

January 4th, 2026: Epiphany of the Lord

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

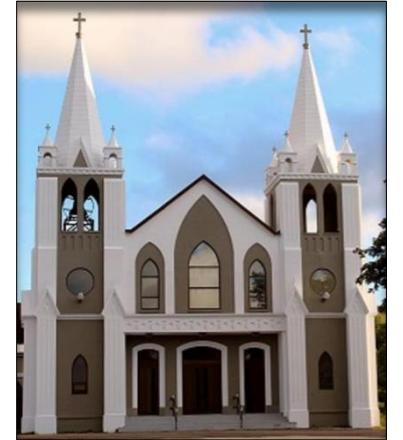
We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

Pastor: **Fr. Lee Lainey**

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

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First Friday of each month at 2pm.

Bible Study:

To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
Dec. 31, 2025 & Jan. 1, 2026

Regular Sunday	415.00
Loose Offering	63.00
Parish Dues	220.00
Envelope Cost Contributions	115.00
Building Fund	25.00
New Years Day	550.00
Christmas	30.00
Advent Folders	40.00
Living with Christ	21.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00

MASS INTENTIONS
Jan. 6 – 11, 2026

Jan. 6 – 8	No Mass during these days
Jan. 9 – Fri.	Available
Jan. 10 – Sat.	Available
Jan. 11 – Sun.	Available

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Jan. 10 – Saturday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
John Carroll	Elizabeth Carew
Jan. 11 – Sunday	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Brian Sparkes
Communion to the Sick: Barbara Neville	

NO MASS:

Father Lainey will be **away** from **January 5th to January 8th, 2026**. There will be no mass during these days. Mass will resume on the morning of Friday, January 9th, 2026.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The parish council meeting is rescheduled for **January 20th, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the church meeting room.

THANK YOU DANCE:

Our parish is holding a dance to say thank you to all the parishioners who helped with all our work, fundraising and just overall support of the church during this past year.

It is being organized by the Ladies Group and the Fundraising Committee and will be held on Saturday, **January 10th**, at the Westmount Club. **Doors open at 8pm.**

To register please sign the sheet at the back of the church or call Madonna at 634 5141. We hope to see you there.

DECEMBER BINGO DONATIONS:

The Sacred Heart Ladies Group would like to thank the following for their donation towards our December Bingo:

Eileen Buckle, Sandy Buckle, Jane Coleman, Vivian Donahue, Kay Hynes, Vonica Hickey, Kay Musseau, Sherry Musseau, Mona Specker, Karen Roche, Margie Pennell, Lynette Taylor, Helen McCarthy, Joan Penney, Patsy Payne, Brian Park, Joyce Nilsson, Rita Pye, Rita Woodman, Gen Quigley and Veronica Stone.

Thanks to all the parishioners for their support throughout the year and Happy New Year to all. Any names omitted, please contact Pat Jones or Madonna English.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

Donated In Memory for:
 The Joyce Family - From: Veronica Hickey

LADIES GROUP MEETING:

The Ladies Group will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 6th, 2026** at 3:30pm in the church meeting room. New members are always welcome.

READERS/EUCHARIST MINISTERS LIST:

The **2026** Readers/Eucharist Ministers **List** is available at the back of the church. Please sign the form to indicate you have received your copy. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS for 2026:

We have several openings for Mass Intentions for the **2026** season. If you would like a mass intention for someone, please fill out the form at the back of the church and put in collection or contact the office 709-785-5025.

2026 DONATIONS ENVELOPES:

Your 2026 envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

SECRETARY AWAY:

The secretary will away from January 12th to 14th, 2026 and the **office will be closed only on January 12th, 2026**. The office will be open the rest of the week. If you need anything, call the office and speak with Father Lainey or leave a message. The secretary will be available briefly on Tuesday and back on Thursday January 15th, 2026.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTION

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026:

For prayer with the Word of God
 Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:

Help turn debt into hope by **signing the petition** sheet at the back of the church or **sign at devp.org/debt!** To learn more, read the Action Sheet or visit devp.org/campaign.

REFLECTIONS:

A star is born

The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star.
 But they saw the star only because they were not afraid to travel in the dark.

The fact is, we cannot see the stars in the bright light of day,
 but only in the darkness of night;
 and the darker the night,
 the brighter they shine.

In a sense, all of us are night-time travellers. However, we need no longer fear the darkness, because with the coming of Christ a light has come into the world,
 a light that shines in the dark,
 A light that no darkness can overpower.