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## The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

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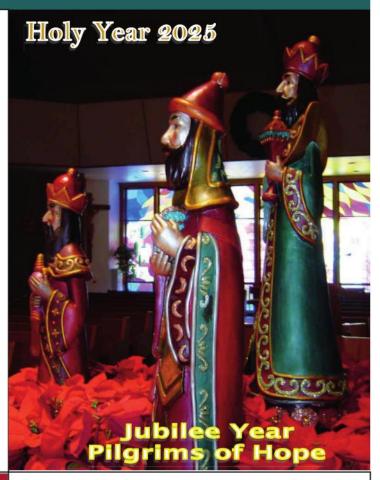
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#### HOLY SPIRIT PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to embrace faith in the Son of God as Lord and Savior. In our Roman Catholic tradition, through the cleansing waters of Baptism, we die to self and rise as children of the Father.

Confirmed, empowered and guided by His Spirit, we become the church when we gather in His name, are taught with His living Word, and are nourished with His living presence.

So that, we might be sent to witness the Good News of the Paschal Mystery in loving service to the human family; and be united with Him and His Saints in Heaven forever.



## Masses

Monday - Friday Saturday Saturday Vigil Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. Polish Mass
7:30, 9:00,10:30 a.m. and Noon
2:00 p.m. Latin Mass
4:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

Confessions in Church Saturday 2:30 p.m.

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## Stewardship of Treasure

PARISH COLLECTIONS Weekly Offering - Sunday, December 22, 2024

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	Envelopes Received	201		
	Cash	\$ 4,193.00		
	Coins	\$ 3.13		
	Checks	\$ 5,489.00		
	Total	\$ 9,685.13		
Se	econd Collection - Christmas Gift to	the Parish		
	Envelopes Received	87		
	Cash	\$ 1,350.00		
	Checks	<u>\$17,314.00</u>		
	Total	\$18,664.00		
C	hristmas Offering, December 25, 202	24		
-	Envelopes Received	224		
	Cash	\$ 9,238.00		
	Coin	\$ 5.13		
	Checks	<u>\$ 8,630.00</u>		
	Total	\$17,873.13		
Second Collection - Christmas Gift to the Parish				
	Envelopes Received	50		
	Cash	\$ 1,341.00		
	Checks	\$ 6,620.00		
	Total	\$ 7,961.00		

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday	, Jan. 4, 2025 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton					
	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family					
	People of the Parish					
Sunday	I copie of the I alish Ianuary 5 2025 - The Solemnity of the Eninham					
Sunuay,	Sunday, January 5, 2025 - <i>The Solemnity of the Epiphany</i> of the Lord					
7:30a.m.	†Souls In Purgatory by the Lewis Family					
, u.m.	Thanksgiving by Elsie Pierre-Gilles					
	†Otto Brunke by the McCreery Family					
9:00a.m.	Oscar A Peña - Birthday by Kathy					
2.00 <b>u</b> .III.	<sup>†</sup> Joe & Arlene Pruszynski by Tony & Rene Milici					
	Martine Madestin - Birthday					
10:30a.m.	<sup>†</sup> Dec. Mem. of the Zaremba Family by Karen					
101000	Zaremba					
	†Salvatore & Assunta Giuliano by Claudio &					
	Nella					
	†Gerardo Ameijeiras by the Holyfield & Rivera					
	Families					
12:00N	Divine Protection for Ana Kosidlo by her Father					
	Thanksgiving by Sr. Limeteze Pierre-Gilles					
	Josephine Buononato - Ints. by her son, Vincent					
2:00p.m.	†Agusto Adan, Jr. by her sister, Gelsy Adan					
1	†Maria Theresa Villena by Dr. Diane Clarke					
	<sup>†</sup> Pedro Arce by Dr. Diane Clarke					
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	Jan. 6, 2025 - St Andté Bessette					
7:30a.m.	†Mike Cresiski by Joan Duffy					
9:00a.m.	†Maria Cristina Chibas - 5th Ann. by her daughter					
	Magdalena					
Tuesday,	Jan. 7, 2025 - St. Raymond of Peñafort					
7:30a.m	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by the Charles Family					
9:00a.m.						
	and Family					
	ay, Jan. 8, 2025					
	†Leonilo, Sr. & Conchita Olobia by their Family					
9:00a.m.	Manuel Atkins - Birthday by his Mom					
	Lenom Berreth - 82nd Birthday by Marie Berreth					
	v, Jan. 9, 2025					
	Fr. Tom Lafrenier - Birthday by Fe Edjan					
9:00a.m.	†Peter Brennan by his Family					
	an. 10, 2025					
	Roderick Francis Edjan - Birthday by his Family					
	†Anna Cicalese - Birthday by her son, Michael					
	, Jan. 11, 2025					
	Caroline Fuentes - Healing by her sister, Mercedes					
4:00p.m.	<sup>†</sup> Mary & James Pratt by their Family					
	<sup>†</sup> Louise Fraser by Jackie & Lucille Fraser					
Cundar 1	<sup>†</sup> Robert Parker Fritts by the McNamara Family					
Sunday, January 12, 2025 - <i>The Feast of the Baptism of</i>						
7.30a m	the Lord					
7:30a.m.	Living Benefactors of the Poor Clare Nuns					
	<sup>†</sup> Souls In Purgatory by the Lewis Family <sup>†</sup> Bill Tramontana by the McCreery Family					
9:00a.m.	†Bill Tramontana by the McCreery Family People of the Parish					
	†Celia Cicalese-Birthday by her husband, Michael					
10.308.10.	†Matthew Narcisse by Scott & Patrice Althouse					
	Selby Mills by Thomas Mills					
12:00N	†Steven Schiraldi by his Wife & Children					
12.001	Divine Guidance for Nathalia Kosidlo by her Dad					
	Thanksgiving by Sr. Limeteze Pierre-Gilles					
2:00p.m.	†Frank Cicalse by his son, Michael					
2.00p.m.	†Jean & Alberto Clarke by their daughter,					
	Dr. Diane Clarke					
	†Wayne Clarke by Dr. Diane Clarke					
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#### Scripture Readings & Saints & Special Observances For the Week of January 5, 2025

