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January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord



Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially

Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts.

However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Annabel Deibler

Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman

Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours: M,T,TH 10:30am-6pm

Wed. 11:30am-7:30pm

RE Coord: Sylvia Fernandez ~ Clerk: Kris Cardenaz

OCIA(RCIA) Director Mary Jo Peters

Masses

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday (Spanish Mass) 7:45 am

Sunday 10:00 am

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Wed. (Spanish Mass) 6:00 pm

Rosary is prayed 1/2 hr. before each Mass.

Confession

Saturday at 5:00 pm or by appointment

After morning Mass on Thursday

PRE-BAPTISM Classes:

3rd Sunday of the Month

2 pm Religious Education Building

Must pre-register for class

Contact Parish Office to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGES:

Contact Pastor six months in advance.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Student must be enrolled and attending

RE classes and meet with Pastor.

FUNERALS:

Contact Parish Office.

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz	Frankie Alvarez
Steven Avila	Genaro Avila
Rosa Barragan	Ramon Barragon
Ruby Cantu	James Carmona
Rosie Carranza	Riley Cole
Thomas Cuellar	Trine Cuellar
Grace De Leon	Tommy Delgado
Gloria Espinosa	Tim Favor
Leila Fuentes	Sawyer Gilly
Marissa Ibarra	Vincent Garza
Tereso O. Hernandez	Lucy Herrera
Alléen Koch	John Henry Martinez
Tony Mendoza	Terry Mendoza
Edda Tschirhart	Jerry Neal
Milo Quintanilla	Lorenzo Ortiz

Anna Reyes	Jerry Robles
Lupe Sanchez	Mary Rose Sanchez
Debbie Slover	A.J. Vallez
Cyril Van Damme	Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers	Daniel Wilman
Carmen Ybarra	

Call 741-2236 to add or remove someone from the list. Names will be kept on the list at least 3 weeks.

Pastoral Council

Rhonda Camacho	Genevieve Flores
Keith Howard	Dave Hubalik, Sr.
Rose Mary Mares	Michele Mechler
Jonathan Velasquez	

Next Pastoral Council Meeting Jan.16, 2025 6pm

Next Finance Council Meeting March 2025

Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal
Robert Knight
Stephen Long
Kim Schoellman

December 21/22, 2024

Mass Attendance	511
Regular Offering	\$4,982.00
Children's Offering	66.00
Building Fund Maintenance	10.00



ADORATION with the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Thursday - Chapel - 8:30am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 10:00am

Followed by Benediction

On the last Thursday of the month, anointing of the sick will follow the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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Upcoming Second Collections

TODAY!!! January 4/5, 2025 - Black Bag for Society of St. Vincent de Paul
January 26, 2025 - the Church in Latin America

Mass Intentions

January 6 - 12, 2025

Monday - Jan. 6 - 8am - No Mass

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

Tuesday - Jan. 7 - 8am - Chapel

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

1) † Maria Treviño Harmon by Treviño Family

Wednesday - Jan. 8 - 8am - Chapel

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

1) † St. John's Parish

Wednesday - Jan. 8 - 6pm (Spanish) - Chapel

1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52

1) St. John's Parish

Thursday - Jan. 9 - 8am - Chapel

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

1) In thanksgiving by the Graff Family

Friday - Jan. 10 - 8am - Chapel

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

1) Special Intention for Grace Madalaine Tatsch

Saturday - Jan. 11 - 6pm - Church

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

1) † Gerald Adamietz by Fred & Ellen Schueling

Sunday - Jan. 12 - 7:45am(Spanish) - Church

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Sal103,1-2.3-4.24-25.27-28.29-30(1)/Tit2,11-14;3,4-7/Lc 3,15-16.21-22

1) St. John's Parish

Sunday - Jan. 12 - 10am - Church

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

1) † Bud Woolls by McWilliams Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All parishioners are invited to spend some time with our Lord Jesus in Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 10am followed by the benediction at 10:30am.
Everyone is welcome!



Baptized December 21, 2024
Theodore Arthur Wheaton
Thomas Ray Mendoza
United in Marriage December 28, 2024
Susie Carroll & Robert Balli

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnevangelist.org
Deadline is noon Monday to be printed that weekend.

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 5:

Teen ACTS Homecoming

*7am-Daughter's of the King-Parish Hall Mtg. Rm.

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

Monday, January 6:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 7:

*10am-noon - St. Vincent de Paul Assistance

*6pm - ACTS Core - RE Building

Wednesday, January 8:

*6pm - Faith Formation Classes - RE Building

Thursday, January 9:

*10:45am - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - RE Building

*7pm - Knights of Columbus - Parish Hall Mtg Rm

Friday, January 10:

Saturday, January 11:

*5pm - Confessions - Church

Sunday, January 12:

*8:45am - Faith Formation Classes - RE Building

*10am Mass - Children's Liturgy

*11:30 - OCIA Class - RE Building

Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads:

the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

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Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday January 11, 2025 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud

Ministers of Hospitality: Marcy Zerr,

Charlie Arcos, Fred Schueling

Commentator: R.J. Neely

Lector: Diane Mann

Sacristan: Rita Vance

Extraordinary Ministers: Yvonne Stein,

Elaine Melton, Veronica Valenzuela

Altar Servers: Victoria Fuentez, Julia Fuentez,

Dylan Tejada Music: Janice W.

