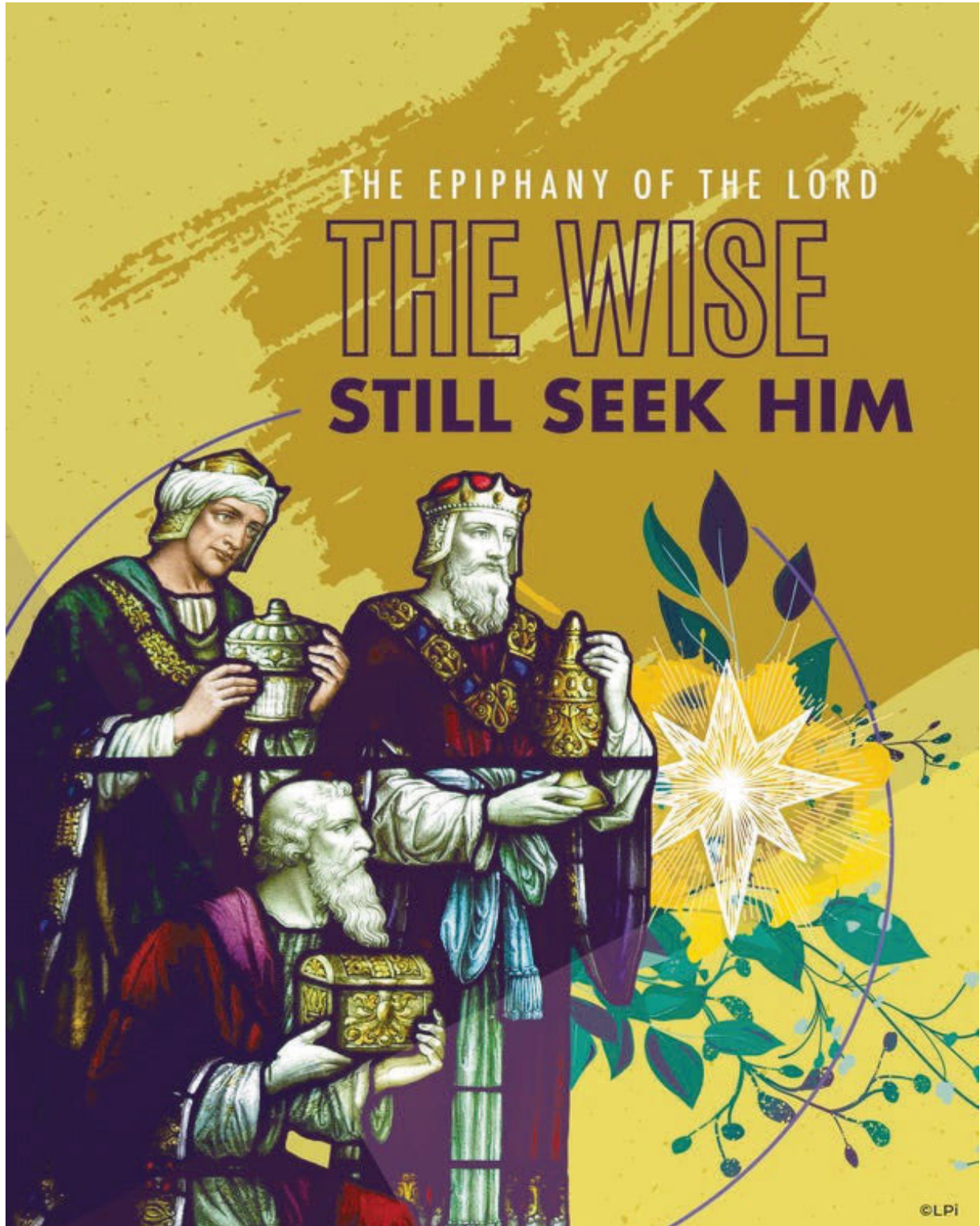




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January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we are invited to reflect on the profound significance of the Magi's journey and the light, the star that led them to Christ. Isaiah prophesies about the radiance of God's presence and the transformative power of His light: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." This call to rise up in splendor is not just a historical event, a prophecy that has already been completed, but a renewing call to us in the present moment. The Lord calls us to awaken to the glory of His presence in our lives and to intentionally reflect His light to the world around us.

