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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025



MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.—Fri. 12:10 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12:10 pm and 6:00 pm

Basilica Open For Visitation

Sat.—10:00 am– 1:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—11:45 am

See usher for directions.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Mon.—Fri. 11:00 am—12:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.—Wed., Fri.

9:00 am—2:00 pm

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SOCIAL MEDIA



Liturgies & Mass Intentions for the Week of January 5, 2025

1/5	Sun.	The Epiphany of the Lord 9am For the People of the Basilica 11am Virginia Russo (+)
1/6	Mon.	Allan L. Daniels (+)
1/7	Tue.	Christine Walsh (+)
1/8	Wed.	Margaret Boone Baldwin (+)
1/9	Thur.	Christine Walsh (+)
1/10	Fri.	Dr. Zhang Renqun (+)

✠ This Week at the Basilica

1/5	Sun.	◇ Coffee Hour, 10 a.m.
1/7	Tue.	◇ Knights of Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
1/8	Wed.	◇ Women's Study Group, 9 a.m. ◇ Choir Practice, 7 p.m.
1/10	Fri.	◇ Holy Hour for Life, 11 a.m.

Women's Study Group

Please join the Women's Study Group on Wednesday, January 8, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. They begin a study of the book "Exodus." All women are invited to come visit and see what we are all about.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention 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.

CSA 2024

Updated as of December 24, 2024

Benchmark	\$140,000
Amount Given.....	\$142,069
Households Participating.....	164

Stewardship of Treasure for December 22, 2024

In-Church Offering.....\$16,663.00

Online Offering.....\$5,300.38

Total Offertory\$21,963.38

"May the Lord reward your generosity with abundant blessings."

FROM FR. JOE

My dear friends, what an amazing Feast we celebrate today. The Feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of the Messiah to the whole world, represented by the three wise men. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." This is what they tell Herod and anyone who will listen once they arrive in Jerusalem. How could they have possibly known this? Their arrival was as much a mystery to Herod as it is to us.

Herod had to consult the scholars of his time to determine where the birth of the Messiah was to take place. Correctly, they sent the Magi to Bethlehem. The name "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread". How fitting that the Lord who would tell us that He was the True Bread come down from heaven should be born in the House of Bread! So, Herod's scribes and scholars sent the wise men to Bethlehem, but how did they know that the time had come when even the learned people of Jerusalem seem to have been completely in the dark?

They claim to have seen "his star" at its rising. What did they know of the Messiah, let alone "his star"? Yet, obviously they did. How much time they must have spent researching and studying the stars and, perhaps, even writings about the people of Israel that are unfamiliar to us, even today. The book of Numbers (24:17) foretells that "a star will rise out of Jacob". However they came to recognize the time of the Savior's birth, it is clear that they also understood that He was more than an earthly king.

They came to honor the God and Lord of all. They knew that this little baby, born of the virgin, was something more than what he appeared to be. He was the God made man and they knew it. What a witness they offer to us! How can we fail to honor the Christ Child any less than they did? We know the man He became, the Gospel that He preached, and the Salvation He brought. We know the love He showed us on the Cross and the love He has for us now.

The Wise Men traveled across the world to honor Him just in the hopes that they might be right and He would be what had been foretold, God-among-us. We live in the light of His revelation. We have been told, we have even seen the truth of Jesus. Our homage to the Lord should far exceed that of the Wise Men who would likely never know or hear the things that Jesus said and did as an adult. They returned to their land. We are the ones who have chosen to remain with Jesus, and for eternity.

May the blessings of our life in Christ fuel our faith and our hope. The Wise Men made their pilgrimage of hope and faith to Bethlehem; we make ours to the Heavenly Jerusalem. I pray that the blessings of the Epiphany that we celebrate today may inspire you to deeper love and devotion to Jesus so that we can all prepare well for the blessings of the life to come in heaven.

God bless you all.

Fr. Joe Fowler
Rector & Pastor



Do You Have Questions About the Catholic Faith???

Please visit the Basilica's website at (stmichaelbasilica.com). There you will find "Becoming Catholic" under the "Membership" menu for additional information about Catholicism, or to sign-up for classes.

