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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am
Weekdays (Monday through Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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Saturdays:..... 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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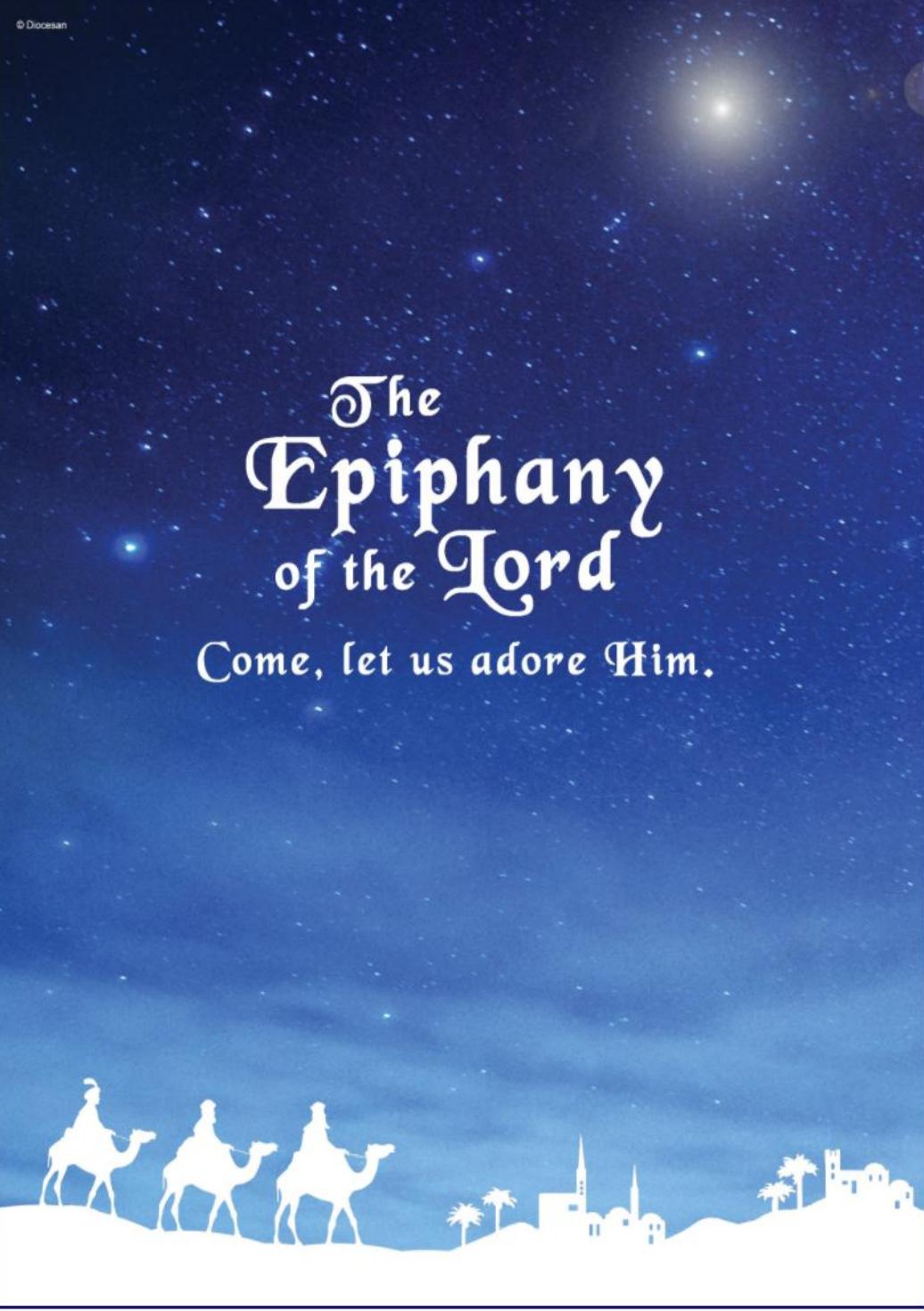
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January 5, 2025

Mass Intentions for the week of January 5th to January 12th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
7:30 AM Divine Will	7:00 AM Special Intention for Meagan Baty by Loyola Walker	7:00 AM For the people of the parish	7:00 AM In thanks to our parish Volunteers
9:30 AM Special Intentions of Marie Fontaine by a friend	8:30 AM Tyler Joseph Pressley † by Sharon & Bill Solt	8:30 AM Special Intention for Kathy Glaze & her daughter, Debbie by Bob & Bonnie	8:30 AM Special Intention for Father Chris, Father Gabriel & Father Mark
11:30 AM Jan Pressley † by Sharon & Bill Solt	<i>The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Baptism of the Lord
Thinking about the Readings**

1. What does Baptism mean to me?
2. How do I make each baptism fresh and new?
3. What do I remember of the baptisms in my own family?
4. How conscious am I of the power of the Spirit acting in and through me? How do I nurture my relationship with the Spirit?

**Readings for the Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2025**

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-4*

Here is my servant

Second Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power

Gospel: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

"You are my beloved Son"

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.) Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel. Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.

Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction. Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am)

Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm

Litany of Loreto in honor of Mary: Mon.–Sat. during May
Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Mon.–Sat. during June
Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was.



Today's good news

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Terry Osborn † by Jim & Kathleen Tulley	7:00 AM Bill Ruesewald † by the Eriksen family	8:30 AM Special Intention for the St Teresa School Teachers	7:30 AM Jean Ruesewald † by the Eriksen family
8:30 AM Special Intentions for Terry Spivey by Ina Smith	8:30 AM Special Intentions for the sick of the parish	5:00 PM Diana Strittmatter † by Laura Silva & Steven Torres	9:30 AM Bruce Sellers † by Tom Guidera
<i>Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in thanks to our Parish Volunteers</i>			
11:30 AM Lonnie Yancer † by Sharon & Bill Solt			

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$13,632.00 (12/22) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Does the parish community recognize its giftedness as described in Isaiah?

16th Anniversary
Celebration
Father Chris
January 1, 2009 to
present day

Thank you for all the years of your love and guidance to our parish and its parishioners.

Your passion for Our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary, in your homilies has been inspiration to us all.



Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **January 9th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm**.

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this **Wednesday**, in the school at **6:00 pm**.



First Reconciliation Prep Classes
Prep Session for 2nd Grade Students (School and Religious Ed.) will be this **Wednesday, January 8th** from **6:00pm to 7:15pm** in Avila Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Faith Formation office.

RCIA

Meeting this week, **January 5th** following dismissal from the 7:30 Mass. The meeting will be held in Avila Hall Faith Formation Room.

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from quote from St. Paul VI; "We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice."

Adult Bible Study

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother. Join us on a pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Hosted by Dr. Edward Sri.

Monday morning sessions will start **Feb 3rd** and run approximately 8 weeks, **9:30–11:00 am**

Tuesday evening sessions will start **Feb 4th** and run approximately 8 weeks, **6:30 – 8:00 pm**

The Chosen Season 4.

An interactive Bible Study program based on the TV series "The Chosen" (Dallas Jenkins).

Wednesday morning sessions will start **Feb 5th** and run approximately 8 weeks, **9:30–11:00 am**

All classes will be held in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall. For more information or to sign up contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

Youth Group Summer Camps

Camp Veritas. **June 10th – 15th** Lake Placid, Florida
Ava Maria Youth Conference 2025 "PROCLAIM" July 11th - 13th Ave Maria University

If you are interested in attending either or both of these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

St. Teresa Youth Group Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

Date	Time	Location	Event
Jan 26 th	8:30-12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet
Jan 31 st	6:00–8:00pm	Avila Hall	Team Trivia & 3 rd Annual UNO Championship
Feb 16 th	8:30-12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet

Bereavement /Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.



Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary



Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly**: Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner after the rosary in Avila Hall

Food Pantry Cor Jesu



Our Food Pantry, Cor Jesu, is in need of Ramen noodles, large peanut butter, rice and Pop Tarts.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu.

Thank you for your generosity over the holidays. It made a difference for many during the holidays.

Moms of Tiny Saints



A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints.

Join us at one of our upcoming events. Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions

Date	Time	Location	Event
Jan. 14	10AM	Taylor Park at Cocoa Village	Playground Meet Up
Jan. 22	7PM	Text Kasey for address	Just-for-Moms Night

Choir Rehearsal



Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.
Traditional choir rehearses every

Wednesday at 7pm in the church

Pope Francis Intentions for January 2025



For the right to an education:

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected

The Epiphany of the Lord

Who were the Magi?

The three men - named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar - followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11, they offered symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality.

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.

No doubt this view contains some not easily definable element of truth: after all, Aristotle himself spoke of the philosophical work of the Magi.



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.

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.

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."

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.

Thank you to all that made the season so special



The Annual School Christmas Pageant



The Holy Family as portrayed in the School Pageant



Many enjoyed the Christmas Concert presented by the Church Choir Including Father Chris & Father Gabriel



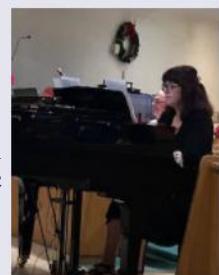
The beautiful decorations inside and out



Such a big surprise - Bishop Noonan attended the school pageant



Awaiting the arrival of Baby Jesus



The celebration of Christmas is always made more beautiful with the music of the season under the direction of Ina Smith

The Epiphany of the Lord



Come,
let us
adore
Him.

The birth of Jesus became the worst kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to David and Bathsheba, to Hosea and Gomer, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God's secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done.

But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God's two great surprises: Jesus was born as the promised Messiah, and he came not just for his own race, but for all the people of the world.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, God's mystery "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Jesus was born, and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we came from, what we believed, or how we behaved. The mystery of God's love is open now to the whole world. That is the epiphany, the revelation of God's secret.

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Solemnity of the Epiphany

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana.



Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

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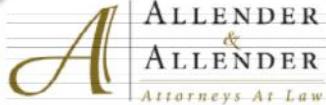
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