

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.
Preach the gospel to all people."*

CHRIST
THE saviour
is born



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3-4, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass 10:00 AM

Tuesdays 8:30 AM

Wednesdays 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PRAYER REQUESTS

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PARISH REGISTRATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4

Food Sunday

OCIA 11:15 Am

Tuesday, January 6

Feast of the Epiphany

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Wednesday, January 7

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

First Reconciliation 4:00 PM

The Vine (faith sharing) 6:00 PM

Sunday, January 11

Religious Ed classes 11:15 AM

OCIA 11:15 AM

Tuesday, January 13

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Bingo & Potluck 12:00 PM

Wednesday, January 14

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

KOC 4th Degree meeting 6:30 PM

Saturday, January 17

Men's Fellowship & breakfast 7:00 AM

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

Used Book Sale— 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

KOC Chili Dinner 5:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3- St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, January 4— Bob Watkins+

Tuesday, January 6 - Thomas Winter+

Wednesday, January 7— Joseph & Adeline Winter+

Saturday, January 10- St. Joseph Parishioners

Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor

Joe Schroeder, Deacon

Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager

Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager

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Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Saturday, January 10 -

Mary M., Mary F. Lector: Mindy S.

Sunday, January 11 -

Bob P., Linda H., Dey S., Janet E.

Lector: Jean S.



Faith in Action Ministry's next Book Sale is January 17-18 and 24-25. If you have books to donate, please bring them to church by January 12, and put them in the hallway to the left of the dining room. **Please DO NOT** bring magazines, large coffee table books or

old text books.

We will be sorting books Monday, January 12—Friday, January 16 from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM each day. If you have not sorted books before, please come between 10:00-12:00 that week so we can show you how we sort the books. All are welcome to help! **Thank you again for your support.** Call Peggy with questions at 509-994-6001.



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January 3-4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12

“On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... the feast of Epiphany!”

Epiphany is known in Latin America as “Día de los Reyes”—Kings Day, the day the Magi, or “kings,” came to visit Jesus. And the word Epiphany comes from Greek, meaning “to reveal” or “to shine forth.” When Jesus is revealed to the wisdom teachers of foreign powers, God switches on the light—the light of illuminated knowledge, and the light of sheer joy.

Looking at our texts, Matthew’s gospel is the only one that mentions the Magi, because Matthew’s gospel was composed to highlight Jesus as the fulfillment of the Hebrew scriptures. It’s likely that Matthew wrote about the visit of the Magi thinking about today’s Old Testament text from Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied: “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.” It also says they shall come “bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.”

The light in Isaiah’s prophecy may also be the star that draws the Magi in Matthew’s account. “Light” in these passages may have two senses. One meaning is light as spiritual illumination, as the Magi represent the wisdom of the ancient East, which finds its fulfillment in Christ. And light also has the sense of “lightening” one’s face—or “lightening” one’s mood—as the Magi in Matthew’s nativity are filled with great joy when the star delivers them to the holy family.

What do these texts tell us on Epiphany in 2026?

First, they invite us to be open to wisdom from unexpected places. In the first century, the Magi were people whom most Jews would regard as hostile. They were pagan sorcerers, yet in Matthew’s story they understood the signs and sought after Jesus.

These texts also remind us that the gift of God’s child is for everyone. Christ is not limited to any one culture, ethnicity, skin color, gender, or hemisphere. As John says in his gospel, Christ is God’s way of showing love to the world. And the Greek word in John 3:16 suggests an even greater scope: “God so loved the cosmos that God gave his child.” Christ is God’s gift for all of creation.

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Finally, our Epiphany texts remind us that Christ can be our source of joy. Even when happiness eludes us, when circumstances are grim, when the world turns its back on justice, there can still be joy—the abiding sense that all is well in a world that God loves despite its disappointments.

To quote 16th century doctor of the church St. Teresa of Ávila:

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.
— U.S. Catholic

The 5 Finger Prayer

The thumb is the closest finger to you. So, start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest people to remember. To pray for our dear ones is “sweet obligation”.

The index finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you, and heal you. They need support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

The third finger is the tallest one. It reminds us of our leaders, those in government, and those who have authority. They need God’s guidance.

The fourth finger is the ring finger. It may surprise you to know that it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick, or those plagued by problems. They need our prayers.

And finally, we have our smallest finger; the pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas! You are truly a blessing!





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