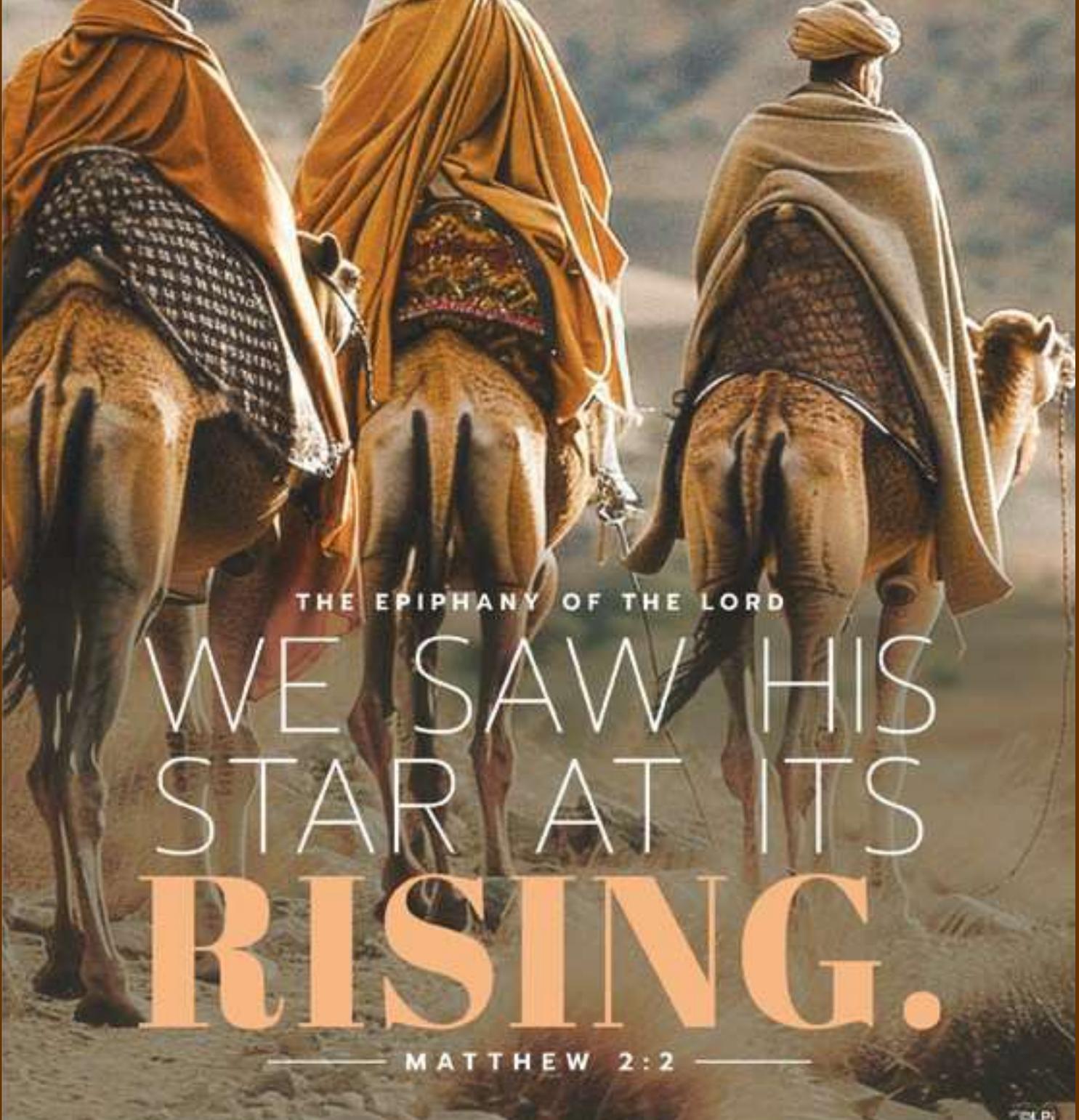


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ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, PLYMOUTH | OUR LADY OF GRACE, BRISTOL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026



A photograph of three camels with their handlers in traditional robes and turbans, walking across a desert landscape. The camels are heavily laden with saddlebags.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WE SAW HIS  
STAR AT ITS  
RISING.

