

JAN
5
2024

ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCHES

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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They were overjoyed at seeing the star.
- Mt 2:10

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30 am St. Joseph's
Tuesday | 8:30 St Francis
Wednesday | No Mass today
Thursday | 8:30 am St Francis
Friday | 8:30 am St Joseph's

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4 pm St Joseph's
6 pm St Francis (summer only)
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

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Our Mission

We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph's are called to live the Gospel message of Jesus through Hospitality, Worship, Faith Formation and Service to others.

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Carm Greco

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St. Joseph's Mass Intentions

Saturday (4) 4 pm

Sue Tolson + Roberta Dombleski

Sun (5) 10:30 am

Michael Agneta + Barb & Joe Trimarchi
John Gibbons + Marilyn Gibbons
Gail Ambrose + Jim & Diane Jankowski

Mon (6) 8:30 am

Msgr. James E. O'Neil, Rev. James W. Carroll, Rev. Gerald
Kampfer, Dcn Robert Brady, Dcn William Gaul

Friday (10) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Saturday (11) 4 pm

Jeanne Wilkinson + Roberta Dombleski
Happy birthday to Audry Dupuy + Grandma & Grandpa

Sun (12) 10:30 am

Our parish family

St. Francis Mass Intentions

Sun (5) 8:30 am

Robert Junquera + Marlene Junquera
Lucille Javino Lambreau & deceased Howell family
+ Margaret Howell

Special intention of Myrna Lyons

Tues (7) 8:30 am

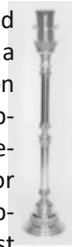
No Mass today

Thursday (9) 8:30 am

No Mass today

Sun (12) 8:30 am

Ted Szal + Rob & Judy Morrison
Special Intention of Myrna Lyons



The red Sanctuary Candle burns all week to remind people of the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. You can memorialize our candle at Saint Joseph 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 our bulletin printing deadlines. Please call the office for scheduling requests.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY ~ Following both the bright star in the western sky & centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. What was revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, two thousand years later, & here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth is known all around the world for all time. O come, let us adore him!

WORD OF LIFE ~ "O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer: Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi

Epiphany Blessing, Explained ~ The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart! ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK ~ The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled? ©LPi

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2025 ~ Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/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 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

SJ Lector 1/11/25 ~ P Cardone 1/12 ~ B Aldi
SF Lector 1/12/25 ~ C Lott

St. Joseph's



Grades 1-5

1/12/25 Class
 1/19/25 No Class
 1/26/25 Mass as a Class
 2/2/25 Class

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) 6:30 pm Rosary Society Meeting
 Each Wednesday - SF 2 pm Prayer Group in John Paul II Hall
 2nd Wednesdays - SJ 6 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting
 Jan 5, 2025 ~ Grade 1-5 Religious Ed classes resume
 Jan 6, 2025 ~ Grade 6-20 Youth Ministry classes resume
 Jan 7 - 22, 2025 ~ Fr. Jun on home vacation; no weekday Masses

St. Francis'



Grades 6-10

1/13/25 Class
 1/20/25 No Class
 1/27/25 Class
 2/6/25 Class



Fr. Jun will be away from January 7-22. There will not be daily Mass during that time.

SAINT FRANCIS

JANUARY 3
 MARCH 7
 MAY 2
 JULY 4
 SEPTEMBER 5

EXPOSITION AT 6 PM

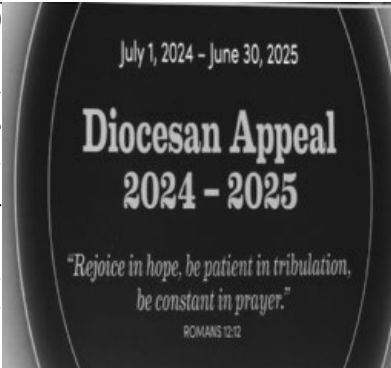


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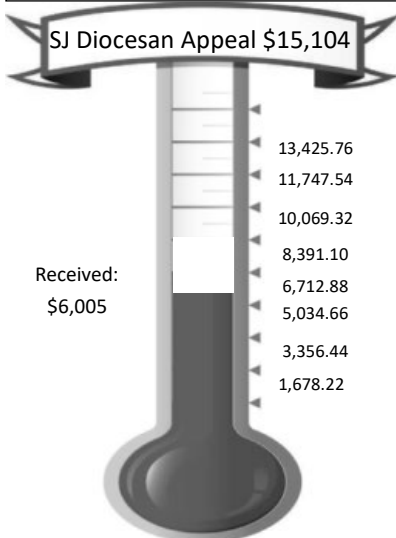
FEBRUARY 7
 APRIL 4
 JUNE 6
 AUGUST 1
 OCTOBER 3

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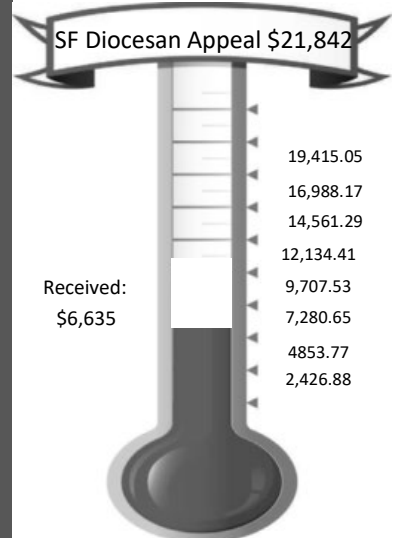


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"Remember where your treasure is, your heart is also."
 Matthew 6:21

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