Basilica of St. Michael Veronica Guild**Bereavement Team**

The Bereavement Team is hosting Masses for our deceased loved ones on the 3rd Friday of the month. The names of loved ones who have died will be voiced aloud as we pray for them and the comfort of those who mourn their loss. If you know of someone from the Basilica of St. Michael who has passed away, please notify the office so we can pray for them. The next Bereavement Mass is Friday, January 17, at 12:10 p.m.

Honoring Life Team

Fridays for Life at the Basilica: Join us as we pray the Rosary at 11:30, the last Friday of each month for the protection and honoring of Life. Every Friday, Adoration and Confessions begin at 11 a.m. All are invited and welcome to "Fridays for Life."

Military Outreach Team

If you are or have been in military service, join us for cookouts and other activities for our military parishioners and friends. Make sure you pick up a **Welcome Aboard** letter in the church!

Outreach to the Poor Team

Please consider an offering to the Basilica's poor boxes or online. These funds are used to support local outreach to the poor including Catholic Charities, the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Alfred Washburn Center, the St. Joseph Medical Clinic and the Alpha Center.

Parishioners at Home Team

If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a phone call, card, or visit from one of the members of our Parishioners@Home team, please contact Mary Kay Bianchi (mkb2375@gmail.com).

Prison Ministry Team

The Prison Ministry Team is trained to provide in-person visits, video visits, letter writing, and spiritual retreats for inmates of local facilities. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Bob Beargie (robertbeargie@yahoo.com) or Morgan Rosas (morganrosas@icloud.com).

IN OUR CHARITY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kay Andrews, Alexander Buchanan, Kenneth Burke, Margaret Burke, Candace Caprara, Mike Chuites, Brandon Del Castillo, Bob & Dennis DeVries, Greg Dziadon, Rene & Dion Edwards, Mary Jane Elliott, Scott Epley, Jane Felix, Ron Fromm, Michelle Garton, Catherine Hajcak, Diane Havard, Frank Hendrickson, Phyllis Hill, Jessica Hutchinson, Luke Karkheck, Kathy Kirk, Matthew Johnson, Tony & Brenda King, Kim LaFlamme, Jim Lee, Ron Livorno, Mary Ann Long, Karen Longhurst, Shaylee Lowery, Tom Marsh, Larry May, Christine McGowan, Dagen McVoy, Vann McVoy, Laurie Murdock, Martha Nealy, Tom & Donna Notaro, Denise Pfender, Casen Roberts, Morgan Rosser, Susan & Jay Sandlin, Mercedes See, Lori Shipman, Lurleyne Terry, Paul Ungerland, Joyce Vignolo, Pat Watkins.

Please contact Dennis Wren at 850-438-4985 to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

1/6—Cindy Zimmerman; 1/8—Robert DeVries, Mary Stone; 1/9—Madeline Beauregard, Grant Hubbard, Eric Micali, Javier Otero; 1/10—Jim Crum, Susie Donovan; 1/11—Kathleen Eubanks.

2025 Basilica Calendars

The 2025 parish calendars are available in the vestibule of the Basilica on a first come, first serve basis until they are gone.

**BASILICA ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones. The dates available are January 12, 19 & 26, 2025. Prices are \$45—\$65 per arrangement. Contact Louise Seitz lseitz@panhandle.rr.com or call 850-780-0410 (No texts, please) to reserve flowers. Flowers can be paid by check payable to "Basilica of St. Michael," or online using the QR code to the right. If paying online, please include the amount for the credit card fee to ensure full payment.



Couple Prayer Series

Together with Jesus

Presented by
Ivan and Signe
Castel

Pensacola Area

St. Ann in Gulf Breeze
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
six **Thursdays** in a row
starting January 16, 2025

Tallahassee Area

Co-Cathedral of STM
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
six **Mondays** in a row
starting January 13, 2025

Six-week workshop for spouses to dive into the graces of their sacramental marriages and *learn how to pray together*

For more information and registration visit ptdiocese.org/marriageandfamilylife



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