

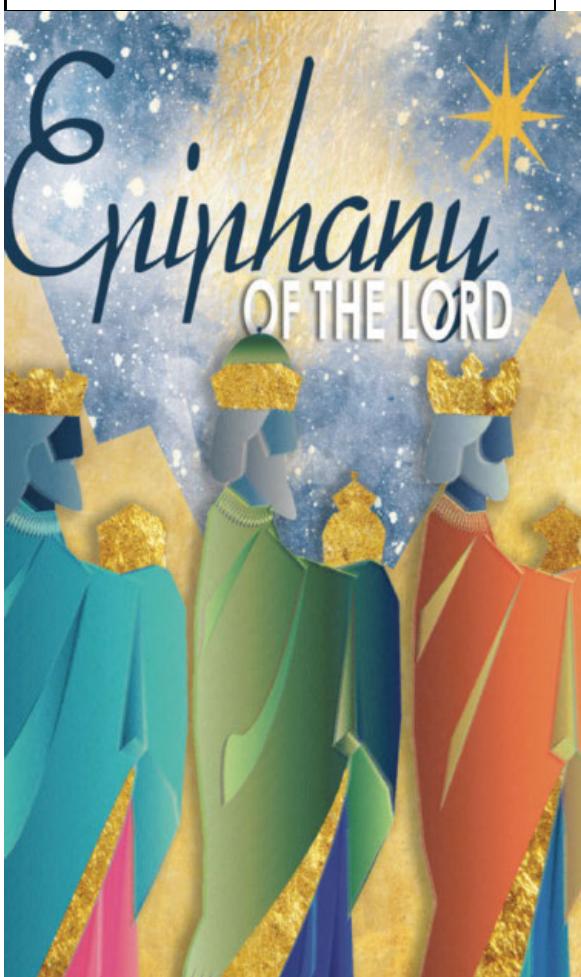
# SAINT VINCENT FERRER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Epiphany of the LORD

January 5, 2025



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## MASSES

**Saturday Vigil Mass:**  
4PM

**Sunday Masses:**  
8AM & 10:30AM

**Weekday Mass:**  
7:30AM  
Monday through Friday

**Saturday**  
8AM

**Confessions**  
Saturday 3PM

**Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Thursday 6-7 PM

## BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are Sunday at 11:30AM on the last Sunday of the Month.

## MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made with the Office at least six months in advance.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9:00AM to 2:00PM

**We, the Parishioners of Saint Vincent Ferrer Church,** are called by God to continue the mission of Jesus Christ, sharing our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure in the service of God and His people. Being led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by prayer and the Eucharist, we strive to make a vibrant community of faith, hope, and love where each one feels welcome and supported in the journey of faith. We seek to follow the gospel through the spiritual and social ministries and by being signs and witnesses of God's presence in the world.

*Leave a legacy of faith by including the Parish in your will.*

# MASS INTENTIONS

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, January 4**

*Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord*

4:00pm +Elaine Chatfield

Requested by her Mom

**Sunday, January 5**

*The Epiphany of the LORD*

8:00am +Josephine Gibino

10:30am +Larry Bonczek

Requested by Diane Grego

**Monday, January 6**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30am +David King

Requested by Ann King

**Tuesday, January 7**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30am +John Suo, Sr.

Requested by John & Barbara Suo

**Wednesday, January 8**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30am ++Joseph & Loretta Lewanduski

Requested by John & Barbara Suo

**Thursday, January 9**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30am Fr. Jose Mathew SDB (*living*)

*On the 32nd anniversary of his ordination*

Requested by the Tuesday Prayer Group

**6pm to 7pm Eucharistic Adoration**

**Friday, January 10**

*Christmas Weekday*

7:30am +Fr. Michael Wood

Requested by John & Barbara Suo

**Saturday, January 11**

*Christmas Weekday*

8:00am In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Requested by John & Barbara Suo

**Saturday, January 11**

*Vigil of the Baptism of the LORD*

4:00pm +David King

Requested by Ann King

**Sunday, January 12**

*The Baptism of the LORD*

8:00am +Larry Bonczek

Requested by Andy & Nancy Hanson

10:30am +Rose Birdsall

Requested by Dorothy Duda

**Saturday and Sunday (January 11 and 12)**

**READERS**

4:00pm

8:00am Sherri-Lyn Raimo

10:30am

**MINISTERS**

Donna Hanlon

Nancy Hanson



Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” (John 6:35)

Please contact the Office to arrange a meeting with Father and to arrange a date for your child's Baptism.