MATTHEW 2:2

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## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

4:00 PM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   †Bob Riley & Jackie Norkiewicz  
                   by their sister, Brenda

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 AM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   Holy Trinity parishioners & guests  
 9:30 AM      **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
                   †Carol Clarke by Louise Tobin  
 11:30 AM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   †Maryanne Padula by Mary Cody

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 AM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   †Eileen Mayhew by John & Kathy Viano

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 AM      **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
                   †Irene & Adam Kuraisa

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

No Mass

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM      **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
                   †Thomas & Marion Sterner  
                   by the family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00 AM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   †Elizabeth Wilson by Pat Kucharski

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

4:00 PM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   For the fulfillment of the purpose of  
                   our marriage by Tricia Palmer

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 AM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   Holy Trinity parishioners & guests  
 9:30 AM      **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**  
                   †Rose Marie Roy by Louise Lacasse  
 11:30 AM      **St. Matthew Church**  
                   †Jan Thomas by Leonetta Doyle

Please continue to pray for  
**Sarah Montana** and **Armand Costa**  
                   who are facing serious health challenges.  
                   Let us lift them and their loved ones up to our  
                   compassionate God, asking for healing, courage,  
                   and comfort in the days ahead

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

### Saturday, January 3

**Catholic Daughters Meeting:** Pope Francis Hall, 2:30 PM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
                   St. Matthew Church, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

### Sunday, January 4

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast** Pope Francis Hall, 8:15 AM  
**Rosary** Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 9:00 AM  
**Coffee & Donuts** : after 9:30 Mass, Simard Hall

### Monday, January 5

**Men's Group:** Pope Francis Hall, 6:30 - 7:30 AM  
**Morning Prayer:** St. Matthew Church, 7:30 AM  
**Rosary:** St. Matthew Church, 7:40 AM  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
                   St. Matthew Church, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, January 6

**Rosary** Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 7:30 AM  
**Questions & Answers**, Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 8:30 AM

### Wednesday, January 7

**Knights of Columbus Meeting** Pope Francis Hall, 7:00 PM

### Thursday, January 8

**Rosary**, Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 7:30 AM  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
                   Marian Center Oratory, 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

### Friday, January 9

**Morning Prayer**  
                   St. Matthew Church, 7:30 AM  
**Rosary**  
                   St. Matthew Church, 7:40 AM

### Saturday, January 10

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
                   St. Matthew Church, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

### Sunday, January 11

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**  
                   Plymouth: Pope Francis Hall, 8:15-9:45 AM  
                   Bristol: Marian Center, 10:30-Noon  
**Rosary:** Our Lady of Grace Chapel, 9:00 AM  
**Coffee & Donuts:** after 9:30 Mass, Simard Hall

## BOOKING THE CHURCH OR HALLS

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                   through the parish office. You must be a registered  
                   parishioner to use the facilities.  
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## Happy New Year!

I hope this new year will be a blessing for everyone.

Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Masses and celebrations so beautiful!

The music, decorations, and countless volunteers all contributed to creating a prayerful and welcoming experience for our parish.

Your continued generosity truly humbles me. Thank you! ~ Fr. Mark



### Do You Know as Much as a Catechumen?

As our parish's **OCIA** and **OCIC** participants prepare to enter the **Catechumenate**, we invite the whole parish to walk with them in prayer and understanding.

A **catechumen** is someone who has never been baptized and is preparing to receive **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist** at the Easter Vigil.

A **candidate** is someone already baptized using the **Trinitarian formula** and preparing to be received into full communion through **Confirmation and Eucharist**.

The **Rite of Welcome** will take place **Sunday, January 11 at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew Church**.

Following this celebration, both catechumens and candidates will enter the **Catechumenate**, a period of more intentional and in-depth formation in the Catholic faith. Unlike the **Period of Inquiry**, this stage focuses on deeper study, prayer, and participation in the life of the Church.

Please keep our **catechumens and candidates** in your prayers as they make this important step in their journey!

