

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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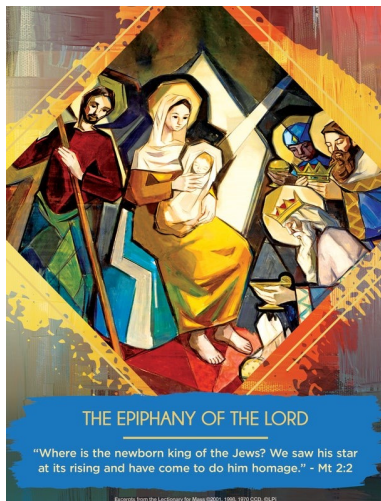
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January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:2

As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives. Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship

God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

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Parish Office Open M-Th 9am-4pm

Office Manager/Secretary Patti Graff

Bookkeeper Joanne Bowker

Maintenance Supervisor James Schoellman

Custodian Tony Ortiz

Religious Ed Office Hours:

M,T,TH 10am-6pm Wed. 10am-7pm

Closed Daily 12pm-1pm

RE Coord: Julie Urby ~ 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.

Pastoral Council

Rhonda Camacho Genevieve Flores
Dave Hubalik, Sr. Rose Mary Mares
Jonathan Velasquez David Hubalik, Jr.
Marie Zeal

Next meeting - January 15, 2026



Finance Council

Diane Cheney
Rey Bernal Kim Schoellman
Robert Knight Stephen Long

Next meeting - March 17, 2026

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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Sunday Giving!



Dec. 20/21, 2025

Mass Attendance 561

Regular Collection \$6,602.00

Children's Offering 93.00

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In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz	Frankie Alvarez
Steven Avila	Genaro Avila
Rosa Barragan	Ramon Barragon
Ruby Cantu	Amador Carrillo, Jr.
Rosie Carranza	James Carmona
Riley Cole	Alfredo Camacho
Thomas Cuellar	Trine Cuellar
Grace De Leon	Tommy Delgado
Gloria Espinosa	Barry Gear
Marissa Ibarra	Vincent Garza
Tereso O. Hernandez	Lucy Herrera
Ignacia Hernandez	Ellie Kelsey
Alleen Koch	John Henry Martinez
Tony Mendoza	Terry Mendoza
Edda Tschirhart	Jerry Neal
Lorenzo Ortiz	Milo Quintanilla
Maureen Principe	Gloria Saucedo
Anna Reyes	Melissa Puentes
Lupe Sanchez	Jerry Robles
Debbie Slover	Mary Rose Sanchez
Joe Ventura, Jr.	A.J. Vallez
Daniel Wilman	Darlene Wiemers

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

Upcoming Second Collections

TODAY! January 4, 2026 - Black Bag for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
January 25, 2026 - The Church in Latin America



Mass Intentions

January 5 - 11, 2026

Monday - January 5 - No Mass

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

Tuesday - January 6 - 8am - Chapel

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

- 1) † Alfonso Treviño by Family

Wednesday - January 7 - 8am - Chapel

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

- Communion Service

Wednesday - January 7 - 6pm - Chapel

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

- Communion Service -

Thursday - January 8 - 8am - Chapel

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

- 1) † Neill Finger by Judy Finger Grisham
- 2) † Albert Lopez, Sr. by Treviño Family
- 3) † Petra Garcia by Treviño Family

Friday - January 9 - 8am - Chapel

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

- Communion Service -

Saturday - January 10 - 6pm - Church

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

- 1) St. John's Parish
- 2) Special Intention for Grace Madalaine in Remembrance of her Day of Baptism

Sunday - January 11 - 7:45am(Spanish)- Church

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

- 1) † Agapito Contreras by Epifanio Contreras
- 2) † Angelita Lozano by Lozano Family

Sunday - January 11 - 10am - Church

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

- 1) † Paul Lutz by Theresa Gilliam
- 2) † John C. Dudley by Terry & Maxine Dudley
- 3) † Sergio Rodriguez by Jesus & Dalia Rodriguez and Family

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

St. John's Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 4:

Monday, January 5:

*7pm - BINGO! - Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 6:

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

*6pm - ACTS Core - RE Building

Wednesday, January 7:

*4pm - Bible Study - Parish Hall Meeting Room

*6pm - Faith Formation - RE Building

Thursday, January 8:

*10:45am - SVdP Meeting - RE Building

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

Friday, January 9:

Saturday, January 10:

*5pm - Confessions Church

Sunday, January 11:

*8:45am - Faith Formation - RE Building

*at 10am Mass - Children's Liturgy

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. Anointing of the sick Last Thursday after Divine Mercy Chaplet.



