



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you had a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year, with lots of true spiritual resolutions (the resolutions that you will do and can do with your effort and God's help). I believe they surely will bring you closer to God, His Church, your family and this faith-filled family at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Franklin.

Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord in which God revealed Himself to all nations (not only to the His chosen people Israel) through the recognition and paying homage of the Three Wise Men — the Magi.

The salvation is proclaimed and extended to every nation on earth. There is no exception. The question is: Does every nation welcome this good news? God's first chosen people, however, are still waiting and looking for that salvation which has been revealed and proclaimed. Every prophecy in the past about the long-awaited Messiah had been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. You and I should say thanks to God for letting us hear and accept the good news from Heaven: *"Today a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."* More than accepting the good news from Heaven, today, we are called to come, worship and then "reveal" this good news to others whom we encounter in life, whom have not yet heard the good news and those whom have heard but rejected it.

You and I are called to be Wise People just like the Magi. There are many intelligent or smart people in the world, yet they might not be wise! The first step to being wise (the first step of wisdom) is to fear the Lord, to recognize Him, to accept Him and to follow Him faithfully without counting the cost. (I am sure if you and I do so, the cost might be high or very high!)

I do not think that you want me to list what we should do to be wise in the sight of God, do you? Or maybe I should just go ahead to list some of them! All who come to this faith community have heard me talking about loving God many times. You cannot say you love Jesus Christ without loving His Church. For Jesus Christ is the Head of the Mystical Body - the Church. (The Pope is the Head of the visible Body of Christ on earth; he is The Vicar of Christ on earth). The head without the body, or vice versa, is just the dead corpus. The Church is the Living Body of Christ; it is not a dead body! Therefore, love Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, and love His Church as well.

Then, how do you love the Church? It is easy to answer this question, isn't it? Listen to her and obey her; first in the matter of faith and morals, second in other advices from her. Wow! It is easy to answer, but not easy at all to practice it! We might listen to her, but do we obey her? In reality many of us only "pick and choose" what we like; just like when we go to a buffet restaurant and pick and choose what we want to eat.

I think I should stop here. You recognize my point!

May we continue to be "Wise" people and share the Good News from Heaven with others. May we share our love for Him with the strength and courage we receive from our Lord Jesus Christ and our Savior who today reveals to every nation His saving plan. Amen.

Peace in Christ,

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Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.



**STEWARDSHIP:** The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus?

My time? My talent? My treasure?

The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7 P.M. this Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Family Life Center. All Knights are encouraged to attend.



There will be no Ocia-Adult Education on Monday night January 5<sup>th</sup>. Deacon David and the Education team.

Faith Formation Classes will resume this Wednesday, January 7, 2026.



There are still Offering Envelopes for 2026 in the foyer of the Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you cannot find your envelopes.

**Pray for healing:** Shirley Allegretti, Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Sarah Fricks, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Sarah Holloran, Bill Holten, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jiglaui, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, Benjamin Nemeth, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Patricia Ruehle, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart



**Rosary** is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

**Adoration** every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.

**Reconciliation** ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday, January 3

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

4:00 P.M. ✠ Neil Popper by Doris Kelly, Josette Roisin

### Sunday, January 4

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 A.M. ✠ Gonzalo Barriga, ✠ Brian Jennings  
by Edith Jennings

11:30 A.M. ✠ Marciano Diaz Ordaz,  
✠ Antonina Arango Diaz  
✠ Marciano Diaz Acevedo  
✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, January 5

**Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:00 A.M. ✠ Neil Popper by Doris Kelly  
Nick & Marguerite Murphy

### Tuesday, January 6

**NO MASS**

### Wednesday, January 7

**Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

5:30 P.M. ✠ Joan Hatch, ✠ Mary O'Malley,  
✠ Robert Barnable

### Thursday, January 8

9:00 A.M. Tim and Maggie Meads

### Friday, January 9

9:00 A.M. Rachel and Vince Scavuzzo

### Saturday, January 10

4:00 P.M. ✠ Neil Popper by Doris Kelly

### Sunday, January 11

**The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 A.M. Josette Roisin  
11:30 A.M. ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Misericordia Group intentions

Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces:  
Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards,  
Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon

