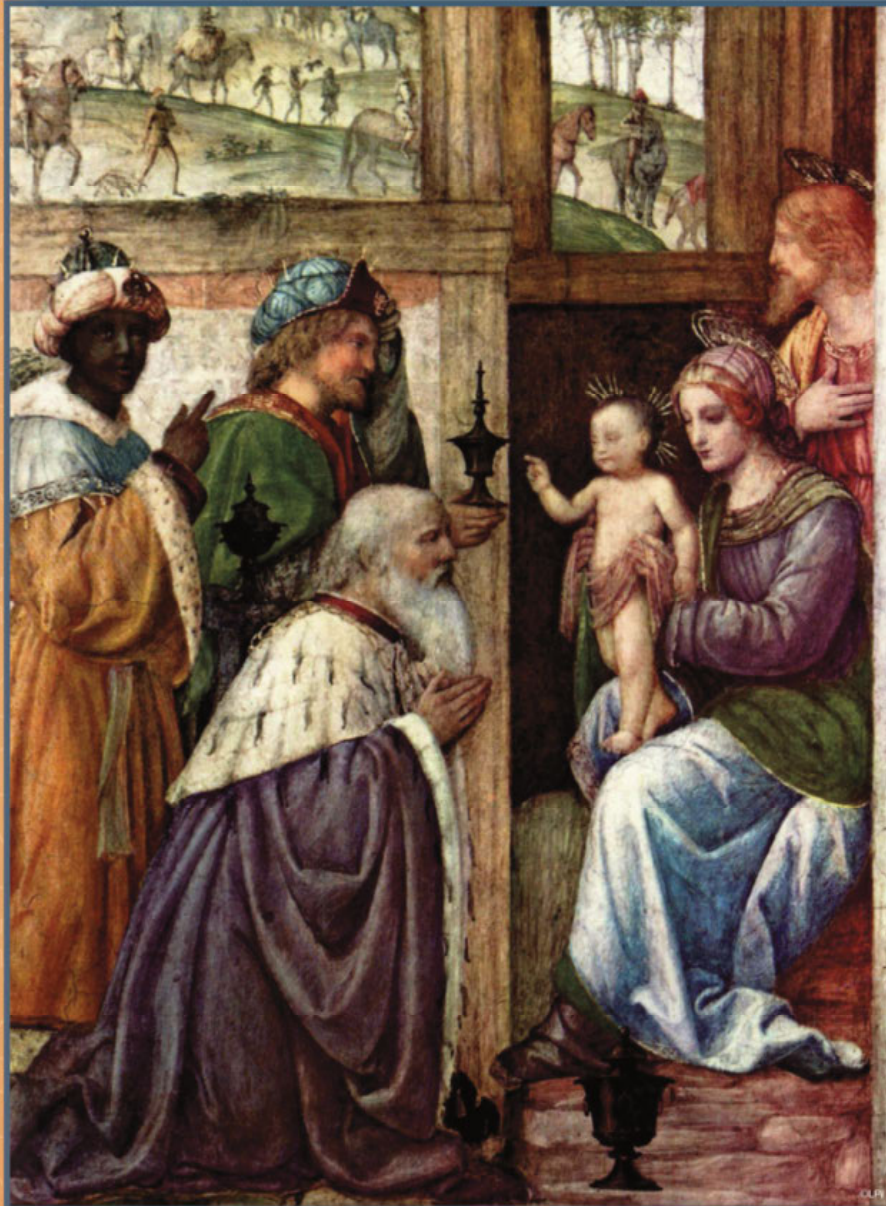


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CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Parish Information

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### Office Hours:

**Mon. - Thurs.** 8:30am - 4:30pm

**Fri.** - 8:30am - 12pm

## Sacraments & Liturgies

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish)

Sunday: 10:30 am

### Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

### Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed, & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

### Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

**Baptism:** By appointment, contact Parish Office.

**Weddings:** Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am

Friday 6:00-7:00pm

## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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January 2, 2022 • The Epiphany of the Lord

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

**Catechetical Corner**

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*  
*All classes resume Sunday, January 9th, 2022*

**Prayers for the Sick:**

**Please pray for:**

Juan Franco, Jean Beesley, Don & Mary Louise Boyne, Irvin & Katie Kroll, Judy Diskin, Richard Contu, Evangelina Harly, Donna Esko, Jolinda Contu.

