



SUNDAY, January 4th, 2026



Pastor

Rev. Chris Axline

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Johnson

Vadakkumcherry

Parish Deacon

Dea. Francis Staab

Hispanic Community

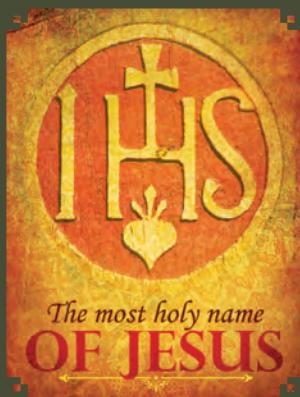
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• THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD •

**THEY SAW THE
CHILD WITH MARY,
HIS MOTHER.**

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Parish Information

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9:00am - English,
2:00pm - Español

Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday :

8:00am, *in the chapel*

Wednesday: 6:00pm - Español,
in the chapel

Friday: 6:00pm, *in the chapel*

Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Parish Office Hours

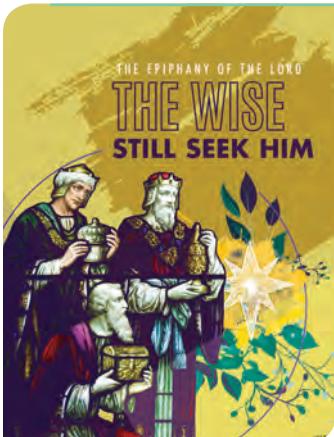
Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 5:30pm
(closed 12:00pm-1:00pm)

Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Gift Shop Hours

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00pm, 5:00-6:00pm

Sundays: 8:00-9:00am, 10:00-11:00am,
1:00-2:00pm



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Parish Mission Statement:

We the people of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Called by God,
Approach the Father in Word and Sacrament, Live relationship with Jesus in Catholic
Community, Seek the Called in the Love of the Holy Spirit.

DAILY GOSPELS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -
January 04, 2026 Year A



Sat. January 03 Christmas Weekday The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Jn 1:29-34	4:00pm	†	Bob Duncan (Filomena)
Sun. January 04 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Mt 2:1-12	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)	†	Parishioners Patricia Cob (Darleen Williams) Mr. & Mrs. N.B. Camacho (Anonymous)
Mon. January 05 Saint John Neumann, Bishop	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	8:00am		Victoria Lucero (Robert Lucero)
Tues. January 06 Christmas Weekday Saint André Bessette, Religious	Mk 6:34-44	8:00am	†	LuAnn Mescher (Jack & Pat)
Wed. January 07 Christmas Weekday Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest	Mk 6:45-52	5:30pm (Bilingual)	†	Linda Carpenter (Jack & Pat)
Thurs. January 08 Christmas Weekday	Lk 4:14-22a	10:00am (Bilingual)	†	Margaret Powell (Patty)
Fri. January 09 Christmas Weekday	Lk 5:12-16	6:00pm		Dawna Delong (Matt Delong)
Sat. January 10 Christmas Weekday	Jn 3:22-30	4:00pm	†	Margaret Sachez (Toni Penfold)
Sun. January 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Mt 3:13-17	9:00am 2:00pm (Español)	†	Parishioners Sandee Dwyer Stambaugh (Wayne & Cheryl Smith) Pro Populos

Reflection for THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - January 04, 2026: Year A

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 04, 2026

Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: • Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
• Matthew 2:1-12 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010426.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Penances and Prayers

*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight
under the rafters of a barn:*

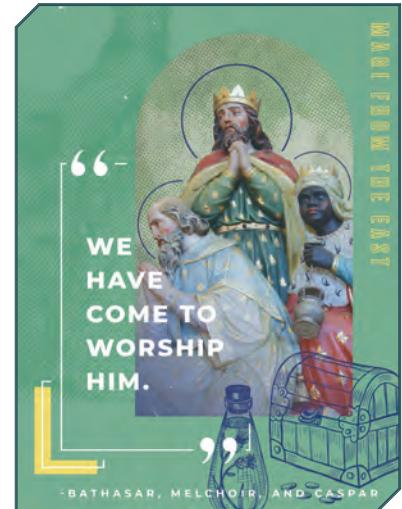
*Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries
Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.**