- Sunday
   The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 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 4:14-22

   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, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday *The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



## Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon,"

"to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ:

**The Visit of the Magi** (Matthew 2:1-12), **The Baptism of Jesus** (Mark 1:9-11), and **The Miracle at Cana** (John 2:1-11).

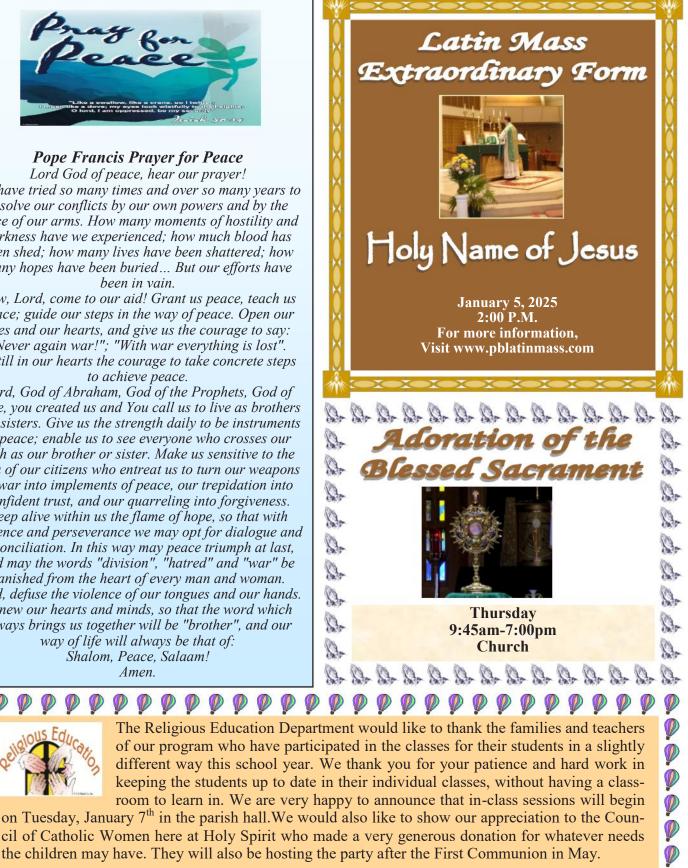


#### **Pope Francis Prayer for Peace**

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

*Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us* peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and You call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. *Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which* always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



Thank you

Happy New Year 2025 to all of our friends and families here at Holy Spirit!

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Father in heaven, may the faith You have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

#### **Jubilee Indulgence**

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. The Jubilee indulgence allows us to free our hearts from the weight of sin because the reparation due for our sins is given freely and abundantly.

In practical terms, the experience of God's mercy involves some spiritual acts indicated by the Pope. Those who cannot make the Jubilee pilgrimage due to illness or other circumstances are nonetheless invited to take part in the spiritual movement that accompanies the Jubilee year, offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Doors\*; Participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist (usually within 8 days of pilgrimage); Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

## SPES NON CONFUNDIT (Papal Bull declaring Jubilee 2025)

I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. On the following Sunday, 29 December 2024, I will open the Holy Door of my cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on 9 November this year will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of its dedication. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the



Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, 28 December 2025... The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. (6).

#### \*The Holy Door

The Vatican has reserved the status of "Holy Door" to the main doors of all Cathedrals and Basilicas around the world. In the past the diocesan bishop was able to designate additional churches in the diocese, but only the Cathedral of Saint Ignatius Loyola will have the designation for Jubilee 2025.

