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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING.

— MATTHEW 2:2 —

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Our Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

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Please contact the parish office



St . Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.
Through Christ our Lord.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held
on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each
month from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

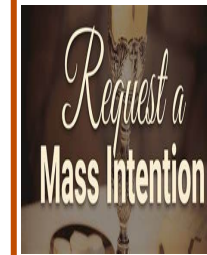
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To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. **Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.**

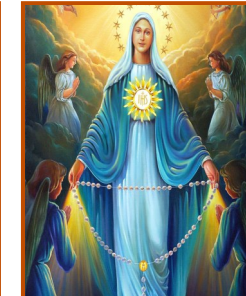
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First Saturday Devotion – Mass & Rosary Saturday, January 3rd (and every First Saturday of each month)

Mass and Rosary will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church.**

Please come and join us for this special time of prayer offered in reparation and to grow closer to Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

Our Lady requested the **Five First Saturdays Devotion** at Fatima, and by responding to her call, many blessings are obtained for ourselves, our families, our country, and the whole world.

Important Reminder



Once you have received the host in your hand, Please **do not** step to the side and then consume it. You **must** consume the host **in front** of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.



Weekly Offering

Parish Collection
Collection of 12/27 & 28 /25

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Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses

Weekly Prayer



December 22, 2025—Bishop-elect Misko was born in California and raised in Austin, Texas, where he has lived most of his life. He attended St. Louis King of France Catholic School in Austin, a parish at which he would one day become the pastor, and St. Edward's University in Austin receiving B.A. in Communications. Upon graduation, Bishop-elect Misko worked in the restaurant industry for several years as General Manager and eventually Managing Partner.

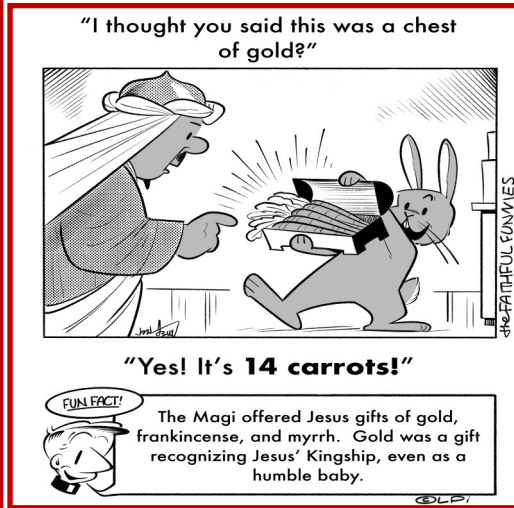
He entered seminary at the age of 30 and, after earning a Master of Arts in Theological Studies, a Master of Divinity, and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology at the University of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Bishop-elect Misko was ordained a priest by Archbishop Gregory Aymond on June 9, 2007. He was appointed parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth in Pflugerville and thereafter served as pastor of Christ the King in Belton, Texas and St. Louis King of France in Austin, Texas.

Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez appointed Bishop-elect Misko as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Diocese of Austin on January 21, 2019. He is a member of the College of Consultors, Presbyteral Council, Diocese of Austin Finance Council, Austin Pension Plan and Trust Committee, Diocese of Austin School Advisory Board, Priestly Life and Formation Committee, Priest Personnel Board, and the Diocesan Building Commission. He is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and served for several years as the Legatus chaplain for the Diocese of Austin.

Upon the installation of Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on March 25, 2025, Bishop-elect Misko was elected Diocesan Administrator by the College of Consultors, a group of priests appointed by the diocesan bishop to advise and assist him in governing the diocese, particularly when the see is vacant. Upon the installation of Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia as the sixth bishop of Austin, Bishop-elect Misko was reappointed as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop-elect Misko the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Tucson on December 22, 2025, and his ordination will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral on February 20, 2026.

His mother, Gerri Misko (his father Tom Misko, deceased), sister Mary Kay Martinez and husband Jesus Toro Martinez live in San Antonio, Texas and his brother John Misko lives in California. Bishop-elect Misko is an avid golfer and enjoys, cycling, traveling, gardening, cooking and visiting local restaurants and coffee houses.



EPIPHANY BLESSINGS!

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."

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)

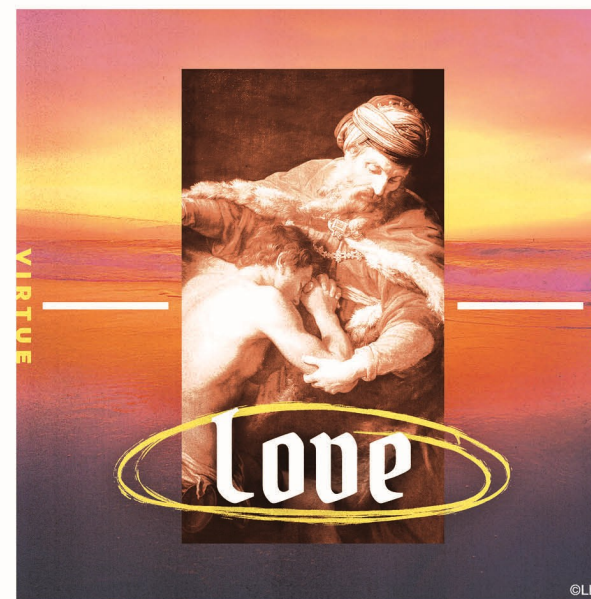
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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 Penyafort, 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.

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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.

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I’d wager it’s not when you’re most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it’s when your life is aimed at something great; when you’re on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That’s the image the Magi give us in today’s Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We’re meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir