

# ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

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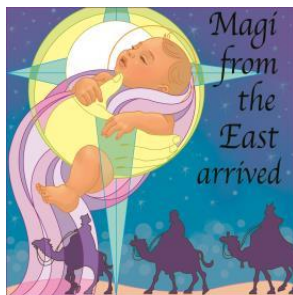
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## The Epiphany of the Lord

**Jan 5, 2025**

**FIRST READING:** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**PSALM:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**SECOND READING:** The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**GOSPEL:** Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12)

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION: JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God’s bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God’s grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today’s readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God’s work.

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### WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

MON	01/06	
TUES	01/07	6:00PM . . . . . Holy Name Meeting Church Hall 7:00PM . . . . . Knights of Columbus Meeting Church Hall
WED	01/08	
THURS	01/09	
FRI	01/10	
SAT	01/11	3:00PM . . . . . Confession
NEXT SUN	01/12	

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK: (Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Jan 12<sup>th</sup>)

MON	01/06	7:50AM	+ (WA) Nick & Jean – (Son, Paul & Marie)
TUES	01/07	7:50AM	+ Francis & Angela Komara – (Elaine Komara)
WED	01/08	7:50AM	+ M/M Joseph Cisz– (Daughter, Joan)
THUR	01/09	7:50AM	+ Anthony Petrore – (M/M John Rok)
FRI	01/10	7:50AM	+ Anne Seminsky – (Vicki & Ralph Bretz)
SAT	01/11	4:00PM	+ (A) Bernie Forgas – (Daughter, Terri & Patrick Mulvehill)
SUN	01/12	7:30AM	+ (B) Peter Albert – (Son, Joe)
		10:30AM	+ Holy Name

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## Community News & Events

### **Families and the Gospel** - Epiphany (MT 2:1-12)

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



### **Epiphany Moments**

As the Christmas season winds down, the Church celebrates the three manifestations of Christ—literally, God's showing His Son to the world. The first manifestation is the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. This is celebrated on the second Sunday after the Nativity. On the following Sunday, we remember the baptism of Our Lord, as performed by John the Baptist.

During the second manifestation, God the Father spoke from heaven identifying Jesus as His Son. The third manifestation, on the next Sunday, is the beginning of Jesus' public life; the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, where He first displayed His divine power. One way to remember these great manifestations is with a few simple celebrations. Bless This House: Near the front door of your home, as a family read the story of the Magi. (Mt 1:1-12) Using holy water, walk through the house sprinkling each room with the water. Reconvene at the front door and use chalk to write 20+C+B+M 24 on the top of the door. The numbers reflect the year and the initials represent Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior, the traditional names of the Wise Men who visited the Holy Infant. Fit for a King: The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child. Honor Christ by designing a centerpiece for your table featuring these three items. Something gold, a scented candle or incense burning and a small vial of perfume could represent the Magi's gifts. Make sure to include Baby Jesus. That Takes the Cake: In early times, Magi cakes were popular in Italy. For dessert on Epiphany, bake a cake and decorate it. Invite friends over to share a slice.



**Divine Mercy Prayer Group** next get together will be **Wednesday Jan. 8th, 2025 3pm or 6:30pm** for those who work. That's right a NEW year, and the best way to kick it off is joining our group and seeing what learning and living Divine Mercy can be a blessing to your life! Info: Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717



### **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - MUSIC BINGO on FEBRUARY 8, 2025.**

Doors open at 5:00 PM. First game starts at 7:00PM. Ticket includes food and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash prizes every half hour!! Also available for purchase will be Qualifiers, 50/50, & basket chances. \$7.00 Beer bracelets will be available. Tables can be reserved. \$20/person, tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses. You also can call Fran King at 814-536-3667.

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**Saint Mary Byzantine Church is hosting an Adult classes starting on Tuesdays in January Presentations & Discussions**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM** - "God is wonderous in His Saints"  
**January, 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30PM** - "Instruments of the Divine Liturgy"  
**January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM** - "Feast of St Ephrem the Syrian" Fr Timothy will be discussing the prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian as we prepare for the Great Fast beginning March 2