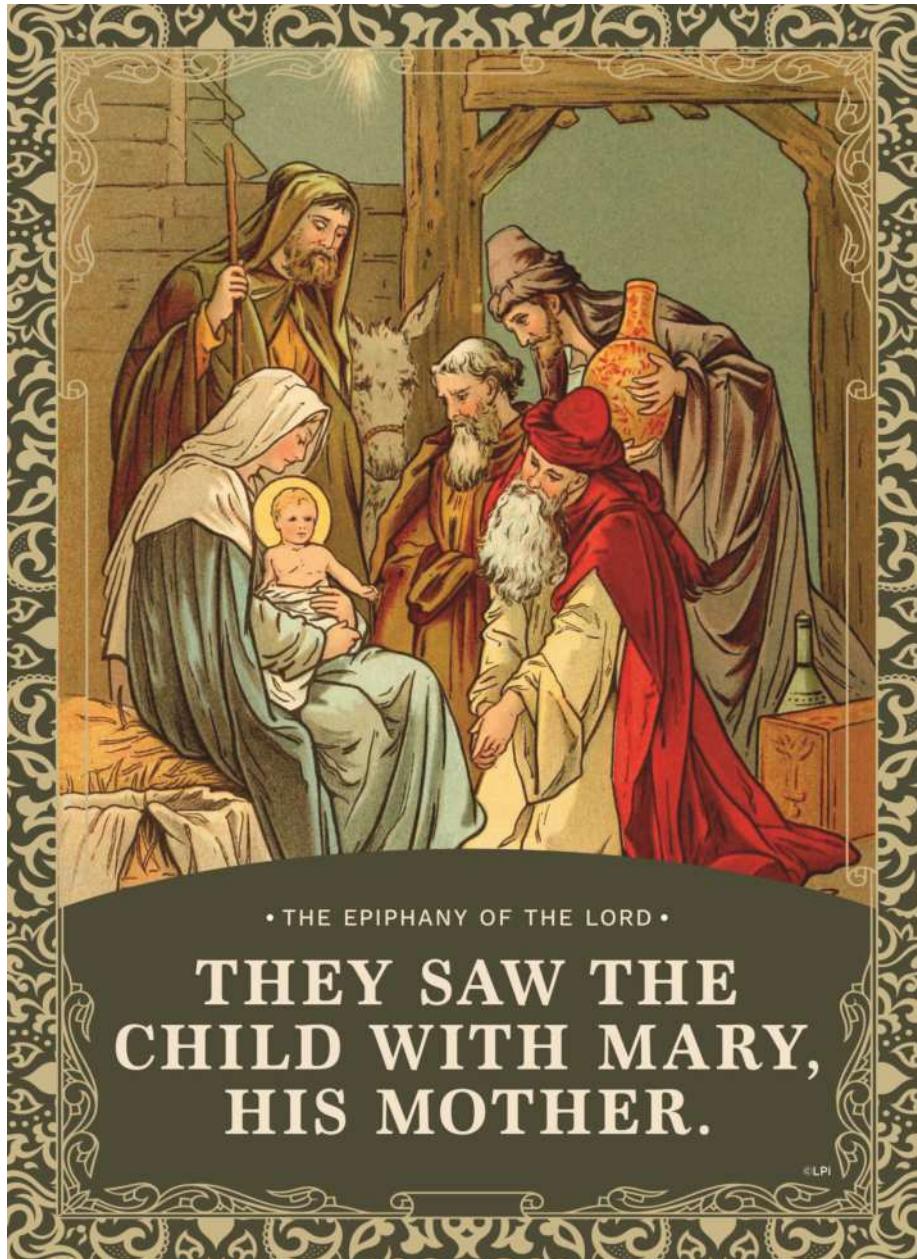


# ST. JOSEPH AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

## JANUARY 4, 2026

### “ THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD”



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#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Daily Mass

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am

St. Joseph

Tuesday & Thursday | 8:30

St Francis

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's

Sunday | 8:30 am St Francis

10:30 am St Joseph's

#### Confession

Saturday | 3:15 pm St Joseph's

Sunday | 8 am St Francis

Or by appointment

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### ST. JOSEPH'S MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday (Jan. 3)

Robert M. Halgas & Debra Cechnicki  
+ By Debbie & Dave Walendziak

Thursday (Jan. 4)  
Parish Family of ST. Joseph

#### Sunday (Jan. 4)

Bill Herba + Gary & Pat Herba  
Monday (Jan. 5): Friday (Jan 9) No Mass

#### Saturday (Jan. 10)

Clara Walendziak + By Cassidy VanSteppins  
Healing of Lynda & Tracy Gibson By SJ Pastoral Care

**Sunday (Ja. 11)**  
Healing for Rose Bazan, Frank Atreed, Gary & Pat Herba  
By SJ. Pastoral Care

The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at either parish for a week for a deceased loved one, a living person or a special intention. The Intention and Donor's names will be published in our weekly bulletin.

The suggested donation for the 7-day candle is \$20.

All submissions must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the week you are requesting to accommodate bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.

### ST. FRANCIS MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday (Jan. 1)  
Parish Family of St. Francis of Assisi

**Sunday (Jan. 4)**  
Parish Family of St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday (Jan. 6) No Mass

Thursday (Jan. 8) No Mass

**Sunday (Jan. 11)**  
Deceased members Segura Family  
By: Griesemer Family

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: January 4, 2026

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.. @LPi

#### Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

#### Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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EPIPHANY



# St. Joseph

## Mass Intentions:

Those wishing to honor a loved one during the celebration of Mass may do so by stopping into or calling the office. Mass cards are available for the living, deceased & for healing; Masses provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of special occasions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Each Monday & Friday after SJ 8:30 am Mass - Pray the Rosary  
1st Sundays of the Month - SF - 8 am pray the Rosary  
1st Mondays - SF 7:30 pm Knights of Columbus meeting  
1st Tuesdays - SF (Apr-Dec) 1 pm Rosary Society Meeting  
2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting  
Jan. 1 Thursday—Mass SF 8:30 AM; SJ 10:30 AM  
Jan.31 ~ Filipinos Sponsored Gathering: Mass 11am, pot luck to follow.  
July 16, 17, 18 2026 ~ SJ Annual Summer Festival

*Fr. Jun will be in the Philippines for home vacation from December 10 to January 15, 2026 (Weekday Masses will be livestreamed if WiFi will be available)*

# St. Francis

## Pastoral Care:

If you know of someone who is ill & needs to have communion at home or in hospital, please call the office, so a pastoral minister knows to visit them.

St. Francis' office

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St. Joseph office

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## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

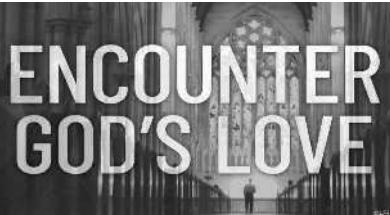
"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

*"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory." — Isaiah 60:2*

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your heart is also."*  
Matthew 6:21

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## Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.

Amen. @Lpi

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