*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton



— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

Pray for All Who are Sick or Infirmed

Steve Rhizor,
Judith Funkhouser,
Steve Caris,
Jerry Carreiro,
Joey Matthews,
Maria Izaquirre,

Alexa Stefania Ibarra,
Poublon Family,
Aurther Penfold,
Judith Venenga,
Mike Serrano,
Patricia Tellman,

Dan Tellman,
Andree Duncan,
Juan Acuña,
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Fernando Cardona,

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Fr. Michael Berry,
Alan & Dale Rodberg,
Helena Hall,
Betty Myrick,
Carlos Valenzuela,

Marlene Tidwell,
Michael Page,
Linda Pinnick,
Carol Kreft,
Diane Schatz

Need help activating your Hallow account?
Here are some tips to get you started...

1. Hallow is a free app!

Anyone can download it, create an account, and join a parish page completely for free. This however, means when users do this they start with basic access to Hallow and its content. Tons of content is free! But some content (premium content) is still behind a paywall (the subscription the users are receiving messages for).

2. Through your parish partnership, you are able to unlock 8 pieces of those premium contents per contract year with the goal of your parishioners engaging and praying with that content at the same time through a prayer challenge. Think of these as take home retreats meant to draw your parish deeper in faith and bolster what is already happening at your parish in person.

3. Parishioners are able to access Hallow premium at a huge discount through your partnership (if they so desire to have access to all content at all times) instead of waiting for those premium content to be unlocked through your partnership. This is done by purchasing a subscription which is available

for 50% off through the partnership. Instructions to redeem that are as follows:

If you do NOT have a Hallow account yet, go to hallow.com/parish.

Then search for your parish by entering the zip code. You will be prompted to create an account and pay. After you do this, you will have a premium subscription and be joined to St. Mary in Kingman.

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Simon
"Robby"
Robinson,

Mack
Delmonico
Patricia
(Trish) Cobb,

Sue
Weatherwax,
Wayne
Peterson

Parish Events This Week

Monday	Jan. 05	Location
Mass JPC	8:00am 6:00pm	Chapel Library
Tuesday Mass Women's Fellowship	Jan. 06 8:00am 5:45pm	Location Chapel Library
Wednesday Rosary Vigil Mass	Jan. 07 10:00am 5:30pm	Location Rm. 5,6,7 Church
Thursday Day Mass (Bilingual) R.E. Class	Jan. 08 10:00am 5:30pm	Location Church Rms. 1-7 & Library
Friday Mass CERS	Jan. 09 6:00pm 6:45pm	Location Chapel Rm. 5,6,7, Kitchen & Library
Saturday Confessions St. Mary Pro-life Rosary/Meeting Mass	Jan. 10 8:30am 9:30 am 4:00pm	Location Church Library Church

What We Gave Back to God

December 21st, 2025 *Attendance: 672*

Needed to meet weekly expenses	\$ 8,000.00
Plate Collection	\$ pending
Online Giving	\$ pending
Building Fund	\$ pending

November 2025

Monthly Operating Expense	\$ 34,519.79
Monthly Plate Collection	\$ 53,613.43
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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.
(Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Tuesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You.
Inspire us to seek You, as well.
Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There’s a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean “magician,” but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

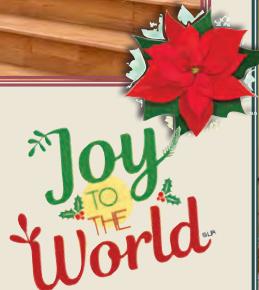
We’re not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says “the east.” History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts “from afar” at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

Parish News and Events



Children's Christmas Pageant

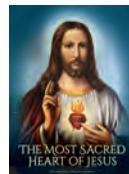
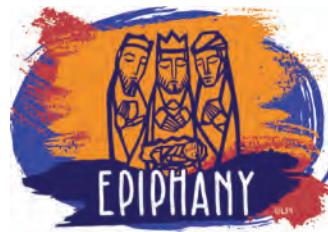
On Christmas Eve, the children from the St. Mary's Religious Education program had a Christmas Pageant before the 4:00pm Mass. Thank you to all the families who participated and to everyone who came to watch the performance!





