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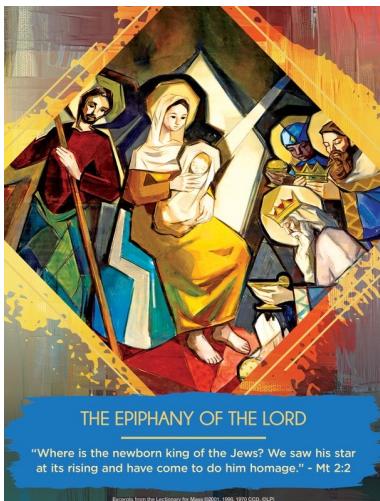
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January 4, 2026



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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Next meeting - January 15, 2026



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Next meeting - March 17, 2026

In our Thoughts & Prayers

Patrick Adamietz Frankie Alvarez
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James Carmona Riley Cole
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Mary Rose Sanchez Debbie Slover
A.J. Vallez Joe Ventura, Jr.
Darlene Wiemers Daniel Wilman

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

Dec. 20/21, 2025

Mass Attendance 561

Regular Collection \$6,602.00
Children's Offering 93.00

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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.

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 Teryy & Maxine Dudley

3) † Sergio Rodriguez by Jesus & Dalia Rodriguez
and Family

Send bulletin items to:
parishsecretary@stjohnnevangelist.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

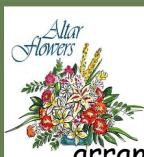
Sunday, January 11:

*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 Willilams
Ministers of Hospitality: Paul Arredondo, Kyle Roberts
Edgar Camacho

Commentator: Jonathan Campbell

Lector: Lisa Miller Cantor: Choir

Sacristan: Lisa Lile

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!

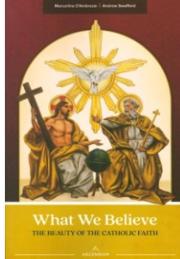
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
 (Ps 72)

Keep in touch with us!

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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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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.