

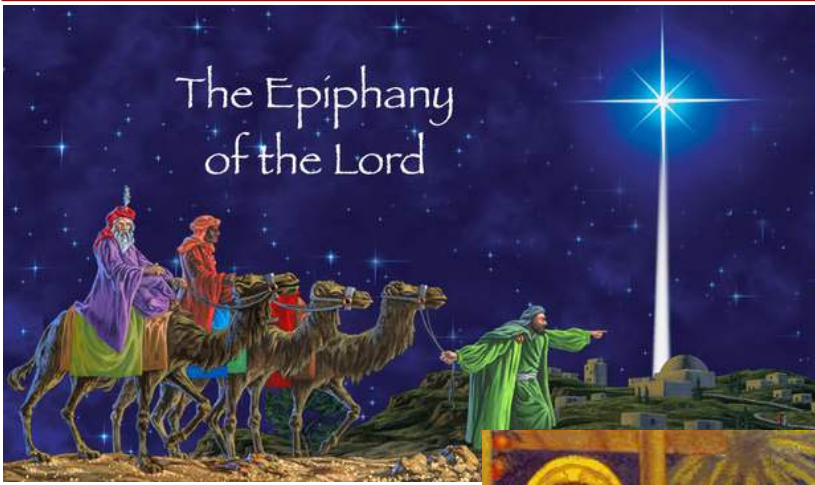


# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"be doers of the word not hearers only....." James 1:22*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026



The Epiphany  
of the Lord

***"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the LORD shines upon you...  
Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense and  
proclaiming the praises of the Lord."  
Isaiah 60:1 & 6***

***"And behold,  
the star that they had seen came  
and stopped over the place  
where the child was.  
They were overjoyed at seeing  
the star, and on entering the  
house they saw the child with  
Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves  
and did Him homage.  
They opened their treasures and  
offered Him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
Matthew 2:10-12***



## WELCOME TO ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH!

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FR. ANGEL PEREZ-BROWN

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday:

4:00 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

12 p.m. (Español)

### DAILY MASS TIMES:

Monday-Saturday:

8:15 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday –10a.m. to 4p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

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Monday-Saturday:

8:15 a.m.

**HOLY HOUR:**

Monday-Saturday:

7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS:**

Monday-Friday, (not Wed.)

7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Saturday:

3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.

Or by appointment

**ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Monday –Thursday

12 p.m. –10:00 p.m.

Friday All Night Adoration

9:00 a.m. to Sat. 8:00 a.m.

**Come and Listen!**

What is the meaning of your life?

Are you sad, angry, discouraged, or feeling alone?

Are you struggling to pass faith to your children?

**Catechesis for Adults & Youth (13+)****Mondays & Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.****Starting: Monday, January 26th****\*Free Babysitting\***

**The St. James**  
**Knights of**  
**Columbus®**

on SUNDAY,

JANUARY 11, 2026

invite all St. James parishioners

after Mass to join them for

after 8:00 a.m - Coffee &amp; Donuts

after 10:00 a.m. - Taco Delights.....

&amp; after 12 p.m. - Taco

**NEW YEAR'S EVE ROSARY****FOR****GRATITUDE AND NEW BEGINNINGS****1.First Decade —**

Gratitude for the year behind you - Remember the people, moments, and graces that carried you.

**2.Second Decade —**

Healing for what was difficult - Offer the burdens, losses, or regrets of the year to God's mercy.

**3.Third Decade —**

Wisdom for choices ahead - Hold the new year gently, asking for clarity and courage.

**4.Fourth Decade —**

Blessing over loved ones - Pray for family, friends, and those who need peace.

**5.Fifth Decade —**

Hope for new beginnings - Ask for the deep blessings you long for: renewal, joy, protection, and purpose.



**Pick up your 2026**  
**St. James Calendar**  
**in the back of church**  
**today - Please one per**  
**family!**



## THE MAGI FOLLOWED THE STAR AND FOUND BABY JESUS. WHAT ARE WE TO MAKE OF THIS MYSTERIOUS EVENT?

Jimmy Akin, January 5, 2020

\*What does the word “Epiphany” mean? “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It comes from Greek roots that mean “to show, to display” (phainein) and “on, to” (epi-). An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.

**\*What is the feast of the Epiphany about?** According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. the great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.



In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that “the full number of the nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs”, and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”) [CCC 528].

### **\*Who were the Magi? Pope Benedict explains:**

In the relevant sources, the concept of Magi (mágoi) encompasses a wide range of meanings, from the wholly positive to the wholly negative. To the first of the four principal meanings, Magi are understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste.

In Hellenistic culture they were regarded as “rulers of a distinctive religion,” but at the same time their religious ideas were thought to be “strongly influenced by philosophy,” so that the Greek philosophers have often been portrayed as their pupils (cf. Delling, “mágos,” p. 356).

