

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4th, 2026

Next Week's Readings: January 11, 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 (21ABC)

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 (21A)

We saw his star at its rising. (Matthew 2:1-12)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, a pivotal moment in God's plan of salvation. Leading the magi by the light of a star, God revealed his Son, Jesus, to the first Gentiles. And as he did, he made known his astounding intention that the Jewish Messiah, Promised long ago to Abraham's descendants, had come to save *all people*.

But who were the magi? These wise men were most likely astrologers, pagans from Persia or Babylon. Eastern cultures at that time believed that the rising of a new star indicated the birth of a new king, so these magi left their homeland and followed the star's light to find him. Once they discovered Jesus, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage," offering him "gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).

Jesus is the Light who shone first to Jews but also attracted Gentiles. Both poor Jewish shepherds and wealthy gentile magi welcomed him and revealed the wideness of God's hidden plan: Jesus came for *everyone*. God's desire is that everyone would seek him, and that in their seeking, they would all find him. As St. Paul proclaims in our second reading, "The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body" (Ephesians 3:6).

Even now, Jesus is the "true light, which enlightens everyone" (John 1:9). That includes you. No matter who you are or what you have done, his light is shining upon you. It's shining upon the people you love. It's shining upon everyone. Jesus draws to himself all who are seeking truth and goodness, everyone who recognizes their longing for meaning, everyone who is searching for answers to their deepest questions.

Rejoice and be glad! Jesus your light has come!

"Thank you, Jesus! Your light is always leading me closer to you."

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Sessions are on Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. at St. George Parish Hall.

**January 3rd -
January 9th**

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

- 1/3 **Saturday:** People of the Parish
- 1/4 **Sunday: 8:30** - For all families that are suffering
10:30 - Ron Beach [†]
- 1/6 **Tuesday:** Irene Robarge [†]
- 1/7 **Wednesday:** For Jeanne Sappington
- 1/8 **Thursday:** For Vocations
- 1/9 **Friday:** For Catherine Noble

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Pick for the Week of Jan. 4th

Watch: Joseph of Nazareth

Learn: God's Doorkeeper

Listen: Epiphany

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December 14 Income: \$ 4,909.48
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 1,168.44
 December 21 Income: \$ 7,002.00
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 2,555.42
 December 28 Income: \$ 7,605.20
2nd Collection - Building Fund: \$ 2,180.94

Christmas Mass Collections: \$ 1,930.50



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Youth Group fundraising events to be held each Tuesday in January. These fun hands-on workshops with Fr. Bruno are open to everyone and held in the St. Stanislaus Hall at 6pm.

Jan. 6th - Painting lessons

Jan. 13th - Ravioli making

Jan. 20th - Painting lessons or bread making

Jan. 27th - Making tomato sauce

***RSVP for each event at least one week beforehand with Deacon Vince** (text or call 208-627-9748). Donations will be accepted to help send our youth group to ICYC.

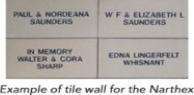


MAKING A PLACE TO GATHER & GROW

As St. George Catholic Church continues to grow, we look forward to the completion of our new Parish Center and Adoration Chapel. You are invited to be part of our efforts to complete this project.

Plans include a brick wall in our new grotto, as well as a tile wall in our new Narthex. These walls will feature customized bricks/tiles.

You may engrave your name or business, family, friend or in memory of a loved one on each of these bricks and tiles.



Bricks will be installed once the grotto is designed and installed. Approximate timeline is Spring 2026. Interior tiles should be installed Spring 2026.

4" x 8" Grotto Brick
 3 LINES, 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE
 Buy a brick which will include your personal inscription
\$350

***2nd Grotto Bricks 4" x 8" to take home \$50**

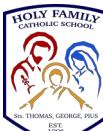
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Grotto Brick & Narthex Tile
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\$700

***Souvenir Bricks \$40**
 Miniature bricks are made of the same brick materials as our original bricks, but they are a third of the size (1.5" x 3")

Keepsake Certificate \$20
 A brick engraving fundraiser certificate is a great way to remember your commitment to our project.

*Souvenir Bricks and 2nd Grotto Bricks are only available with the purchase of a 4" x 8" Grotto Brick or Narthex Tile.



At the end of the calendar year, Holy Family Catholic School is asking our parish families to help them reach their goal of \$100,000 in SUCCESS donations by Dec. 31st. If you haven't yet contributed to SUCCESS this year, please prayerfully consider making a gift before the 31st. You may donate online or drop a check at the school office. No gift is too small and every donation makes a difference in a child's life.



Sunday: Coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses.

Monday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

6-8pm Confirmation Class at St. Stanislaus Hall.

"Why have I been chosen?"

Tuesday: Parish Office open 9am-3pm.

6:30-8:30pm Youth Group painting lesson workshop with Fr. Bruno at St. Stanislaus Hall.

Wednesday: Parish Office open .

6:30pm OCIA class at St. George parish hall.

6:30-7:15pm Parent meeting for RCIC - First Holy Communion. Parents & students must attend and bring baptism certificates.

Thursday: Parish Office 9am-3pm.

10am - noon Mission of Charity Office open.

Friday: Parish Office open 8am-noon.

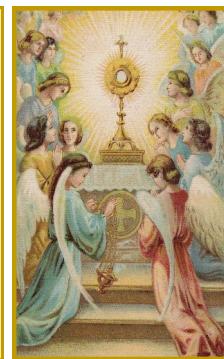
Thank you to all the children who performed in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass program and to all the parents and grandparents who helped make it possible!



"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth!"

- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Please send time with our Lord in Adoration on Sundays, 5-6pm; Tuesdays, 6:45-7:30pm; and First Fridays, 10am-10pm.





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