### THIS WEEK'S CATECHUMEN QUESTION

#### HOW ARE THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS GROUPED?

The Church groups the seven sacraments into three categories:

#### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

- **Baptism** – Baptizes us in life into Christ's death, and in death into His life.
- **Confirmation** – Strengthens us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- **Eucharist** – The Body and Blood of Christ, the source and summit of Christian life.

#### SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

- **Reconciliation** – Restores our relationship with God through forgiveness.
- **Anointing of the Sick** – Brings comfort, strength, and healing.

#### SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION (SERVICE)

- **Holy Orders** – Ordains men to serve the Church as deacons, priests, or bishops.
- **Matrimony** – Unites a man and woman in a lifelong covenant of love.

# Weekly Prayer

## 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)

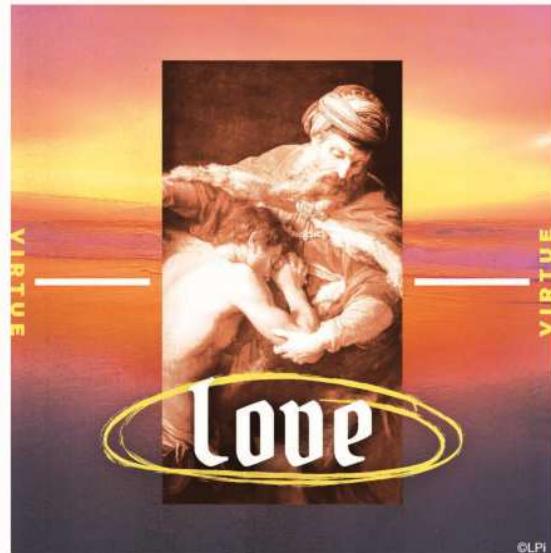
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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 Peñafort, 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.

# Worship & Meditation

## 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.

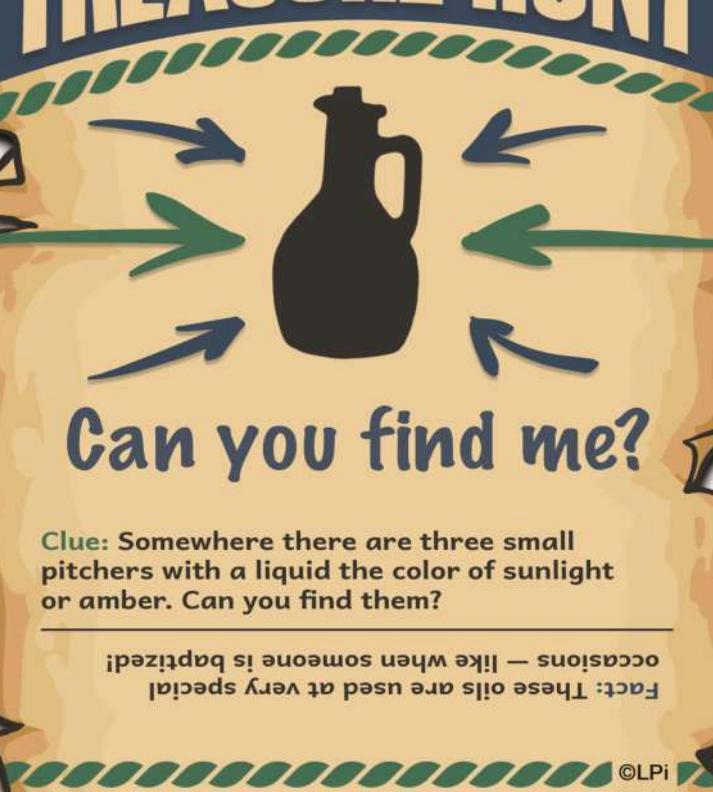
The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

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**MONTHLY BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, January 4, 2026**  
**Pope Francis Hall**  
**After the 7:30 AM Mass**  
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# **PARISH TREASURE HUNT**



**Can you find me?**

**Clue:** Somewhere there are three small pitchers with a liquid the color of sunlight or amber. Can you find them?

**Fact:** These oils are used at very special occasions — like when someone is baptized!

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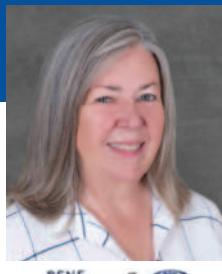
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