Sunday January 12, 2025 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Genoveva Medina

Ministers of Hospitality: Raul Carrillo,

Jorge Rivera, Ray Ybarra

Commentator: Ruben Medina

Lector: Genoveva Medina

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Ybarra,

Melinda Martinez, Dolores Carrillo

Altar Servers: CharEllez Maxie,

Biankka Gonzales, Marco Gonzales

Sunday January 12, 2025 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Judy Williams

Ministers of Hospitality: Keith Howard, Pat Stein

Brett Hutto

Commentator: Michele Mechler

Lector: Rose Aelvoet Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Michele Rothe

Extraordinary Ministers: Edgar & Rhonda Camacho

Linda Fillingner, Blake Halbardier

Altar Servers: Sky Naputi, Andrea Guedea,

Samuel Gonzales

Thank You to our Volunteers!

January Altar Care
 Lupe Ortega, Maria Vela
 Small Linens: Lydia De Los Santos, Mary De Leon
 Bingo: Nancy Beck, Lisa Lilie
 Dorothy Torres
 Hospital Visitation: Aurline Tschirhart, Becky Garcia



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLEASE REMEMBER that all proceeds from the Monday Night Bingo and the Bingo concession stand are to help fund the Religious Education Program. (St. John's does not charge a fee for the children enrolled.)

To keep the Bingo operating every Monday night, we truly need volunteers. Please think about this and pray about it, and if at all possible, help by volunteering on **ONE Monday per month.**

Applications available at the Parish Office and at stjohshondo.com

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT STJOHNS78861 TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

stjohntheevangelist24.flocknote.com

St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will see clients "in person" only (no phone calls) at their office in the Religious Ed Building on Tuesdays 10am—12 noon.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collection so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Thank you for supporting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

ACTS Core is seeking nominations for Women's ACTS Retreat Director

This retreat will take place in October 2025

St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2023-2024 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator
 Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator
 Pat Gonzales - Finance Coord.
 Lorraine Lopez/Pat Gonzales - Communications Coord.
 If anyone is interested in a Spanish ACTS Retreat,
 Please contact Lorraine Lopez 830-426-9220

VIRTUS...Not one person, not even one Archdiocese, can protect all children / vulnerable adults. Abuse is an epidemic problem in our entire society but we intend to do everything we can to stop it. We are offering Child/ Adult Safety instruction to protect children, youth, vulnerable adults. We will also educate parents who have a responsibility to safeguard the children in their care. *Children / Vulnerable Adults cannot protect themselves from a predator.* We know they need trusted and loving adults in whom they can confide any concern or fear. You are that person and we want to work with you for the good of all children/ vulnerable adults in this Archdiocese. Spanish and English classes will be offered. This is a responsibility we cannot push off on someone else. This is our responsibility. You may call the Office of Victim Assistance and Safe Environment at 210-734-7786 or toll free 1-877-700-1888, or call Fr. John at 830-741-2236.



High School Youth Ministry Gathering
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Epiphany Blessing at
7 pm in the Annex
Junior High Youth Ministry Gathering
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
at 7 pm in the Annex

Happy Birthday!

- 1/6 Stephanie Arcos, Johnny Gonzales, Randi Gonzales, Baltazar Govea, David Hernandez, Ryan Leyva, Christine Ortega, Angel Requena
- 1/7 Eva Cortez, Frank Gutierrez, Evelyn Sanchez, Ryan Soliz
- 1/8 Taydum Contreras, Joleen Contreras, Ed Elbel, Jolie Escamilla, Ann Gonzales, David Kosub, Juan Lopez, Emily Posey, Brandon Romo
- 1/9 Amber Alvarez, Monica Chavarria, Michael Connell, Ruben Dominguez, Margaret Fischer, Marla Lutz, Rochelle Moreno, Terry Ramirez, Cross Rodriguez, Zaylee Sanchez
- 1/10 Efrain Campos, Juan Espinoza, Salvador Fernandez, Tristian Guerra, Michael Luna, Chasity Morin
- 1/11 Michael Arredondo, Matthew Dudley, Arturo Flores, Melinda Martinez, Jared Nira, Alfredo Requena, Dagoberto Rodriguez, Dallas Rodriguez, Daniel Romo, Melinda Salazar, Valene Sanchez, Billy Sanchez
- 1/12 Madison Camacho, Deborah Kosub, Raelyn Rodriguez



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