

# The Epiphany of the Lord

## January 5, 2025



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### Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am  
12pm Spanish

Thursday 6:00pm

**Reconciliation/Confession:**  
Thursday 5:30-6pm

**Religious Ed:**  
Sundays 9-10:15am

### Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Marriage Prep:** Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

**Baptism:** by appointment

### MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 05....James Louis Hyska  
Jan. 12....Dan & Frances McDonald  
Jan. 19....Susan Roberts



### DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.

### A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, January 5, 2025

When we were kids we all remember the joy we had playing hide-and-seek. There was a certain thrill in thinking that we could become momentarily invisible to the seeker. Then came the peals of delight and surprise when the hiding place is discovered and once again one's whereabouts are clearly known. Today's feast centers on the hiddenness of God's plan having been revealed to all, without discrimination. For Jew and Gentile alike, God's love bursts forth like a light that pierces the darkness. There is no hiding from this wondrous gift as it reaches to the ends of the earth.

Matthew wrote his gospel for a Jewish-Christian audience, followers of Jesus who understood themselves as God's chosen people. Their first make-or-break-it moment came when "pagans" (gentiles) were being baptized without also becoming Jews. Matthew's story of the Magi challenged the Orthodox party that tried to close ranks and keep the community "pure." While we think of the Magi as three, based only on the gifts they bore, they probably travelled as a caravan ---- they needed a sizable group to protect their valuable cargo. They were also seekers, pilgrims in every sense of the word.

Those who are different from us are often a source of fear for us, but in today's gospel they are friends, co-heirs to the promise, and the first to recognize the hidden plans of God. In the gospel narrative, these extraordinary visitors appear only briefly. Would we welcome such strangers who reveal the hidden Holy One in our midst if they were to stay?

### New to Our Parish?

#### Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

We are happy you are here!

### DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text and emails!

Text SJSPSA to  
84576

OR go to this  
QR code:





During January please bring in **Cans of Fruit, Condiments, and Cans of Soup** for the MOCO Food Bank. A box has been placed in back of church for collection.



Volunteers are needed to stay at Sterling House Warming Center during cold weather (<30F). 7pm - 7am. Please contact Vicki Wenz.

“He conquered death, broke the gates of hell, won for Himself a people to be His coheirs, lifted flesh from corruption up to the glory of eternity.”



**St. Hilary of Poitiers (315-367),**  
Doctor of the Church,  
Feast Day Jan. 13

## Birthdays (Jan. 5th-11th)

01/06...Rosa Roblero-Gonzalez  
01/07...Betsy Mahler  
01/07...Shane Oney  
01/08...Kaitlyn Ackerman  
01/08...Cynthia Hinze  
01/11...Raul Vargas



**Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, January 8th at 5pm. Join us!**



Want to recycle your real Christmas Tree to help fish? Closest drop off sites are in Morehead and Lexington areas. See QR code for more info.



**Mass for Thursday, Jan. 9th has been moved to Wednesday, Jan. 8th @6pm.**