Isaiah, indeed, speaks of a time when God's glory will be revealed in such a way that the nations will be drawn to it. He envisions the nations bringing gifts, and kings presenting offerings to the Lord. The Epiphany, which celebrates the manifestation of Christ precisely to the nations, brings this prophecy to completion. The wise men were the first to recognize that the Savior of the world had come. They traveled from far away, guided by a star, to offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. At that moment, they demonstrated to the whole world what it means to be intentional in our love for Christ. They did not just bump into Jesus' manger by coincidence. They actually made a deliberate effort, a trip to seek Him and to worship Him as their true King.

In the face of these events, a realization becomes apparent, that is, that we are called to be intentional in our relationship with Jesus. Just as the Magi intentionally made a long and difficult journey to find the newborn King, we must be deliberate in our journey of faith towards our King. The light of Christ calls us not only to come to Him, but to share His light, His star with others. Isaiah precisely prophesies about nations coming to this light, powerfully reminding us that our love for Christ must be radiated to reach the lives of those around us.

Intentional love for Christ, as a result, guarantees that we never take His presence for granted. Just like the Magi, we must intentionally seek Him and share His light and love with those in need of finding Him. This intentionality is what makes our witness impactful in our parish. For it is not enough to recognize Christ in our own lives. We must also share Him with others in ways that reflect His love and compassion. Sometimes, just sharing your love for Jesus Christ—in the way your heart urges you to—could end up being the most loving, charitable witness a person would hear in the course of their day. Perhaps, there is a person whom you encounter on a daily basis that needs to hear that our Lord is present and active in their life. Be that shining star for that person. You never know how beneficial it can be.

This Epiphany, thus, may we be mindful that we are also called to be bearers of that same light of Christ. Our intentional love for Jesus will naturally overflow into our relationships and our parish. May we, like the wise men, continue to seek our King with all our hearts, and offer all that we are to the God-King who is the Light of the nations.

- Fr. Leo



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 put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

2025 PARISH WALL CALENDARS

2025 parish wall calendars are available in the church vestibule (in both English and Spanish). This year, they are being sponsored by the parish.

SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

The St. Elizabeth of the Trinity School Science Fair will be on January 23, 2025 and we are in need of judges! As a judge, you will be evaluating students on their science fair presentation while also reading their written reports. Both projects have a rubric to follow. Anyone is able to volunteer (who does NOT have an 8th grade student enrolled in St. Elizabeth) but if you have a background in education, science, or medicine, that is a bonus, but not required. If you can help out on the 23rd from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. , please contact Mrs. Kathy Dati at: k.dati@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

It is really a great experience and our students love showing off their projects!