I have published the Jubilee calendar highlighting the special days reserved for particular groups to visit the Holy Doors. Parishes are encouraged to publish the relevant dates for the particular groups so that those not able to make the pilgrimage to Rome can do so at the diocesan Cathedral. Those physically not able to make a pilgrimage to Rome or the diocesan cathedral are encouraged to make a "pilgrimage in spirit" to pray for those making a physical pilgrimage. *-Fr. Brian King, Episcopal Secretary, Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Palm Beach* 





# guide US TO

#### **Epiphanies**

The journey of our lives to Christ is rarely a straight path. Especially for those who were baptized into the Catholic faith as babies, we often need to find our own way by winding roads and paths until we arrive at and embrace faith as our own. Merriam-Webster defines "epiphany" as "a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something." Almost always, this entails a "Aha!" moment, which changes the course of the story.



I experienced this in my own life in the middle of the Covid

pandemic. When the world began to shut down, I finally knew that I was not alone, and that I never had been. You see, I found myself newly pregnant for the fifth time with no living children, after having experienced loss after loss. In my pain and struggle, I had turned from God the previous fall when it seemed door after door had closed for the opportunity to have a child.

But while the world was radically changing, I had an incredible moment which can only be described as an epiphany from the Holy Spirit: I became acutely aware that I was not alone, nor had I ever been alone. Struggling with feeling alone was something that had plagued me throughout my life. And now, suddenly, in the middle of a world that was radically shifting toward being apart, I came to believe that I was not alone, had never been alone, and will never be alone. How radical!

It is also radical that, in the course of human history - of salvation history - God would reveal Himself to all of humanity. After all, God was the God of Israel. And yet, God planned to reveal Himself in the form of a helpless baby to all nations. Juxtapositions abound with God, and somehow they all make sense. Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord, may we always be open to the seeming contradictions that God places in our lives and be willing to learn from them.

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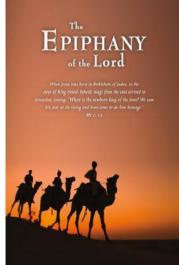
#### The Epiphany of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 b.c. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end! —James Field

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"When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they knelt and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:10-11

The Magi followed the star and this led them to meet the King of the World, the Saviour of human kind. They came prepared with gifts knowing that they were meeting someone special and important. As soon as they caught sight of the infant Jesus, without hesitation, they bowed and paid homage to the Divine King. Through the Star, the Divinity of the Lord was revealed to the Magi and that brought them face to face with Christ.

While we embark on a new year with goals and ambitions for our lives, let us ensure that we keep the star of Christ shining within us. May we always be humble and keep Jesus in everything we do. At the crossroads of our lives, may we always be guided by His light. This year let us try to be the star that brings others to Christ.

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#### **Healthy New Year's Resolutions**

Each January, roughly one out of three Americans resolve to better themselves in some way. About 75% of people stick to their goals for at least a week, and less than half are still on target six months later per a recent health study. It's difficult to keep up the enthusiasm months later, but it's not impossible. This year, pick one of the following worthy resolutions, and stick with it. Here's to your health!

Lose weight – this is among the most popular resolutions, and one of the most difficult to commit to, but you can succeed if you don't expect overnight success. Also, plan for bumps in the road. Use a food journal to keep track of what you eat and have a support system in place. Given time, you can lose weight. Just in time for those gethealthy New Year's resolutions, the U.S. government has released its latest dietary guidelines. These include recommendations that we eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains while reducing our sugar, sodium and saturated fat intake.

**Stay in touch** - It's good for your health to reconnect with family and friends that have fallen by the wayside. Research suggests people with strong social ties live longer than those who don't. In fact, a lack of social bonds can damage your health as much as alcohol abuse and smoking, and even more than obesity and lack of exercise.

**Quit smoking** - Fear that you've failed too many times to try again? Talk to any ex-smoker, and you'll see that multiple attempts are often the path to success. Try different methods to find out what works. And think of the money you'll save!

**Cut your stress** - A little pressure now and again won't kill us; in fact, short bouts of stress give us an energy boost. But if stress is chronic, it can increase your risk of—or worsen—insomnia, depression, obesity, heart disease, and more. Physical exercise is a great stress buster. Learn how to relax and rest by getting more sleep. Restful vacations can also lower your stress levels.

**Volunteer** - We tend to think our own joy relies on bettering ourselves, but our happiness also increases when we help others, says Peter Kanaris, PhD, coordinator of public education for the New York State Psychological Association. Positive emotions can make people more resilient and resourceful. Our "feel good" endorphins kick in when we do things for others selflessly, putting our own "wants" to the side.

Whatever you decide for 2025, do your best to stay healthy; not only for yourself, but for those you love.



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