

JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Rob Adams, STL

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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

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"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6



Sunday Offertory

12-21-2025.....\$
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$

YTD Offertory.....\$78,380
 Budget.....\$69,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$9,380

Food Pantry\$

12-28-2025.....\$
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$

YTD Offertory.....\$
 Budget.....\$
Surplus/Deficit.....\$

Food Pantry\$

01-04-2025.....\$
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$

YTD Offertory.....\$
 Budget.....\$
Surplus/Deficit.....\$

Food Pantry\$



ISAIAH 60:1-6
 EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6
 MATTHEW 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 928

From the Pastor's Desk....

Hi everyone!

Not much to report this week! This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. I think we're used to the idea that Epiphany is when the wise men come to visit the baby Jesus. But I don't think we recognize what this event means. The wise men were not Jews and they still recognized Jesus as the Messiah. This is a foreshadowing of how the Gospel will go from just the Jews to all the nations of the world. There is something to think about here. Many people today are searching for God, and they are finding Him! May the wise men be the example of all those whose hearts are open to finding the Lord!

Fr. Rob

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, January 3	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Robert So
Sunday, January 4	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Dr. Max Tan
Monday, January 5	No Mass	
Tuesday, January 6	Noon Mass	Intentions of Felicidad Tan
Wednesday, January 7	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Thursday, January 8	Noon Mass	+Anne Sykes Hinkebein
Friday, January 9	Noon Mass	+Laythe Sykes
Saturday, January 10	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Sidney Len Cline
Sunday, January 11	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Parish Calendar & Announcements

LAY MINISTRY - 01/04/2026

Lector - Steve Mischewski

Lector Fill in Only - Fadi Abdallah

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsey Elliott

Coffee & Donuts - Joseph & Pia Mata

Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion - Pia Mata

LAY MINISTRY - 01/11/2026

Lector - Christina Davidson

Lector Fill in Only - Frank Dawahare

Gift Bearer Server - Mariano & Cherry Rivera

Coffee & Donuts - Sidney & Valerie Cline

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become. — Father John Muir ©LPi

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
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THEOLOGY ON TAP - The first Thursday of each month at **7:00 pm** at Bank 253.

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at **noon**.

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,

It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen. ©LPi



Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby,
Kallum

Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon
cancer

Ray Buchanan

Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister

Dana Cantrell, Anna Gomez's friend and
co-worker

Jimmie Goss

Chona Curry

Sharon Collins, cancer

Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad

Sister Kathy Avery

Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad

Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother

Wanda Baker

Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son

Sandy Lowe, cancer

Ron Saros

Helen Altman

Fran Sykes

+Peggy Anderson

+Kenny Blackburn

+Mary Anne McNamee

+Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives
\$3.00 and small votives \$0.50