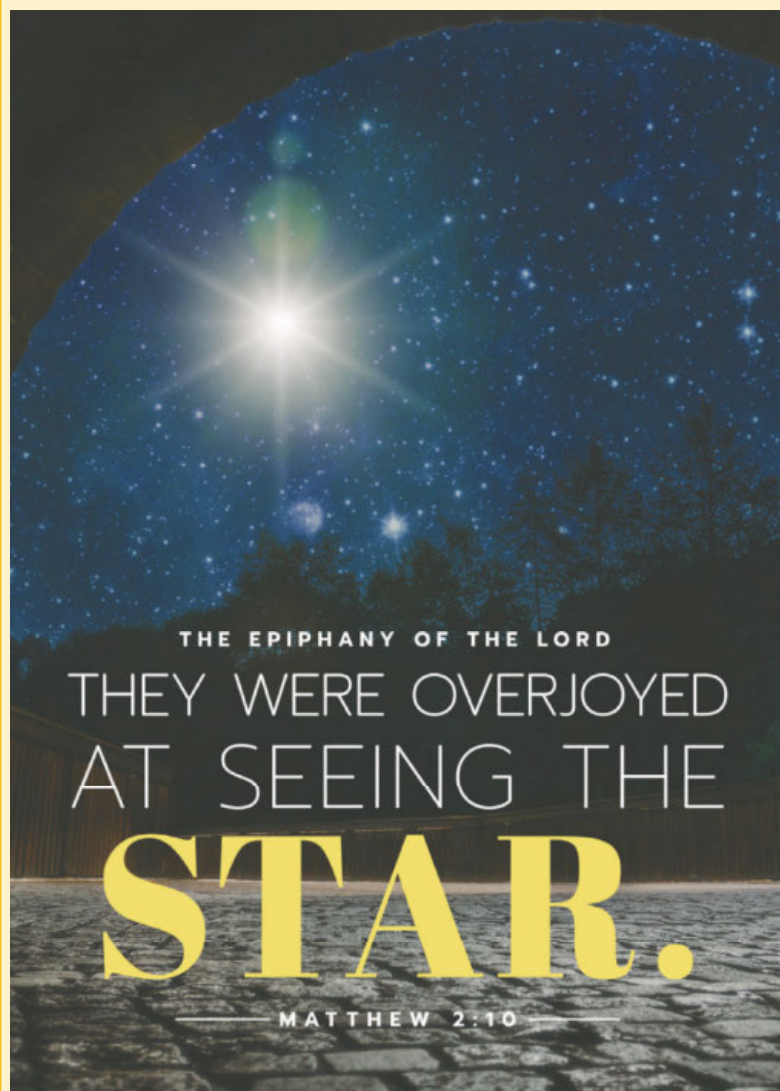
Epiphany Blessing, Explained

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

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Getting into the Christmas spirit, junior high elective Holiday Dramatics performed The Star of Bethlehem for younger students. The Star of Bethlehem is a celestial event from the Bible's Gospel of Matthew that guided the Magi to find the newborn Jesus.





**Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 73,
Communion under Both Forms
by FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL**



Last time, we addressed making a sign of reverence before receiving Communion in the sacred host or in the chalice. This time, we consider receiving from the chalice in particular. You may have noticed differences in what churches do for Communion. Someone who travels might encounter parishes where the Precious Blood is offered and others where everyone receives the sacred host without receiving from the chalice.

Let's look at The General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the Priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice, so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated" (GIRM, 85). The point here is to emphasize that receiving Communion itself should help unite us to the Holy Sacrifice—through hosts consecrated at the Mass and, (then notice) "where this is foreseen," from the chalice.

When Do We Receive Communion from the Chalice?

So, when are members of the faithful able to receive from the chalice? The GIRM reminds us that the bishops have the authority to give guidelines for the manner of receiving Communion in their dioceses. This is because the bishops are the caretakers of the liturgy within their dioceses. The GIRM does provide some guidelines for the bishops to follow: "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father" (GIRM, 281). What is this paragraph saying with "both kinds" (or sometimes we see the description "both forms")? The reference here is to Communion being offered under the form of the sacred host and in the chalice. That is, that Communion would be offered in forms that involve both eating and drinking.

Why Don't We Always Receive from the Chalice?

So, why don't we always have Communion under both forms? Believe it or not, one simple reason is practicality. Having numerous people drink from the chalice requires either a very large chalice or a number of chalices. Depending on the size of the parish, this could be no problem; but in parishes that are very large, this can become a challenge. In one parish where I visited, there were 10 to 20 extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion at every Mass. As you might imagine, getting all these folks prepared and to their stations was quite a process. Another practical reason for some bishops and pastors is concern for reverence and the worry over potentially spilling the Precious Blood. Additionally, with heightened sensitivity to health, for some, the sharing of the chalice is personally challenging.

