

# St. Joseph Catholic Church (Port Aransas, Texas)

## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

### Mass Intentions

Sat.	1/3	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>Hanna Jo Collins</b> (birthday blessings) By: Heather, Harry, and Henry Collins
Sun.	1/4	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
		11:00 a.m.	<b>†George &amp; Jean Atkinson</b> By: The Sprunk Family For: <b>Brendan Schaffer</b> (blessings) By: Rita Schaffer
Mon.	1/5	NO MASS	
Tues.	1/6	NO MASS	
Wed.	1/7	NO MASS	
Thurs.	1/8	8:30 a.m.	<b>†Cassandra Clark</b> By: Theresa & Vinton James
			<b>†Jerome R. McCurdy</b> By: Suzanne Prunty and Denise Webb
Fri.	1/9	8:30 a.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sat.	1/10	5:00 p.m.	For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>
Sun.	1/11	9:00 a.m.	For: <b>The Cory Family</b> (In thanksgiving for blessings) By: Cyndie & Carl Cory
		11:00 a.m.	<b>†Marlene Thomas</b> By: Greg Thomas For: <b>The Parishioners of St. Joseph</b>

If you wish to offer Masses for anyone, please contact the Parish Office. We are in need of Mass Intentions.

### Welcome to Online Giving

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<https://osvonlinegiving.com>

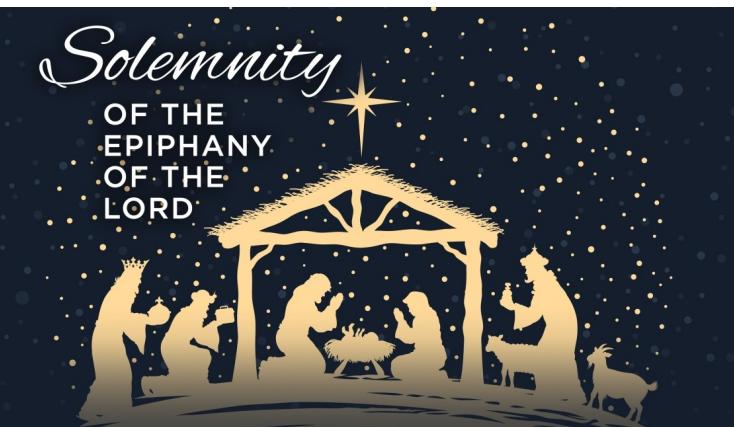


**Pope Leo XIV said:** It is beautiful to view the coming year as an open journey to be discovered. Indeed, through grace, we can venture forth on this journey with confidence – free and bearers of freedom, forgiven and bringers of forgiveness, trusting in the closeness and goodness of the Lord who accompanies us always.

LECTOR/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER SCHEDULE			
Sat.	1/3/26	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Charlie Hutchins, Nick Winkelmann, Tim Lamie
Sun.	1/4/26	9 am	Stacey Mendoza/Roger Schill, Andy Peterek, Javier Mendoza
		11 am	Leticia Grounds/Mary Jo Matthews, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir
Sat.	1/10	5 pm	Julie Winkelmann/Julie Winkelmann, Karen Lamie, Charlie Hutchins
Sun.	1/11	9 am	Laura Peterek/Stacey Mendoza, Javier Mendoza, Marvin Murray
		11 am	Cliff Strain/Sabrina Jones, Barbara Smith, Ken Chesshir

### Pastor's Note: Light of the Nations....

Epiphany is the day many of the Eastern Churches celebrate the birth of Christ. This is a remembrance of the revealing of the Messiah to the Gentile world. Even though Jesus was born as the promised savior of the Jewish people, his presence brought light and salvation to all the world. This is represented by the visit of the Magi, who were Gentiles, but came in search of this new born king. All the readings talk about the impact of the light that shines beyond the Jewish world. In the first reading, taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear of the light that has shone upon Jerusalem. This light dispels the darkness that envelopes the world. It goes on to say that nations shall walk by this light and kings by its shining radiance, which is a reference to the world beyond Jewish religion. The promise that the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, gets fulfilled when the Magi visit Baby Jesus and present him with expensive gifts. This Gospel passage presents the story of the Magi, who were wise men from the East, which is a clear reference to the Gentile world. They come in search of the newborn king, and they worship him and present him with expensive gifts. Thus, Jesus is being revealed as the Messiah, even of the Gentiles. This is reiterated in the Responsorial Psalm, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." In the second reading, St. Paul affirms this reality of Gentiles experiencing the salvation brought about by Jesus. We are called to not only walk by the light of Christ, but also to shine his light upon others so that they, too, may experience the love of God.



### Vacation for Father George

Father George will be on his vacation and retreat from December 31 to January 22. Let us keep him in our prayers. Fr. Anil OFM Cap will be taking care of the Spiritual needs in his absence.

The second collection this week-end is for the Repair and Renovation Fund.

### Collection for December 28, 2025

Loose Collection	\$ 2,076.53
Envelope Collection	\$ 680.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 4,110.27
Online Giving	<u>\$ 3,310.00</u>
Total	\$10,176.80

Thank you for your generosity.

### HAVE A LAUGH:

What did the three wise men say after presenting gifts of gold and frankincense to Mary and Joseph?

But wait, there's myrrh!