Finch

## DAILY READINGS

### 2026 JANUARY 5 MONDAY

Reading 1, John 3:11-21  
Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5  
Gospel, John 1:43-51

### 2025 JANUARY 6 TUESDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12

### 2025 JANUARY 7 WEDNESDAY

Reading 1, John 3:22-4:6  
Psalms 2:7-8, 10-11  
Gospel, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

### 2026 JANUARY 8 THURSDAY

Reading 1, John 4:7-10  
Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8  
Gospel, Mark 6:34-44

### 2026 JANUARY 9 FRIDAY

Reading 1, John 4:11-18  
Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Gospel, Mark 6:45-52

### 2026 JANUARY 10 SATURDAY

Reading 1, John 4:19-5:4  
Psalms 72:1-2, 14-15, 17  
Gospel, Luke 4:14-22

### 2026 JANUARY 11 SUNDAY

Reading 1, Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17  
Reading 2, Acts 10:34-38

## 2025 Diocese of Spokane Annual Catholic Appeal

This year our parish goal is \$90,426.

To date we have received \$54,235. (59.98%) Any money raised over our goal comes back to the Parish. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Annual Catholic Appeal this year.

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