Along with some of these practical reasons, there is also a faith consideration based on our belief that Jesus is really and completely present under either form of Communion. The GIRM states, "Sacred pastors should take care to ensure that the faithful... are made aware by the most suitable means possible of the Catholic teaching on the form of Holy Communion as laid down by the Ecumenical Council of Trent. Above all, they should instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (GIRM, 282). This text reminds pastors to make sure people know that receiving the host is receiving the whole Christ; receiving from the chalice is receiving the whole Christ; receiving both forms is receiving the whole Christ. There have been times in history where this teaching was not necessarily clear; for some, receiving Communion under one form can assist with that clarity.

Who Decides When We Receive from the Chalice?

Ultimately, the decision is up to the bishop, who can choose to extend the decision to the individual pastor. Bishops are charged to do whatever they think will be most helpful to people spiritually, while at the same time guarding the true faith and reverence for Jesus present in the Holy Sacrament. So, when you travel and notice that some parishes have Communion under both forms and some do not, know that the bishop and pastor have decided, according to the instruction of the GIRM, to do what they think is best for their parishes and people at the present time. As always, if we don't understand the wisdom of our leaders in these decisions, we are invited to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and wisdom, and continue to pray for true unity in Christ!



Watch *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish* channel.

SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2025

5:00 PM — Ted Lejman, deceased members of the Lejman family, Daniel Chan (birthday)

SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners
 9:00 AM — Russell Sager
 11:00 AM — Mary Gleason
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Celia Alanis

MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2025

8:30 AM — Stanley Markowski, Hector P. Magnanao, deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2025

8:30 AM — Hugh Johnson (10th anniversary), Eleanor, Sam., Grace & Joseph Holden, Conrad Deane
 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM
 5:00 PM — Joseph & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2025

8:30 AM — Henry A. Schmelz

THURSDAY JANUARY 9, 2025

8:30 AM — Edward Rzendzian (special intention), Carter Glick (successful surgery)
 6:30 PM — Bilingual Confessions

FRIDAY JANUARY 10, 2025

8:30 AM — Owen Esterp, Jeffrey Cahill Rivera

SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2025

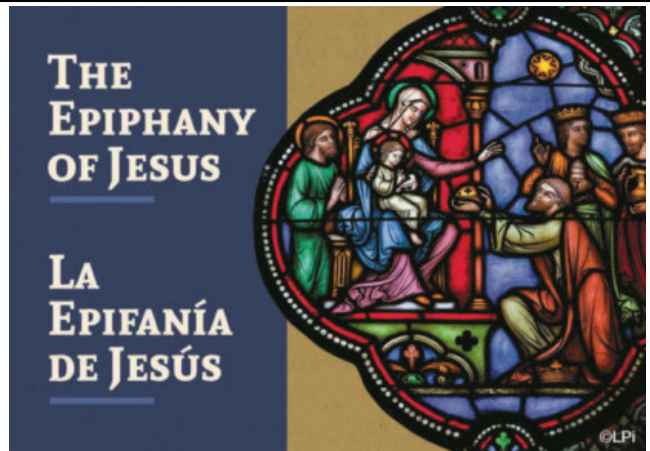
8:30 AM — Gabriel Granados, Mary Iacullo
 5:00 PM — Joe Rangel, Margaret Wyera

SUNDAY JANUARY 12, 2025

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Walter Dyjak (38th anniversary), Rose Dyjak (birthday), Anna, Estelle, Joseph & Edward Dyjak, Jo & Ed Sanborn
 9:00 AM — Russell Sager
 11:00 AM — Joseph Donnelly
 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION
 1:00 PM — (Spanish)

Presider Schedule - January 11 & 12

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano
 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / organ
 9:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano / Parish Choir
 11:00 a.m. — Fr. Grisolano / organ
 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
 Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:
 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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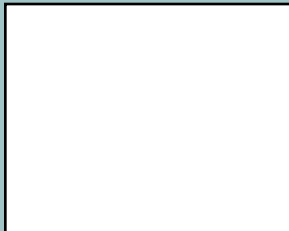
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Saturday: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (English) and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and First Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary:

Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m.

Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)

Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Benediction at 7:50 p.m.)

Rectory (Parish Office): Monday - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements:

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Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Hugo Munoz for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory.

Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the parish office to make arrangements.

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