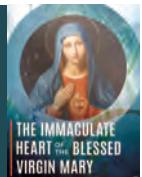
Cleaning Hours

The chapel will be closed for cleaning Fridays 9-11am



First Friday Devotion

January 2, 2025
5:00pm
In the Chapel



First Saturday Devotion

January 3, 2025
2:30pm to 3:30pm In the Chapel

Rosary Group

Wednesdays at 10:00am
in Parish Center: Rm. 5,6,7

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Pro-Life meetings: 2nd Sat. of each month, 9:30am in the library



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January 8th - 18th, 2026

All parishioners are invited to join us for our annual Señor Santo Niño Novena from January 8-18th!

Who: Everybody!

What: Novena for Señor Santo Niño

When: Thursday, January 8th -

Sunday, January 18th. 2026

Where: St. Mary Church

See you there!

JOIN US IN CHAPEL ADORATION

Sign-ups for Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday in the Chapel! Text Kevin Davis at (508) 699-6289.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For Women 18 Years And Up

Our upcoming Bible study program:

The Prophets – Messengers of God's Mercy. (go to ascensionpress.com/pages/bible-studies to order your workbook).

When: **Tuesday, September 16** (We meet the first & third Tuesdays of the month)

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Where: Parish Center Library

ST. MARY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S...

FAITH – staying steadfast in our faith – no matter the adversities

EVANGELIZE to all about the Good News about Jesus Christ!

LOVE – Christian love for one another – We are all made in the image of God.

LEARN – Always learn something new about our faith. – There's so much to learn!

OFFER up our troubles/worries to the Lord. – Trust in His infinite Mercy!

WORSHIP our Lord through the sacrifice of the Mass and through adoration.

SPirit – Call on the Holy Spirit for guidance in our thoughts, words, and actions.

HOLINESS – Goal of all Christians for the graces towards holiness

INSPIRED by the Holy Spirit to trust God, to do His will, to share our gifts for His glory

PRAY – Praying every day makes Jesus the center of our lives!

For more information about our Fellowship, contact Rina: caterinar1986@gmail.com

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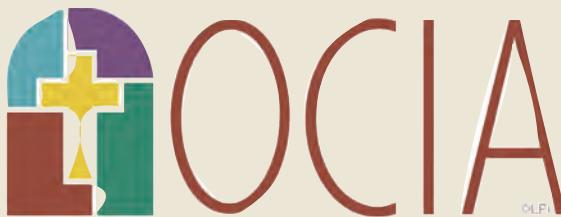
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session has ended.

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code →



We look forward to a great year with our St. Mary's families!



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BAPTISM INFORMATION
AND REQUIREMENTS



Baptism Information

(children ages 6 and younger)



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BAPTISM OF YOUR CHILD

To have your child baptized in our parish, a parent of the child to be baptized must come to the Parish Office to obtain an outline describing the required forms.

After submitting these required forms to the office, the parents and godparents will be scheduled to attend a pre-baptism class. Only after all requirements have been met can the baptism of your child be scheduled.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call the Parish Office: (928) 377-3435.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION

Thursdays: 5:30-7:00pm



Early Childhood (ages 4-6):

No sacramental preparation

Elementary Catechism, Year 1 (ages 7+):

1st Reconciliation (if baptized)

*Unbaptized children complete two years of catechism, with Baptism being received in the second year, along with Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion

Elementary Catechism, Year 2 (ages 8-12):

1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

*Los niños no bautizados completan dos años de catecismo, recibiendo el bautismo en el segundo año, junto con la Confirmación y la Primera Comunión.

Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

1a Santa Comunión, Confirmación, Bautismo (si no está bautizado)

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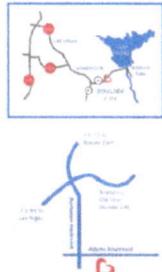
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