Parents (who are registered here) and godparents are prepared at a class next held **Tuesday January 7 at 6:30pm**. If you missed a class you previously signed up for, you **must** sign up again for the new class; nothing is assumed.

Godparents **must** be confirmed and obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their own Catholic parish.

Baptisms normally take place here on the 2nd or 3rd Sundays of the month after the 10:30am Mass, but other weekends are possible depending on other events.

## MINISTERS / MINISTRIES

### Parish Council Chairperson

Nancy Hanson

### Finance Council

Father John, Joan Bettencourt, Don Duman, Greg Miller, Irene Henry

### Trustees: Andy Hanson & Cindy Russo

Lectors: Anne Turner Boffen

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Hanson

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Family Center: Jackie Duman

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Attic Treasures: Joan Bettencourt

Food Bank: Paul Beauchemin

Adult Faith Formation : Sherri-Lyn Raimo

Retreat Coordinator: Mary Welch

Holy Name Society President: Don Duman

Our Lady's Guild Co-Presidents: Cindy Russo and Joan Bettencourt

Altar Flower Arrangements: Janice Howard

Fundraising: Anita Gawronski

Coordinator of Stewardship: Jeanine LeVasseur

Our weekly Bible Study will have its next meeting on Friday, **January 10th** in the Vern Maxwell Family Center beginning at 7pm.

The next regular monthly meeting of **Our Lady's Guild** will take place on Monday, February 10, 2025 in the Vern Maxwell Family Center beginning at 6pm. Members are encouraged to bring a guest.

**Parishioners in active ministries** (lectors, catechists, aides, ministers, etc) need to attend a training session in child protection. The Virtus Training session entitled "Protecting God's Children" is being offered **via a Zoom meeting within the Archdiocese of Hartford.**

**Important: Register online only at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)**

Protecting God's Children for Adults

Where: Online When: Available 24/7

Estimated length of session: 1 1/4 hours. All attendees must pre-register with a valid cell phone number and email address. You must have a computer with audio and camera to attend. No child under 18 can be in the room during the session.

January 5

### **Offer Our Gifts to the Divine Child with the Magi**

I want to draw your attention briefly to the attitude of the Magi. When, through the guidance given by the mysterious star, they found Mary with the Child Jesus, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they . . . presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Modern man, too . . . meets with God when he opens up to Him with the interior gift of his human "ego," to accept and exchange the immense gifts which He presented to him first: the gift of existence, the gift of the Redemption, the gift of faith.

And that Child, who accepted the gift of the Wise Men, is still always He before whom people and entire peoples "open their coffers," this is, their treasures.

The gifts of the human spirit take on a particular value in the act of this opening to the incarnate God; they become the treasured of the various cultures, the spiritual wealth of the peoples, and of the nation, the common patrimony of all mankind.

The center of this exchange is Christ: the same who accepted the gifts of the Magi.

He himself, the same who is the invisible and incarnate Gift, *causes opening up of souls to that exchange of gifts.* Not only individuals live by them, but peoples, nations, the whole of mankind.

### **Prayers and Devotions**

#### **Pope St. John Paul II**

Thanks our Christmas tree decorators.

Nancy Hanson, Debbie Bingham, Elaine Gravel, Janice Howard and Jerry Boffen.





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

\$ 1,918.00 Envelope Offertory  
\$ 886.00 Loose Offertory  
\$ 280.00 Computer Upgrades  
\$ 95.00 Christmas Flowers  
\$ 30.00 Candles  
\$ 1,193.00 Ugly Sweater Fundraiser  
\$ 517.00 Previous Weeks  
\$ 4,919.00 Total that remains in the parish.

*Thank you for giving your “first fruits”  
back to the Lord.*

**MONEY COUNTERS**

1/6 Geraldine Rosato & Lynn Dobi & Kay Pacileo  
1/13 Joan Bettencourt & Irene Henry &  
Judi McKinney  
1/20 Anne French & Andy Hanson & Don Celozzi  
1/27 Anita Gawronski & Larry Hanlon &  
Janice Howard



*Pray the  
Rosary  
every day!*

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to our Parochial Vicar,  
Father Paul Vincent Toppo, SDB  
on the 28th Anniversary of his  
Ordination to the Priesthood.

January 4, 1997

*Ad multos anos.*



**Religious Education  
Schedule**

Schedule  
January 7—9 Class  
January 14—16 Class  
January 21—23 Class  
January 28—30 Class

Monthly Children & Family Mass  
Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:30am

Contact Michelle at [stvincentreled.cgs@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentreled.cgs@gmail.com)  
with any questions you may have.

9th Grade Confirmation Prep Class meets every other  
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