For the Magi in Matthew 2, it is the first of the four meanings that applies, at least in a broad sense. Even if they were not exactly members of the Persian priesthood, they were nevertheless custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that had developed in that area and continued to be cultivated there [Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives].

**\*Why did the magi come to see Jesus?** They apparently had material of a prophetic nature (some have suggested that they got it from an eastern Jewish community, such as the one in Babylon) that allowed them to identify the birth of the new “king of the Jews” astronomically.

They may have been especially motivated to come see this king of the Jews since there was an expectation at the time that a universal ruler would shortly come from Israel. Pope Benedict explains:

We know from [the Roman historians] Tacitus and Suetonius that speculation was rife at the time that the ruler of the world would emerge from Judah — an expectation that [the Jewish historian] Flavius Josephus applied to [the Roman emperor] Vespasian, consequently finding his way into the latter’s favor (cf. De Bello Judaico iii, 399–408).

**\*Why did they go to Herod?** Probably, because they assumed the newborn king would be a son of Herod — the current “king of the Jews.” Pope Benedict comments:

It is quite natural that their search for the newborn king of the Jews should take them to Israel’s royal city and to the king’s palace. That, surely, is where the future king must have been born. This, of course, played into Herod’s paranoia for his throne and led to the slaughter of the innocents.

**The story of the wise men’s star makes a similar point: it is not the star that determines the child’s destiny, it is the child that directs the star.**

Jimmy Akin was born in Texas and grew up nominally Protestant, but at age 20 experienced a profound conversion to Christ. Planning on becoming a Protestant pastor or seminary professor, he started an intensive study of the Bible. But the more he immersed himself in Scripture the more he found to support the Catholic faith. Eventually, he entered the Catholic Church. His conversion story, “A Triumph and a Tragedy,” is published in Surprised by Truth. Besides being an author, Jimmy is the Senior Apologist at Catholic Answers, a contributing editor to Catholic Answers Magazine, and a weekly guest on “Catholic Answers Live.”

## A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

By Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize  
that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and  
peace. Amen.



## ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are so thankful to all of you who are  
continuously supporting our parish either  
by using our Faith Direct eGiving-  
Enroll in our electronic offertory program.  
Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). code is: C0394.

## Parishioners &amp; Friends who Need Our Prayers

Opal Every, Virginia Royce, Tom Dobler, Terry Lenzo, Gary Slaven,  
Paul Lamb, John Howe, Sean Howe, Donny Higgins, Larry & Grace  
Schnackenberg, Patricia Janin, Darrell Welsh, Regina Reaves, Mila  
Koch, Loretta Salazar, Victor Salazar, Janea Davis, Michael Black,  
Joan Dotson, Fran Combs, Robin Oye, Anna Gonzalez, Kenneth  
Stegman, Lynette Stegman, Rosemary Bunzel, Mick Rice, Allen  
Gould, Cecilia Mandujano, Michael Williams, Randolph Gurule,  
Kelly Malone, Jane Hakala, Julian C de Baca, Santiago Adame, Levi  
Mondragon, Matilda Soto, Fred & Eddie Fyles, Michael Danahey &  
Family, Lucy Ambriz, Carol Hovell-Genth, Pat Nash, Leticia Vitervo,  
Dominic Paolucci.

If you know of someone who is sick and needs of prayers,  
please call: Cathy at 303-322-7449.



Mass Intentions—either for a living  
person or for a deceased person.  
To request a Mass intention, please  
call the parish office.—303-322-7449

## Sunday, 1/4/2026 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. .... Tony Paolucci  
10:00 a.m. .... David & Daniella Pipp  
12 Noon ..... +Elias Ochoa/ +Daisy Zamorra

## Monday, 1/5/26-St. John Newmann, bishop

8:15 a.m. .... +Jack & Danna Gately

## Tuesday, 1/6/26 - St. Andre Bessette, religious

8:15 a.m. .... Ray Adams

## Wednesday, 1/7/26—St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest

8:15 a.m. .... +Delsie Citizen

## Thursday, 1/8/26—Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. .... +Dr. C.F. Knobbe & Mary Knobbe

## Friday, 1/9/26 - Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. .... Dotson & Sand Family

## Saturday, 1/10/26—Christmas Weekday

8:15 a.m. .... Dan Mayor

4:00 p.m. .... Malone Family (Liv.)



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation classes for Baptism in English—children under seven  
years old are held each month.

Call Jim Winders at 303-854-4446 for the English Class.  
Spanish Baptism Class, – call Parish Office—303-322-7449



## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

For Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, or  
a visit by a priest, please call 303-322-7449.



## SACRAMENT OF MARRIGE

Arrangements are made at least **twelve months in advance**.  
Call Parish Office for details.