**Happy Birthday to:** Kay Taldo (4); Veronica Boyne (6).

**Happy Anniversary to:** Dale & Joan Wilson (3).

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?  
 Please contact the office so we can update our information.*

**Mass Intentions: January 1st - January 7th, 2022**  
**Saturday** Kathy Cartwright t/C Patterson & T Boyne Family  
**Sunday 8:00** Special Intentions  
**Sunday 10:30** Special Intentions  
**Tuesday** Gretchen Chalfant/Jackie Chalfant  
**Wednesday** Special Intentions  
**Thursday** Special Intentions  
**Friday** Special Intentions



**Readings for the week of**  
**January 2nd, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72/Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72/Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72/Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149/Jn 3:22-30  
**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29/Acts 10:34-38/  
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 1	- M Tanner	D Hancock / M Hancock
Jan 8	- J Everard	J Sontag / D Young
Jan 15	- D Hancock	D Cavenah / M Neises
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 2	- N Wise	K Lawson / W Haney
Jan 9	- M Chapman	R Mulvihill / C Lawson
Jan 16	- C Lawson	B James / K Lawson

**DONUTS**

January 2, 2022 - Haney Family  
 January 9, 2022 - Rumsey Family

**Sacred Heart Church Collections**



**December 26th, 2021 Collection**

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**December 19th, 2021 .....\$ 3,105.00**

*Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc.35:7*



**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**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. We all need to be mindful of how we manifest Jesus to all those with whom we come into contact.

**Parish Staff**

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**Parish Organizations**

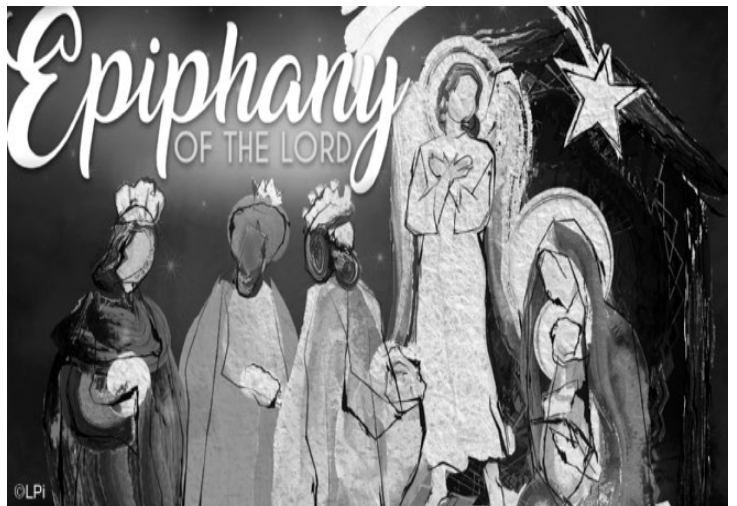
**Knights of Columbus:** The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
Contact Grand Knight Rick Rumsey at 918-200-3102  
**Prayer Network:** For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office.  
**Women's Bible Study Group:** Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30 - 12:00. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.  
**Fatima Ladies:** Every 3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.  
**Grief Support Group:** 8 wk sessions/Dates: TBD  
Contact Connie Anderson by text at 319-470-2800.



Daily Mass will only be celebrated on Tuesday's at 9:00 a.m. beginning December 28th through January 14th, 2022. The regular daily Mass schedule will resume the week of January 17th, 2022.

The Fatima Ladies will continue collecting coats through the middle of January. Once the boxes are removed, you may bring your donations to the office.

The St. John Paul II Foundation will be hosting its 5th annual *Together in Holiness* marriage enrichment conference on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Holy Family Cathedral. For more information visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or contact the Conference Coordinator Mylinh Vo at [mylinh@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:mylinh@forlifeandfamily.org)



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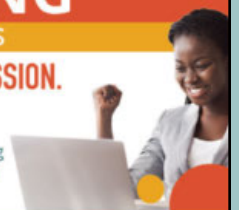
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