If you would like to purchase altar flowers in honor of a special person or occasion please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for the date of your choice.



*At St. John's recently
Baptism ~ Adaline Melanie Thomasson*

Schedule of Mass Ministry

Saturday, January 10, 2026 6pm

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Russ Renaud
Ministers of Hospitality: Gizmo Freeman,
Fred Schueling, Luis Ramos

Commentator: Rose Scholtz

Lector: Tennille Lessing

Sacristan: Diane Mann

Extraordinary Ministers: Julie Urby,
Ellen Schueling, Rose Mary Mares

Altar Servers: Marinda Knight, Evelyn Knight
Luke Smith

Sunday, January 11, 2026 7:45am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Genoveva Medina
Ministers of Hospitality: Henry Torres,
Ray Ybarra, Jerry Lopez

Commentator: Genoveva Medina

Lector: Ruben Medina

Sacristan: Diane Ybarra

Extraordinary Ministers: Diane Ybarra,
Dora Ojeda, Eva Cortez

Altar Servers: CharEllez Maxie,
Samuel Rosales, Andre Guerrero

Sunday, January 11, 2026 10am

(Deacon Mark) Rosary Leader: Judy Williams
Ministers of Hospitality: Paul Arredondo, Kyle Roberts
Edgar Camacho

Commentator: Jonathan Campbell

Lector: Lisa Miller Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Lisa Lilie

Extraordinary Ministers: Judy Williams,
Lindsey Campbell, Edgar Camacho, Rhonda Camacho

Altar Servers: Bryson Howard, Olivia Flores
Eduardo Flores

Thank You to our Volunteers!

January Altar Care: Yolanda Requena, Christy Cortez

Bingo: Lisa Lilie

Hospital Visitation: Nancy Beck, Karen Koch

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 consider giving to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

Thank you for your continued support!

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
(Ps 72)

Keep in touch with us!

TEXT STJOHNS78861 TO 84576

OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

stjohntheevangelist24.flocknote.com



Bible Study

JANUARY 7-MARCH 25, 2026

Wednesdays 4-5:30 PM Parish Hall Mtg Rm

Book \$10 Book w/workbook \$25

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so that children can attend classes at no cost.

Please consider helping just one Monday evening each month.

Please, call the parish office if you can help.

Happy Birthday!

1/5 Janet Bradley, Georgia Ann Pope, Delma Villarreal

1/6 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, Joseph Gomez, Juan Lopez, Emily Posey, Brandon Romo

1/9 Amber Alvarez, Monica Chavarria, Michael Connell, Ruben Dominguez, Marla Lutz, Rochelle Moreno, Terry Ramirez, Cross Rodriguez, Zaylee Sanchez

1/10 Efrain Campos, Juan Espinoza, Salvador Fernandez, Tristian Guerra, Michael Luna, Chasity Morin, Isaac Morin

1/11 Matthew Dudley, Arturo Flores, Megan Hartman, Melinda Martinez Jared Nira, Alfredo Requena, Dago-berto Rodriguez, Dallas Rodriguez, Daniel Romo, Melinda Salazar, Valene Sanchez, Billy Sanchez

St. John's/Holy Cross ACTS Core 2024-2025 OFFICERS

Lorraine Lopez - Facilitator Tony Ortiz - Co-Facilitator
Audrey Garza - Finance Coord. Laura Gonzales- Communications Coord.

Currently seeking nominations for 2026 ACTS Core

Contact Lorraine Lopez 830-426-9220

If you are interested in serving on the Women's 2026 Acts Team

held on **August 6th-9th, 2026** please contact
St. John's Church office at 830-741-2236 or
Michele Rothe at 210-385-0206.



Wine Tasting Event

Sponsored by
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Save the Date

February 13, 2026

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.