



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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———— SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026 ————

## ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
(RESPONSIBILIDAD COMPARTIDA)**

Please make a personal family decision to help us  
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**Offertory totals for December 28, 2025**

Offertory	<b>\$4,005.00</b>
Online Sun. Giving	<b><u>\$1,888.00</u></b>
TOTAL	<b><u>\$5,893.00</u></b>

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Christmas collection	<b>\$9,614.00</b>
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Kindly go to  
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**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

**For the Sick & HOMEBOUND:**  
*(Para Los Enfermos Y Confinados En Casa)*  
Amanda Perez, Eliseo Plata, Ismael Alarcon, Carmen Cabral  
and Maria Elena Ramirez

**Recently Died (Murieron Recientemente)**  
Jorge Gonzalez Garcia +, Louise High +, Eduardo Peralta Sr.  
+, Salvador Villanueva +, Trevor McCartney +

*Members of our Parish Family who are in the military,  
hospitals, nursing homes and all who have no one to  
pray for them.*

**Reconciliation / Confesiones  
Every Saturday at 4pm-4:45pm  
OR BY APPOINTMENT**

Please contact Fr Tito or Fr Arthur

**Infant Baptism | Bautizos**  
English Fr. Tito  
Spanish Fr. Arthur

**Presentations | Presentaciones**

**Quinceañeras**

Antonieta Bustamante

**Faith Formation (Formacion De Fe)**  
Malou Bautista

**Weddings | Bodas**

English Fr. Tito  
Spanish Fr. Arthur

**Funerals | Funerales**

English Fr. Tito  
Spanish Fr. Arthur

**DAILY MASS READINGS**

**1/4 | SUNDAY**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

**1/5 | MONDAY**  
Saint John Neumann, Bishop  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212)

**1/6 | TUESDAY**  
Saint André Bessette, Religious  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 (213)

**1/7 | WEDNESDAY**  
Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 (214)

**1/8 | THURSDAY**  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a (215)

**1/9 | FRIDAY**  
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 (216)

**1/10 | SATURDAY**  
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)





**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday — Thursday  
9:00AM — 4:00PM

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**Open Monday—Friday**

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## CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY:

**5:00 PM** | English (*Saturday Vigil*)  
**7:00 AM** | English  
**9:00 AM** | English  
**11:00 AM** | English  
**1:00 PM** | Spanish

**ROSARY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER**  
**Mon - Friday | 9:00 AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
**Mon - Friday | 9:30 AM**

**First Wednesday of the Month**  
**6:30 PM** | Novena Mass to Mother of  
 Perpetual Help

**First Friday of the Month**  
**9:30 AM** | Mass with the Sacrament of the  
 Anointing of the Sick,  
 Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed  
 Sacrament | English

**6:30 PM** | Adoracion | Spanish  
**7:00 PM** | Misa  
**7:45 PM** (Uncion de los enfermos)



Sun	1/4	7:00 AM	Vivian Sanders †
		9:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		11:00AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		1:00 PM	St. Julie Parishioners
Mon	1/5	9:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
Tue	1/6	9:30 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
Wed	1/7	9:30 AM	Grace Maria Suji (thanksgiving on her Birthday)
Thu	1/8	9:30 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
Fri	1/9	9:30 AM	Sophie Boban †
Sat	1/10	5:00 PM	St. Julie Parishioners



### WELCOME TO ST. JULIE BILLIART

You are loved by God and are welcomed to celebrate with us here in our community. If you are interested in more information about our parish and would like to register with us, or if you are a current parishioner with a change in your contact information, please fill out this form, cut and place it in the collection basket or in the mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Sowing Seeds of Faith*

The Diocese of San José - Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

## Sow of Seeds Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
Source of all life and giver of every good gift,  
In this Year of Hope, we come before You  
With grateful hearts and trusting spirits.

You have called us to sow seeds of faith,  
To renew our hearts, our parishes,  
schools, and our Diocese  
Through a bold vision rooted in Your love.  
As we unite in this Capital Campaign,  
Grant us the grace to respond with  
generosity and joy.

Strengthen our commitment to the  
mission of the Church,  
That we may grow as faithful disciples,  
Active in the life of our parishes,  
And courageous in sharing the Gospel with others.

Bless our efforts to support our  
Diocesan Pastoral Plan,  
So that *Renewed in Christ,*  
*Together in Mission,*  
Every ministry may thrive,  
And every soul may give glory to God.

May the seeds we plant today bear fruit  
for generations to come.  
Through the intercession of  
Saint Joseph, Saint Clare,  
And Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
May we be guided always in  
faith, hope, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SUNDAY CONNECTION

## Epiphany of the Lord

### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

### Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

### 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,



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Quote:

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~[Matthew 2:10-11](#)*

**Reflection:** All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's on-going manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



# *Christmas with Youth Ministry*

## *Photo with Santa*



## SIMBANG GABI 2025

## ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH









## FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY

St. Julie's Faith Formation Program is doing an activity that will help the children and their Families to put their faith in action with acts of kindness and mercy.

We are collecting **blankets, sleeping bags, winter jackets, mittens etc. (new or gently used but clean and in good condition)** to take them to our brothers in shelter and in St. James Park.



Please bring your donations to the Church or to Faith Formation classes on the following dates: Starting Sunday January 4th to January 18th.

**ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE FOR ADULTS,  
AND CLEAN CONDITIONS!  
NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For more information contact: Malou at 408-960-8027



## Interested in being an Altar Server at St. Julie?

Please contact Fr. Tito at 408-960-8017

### Requirements:

Must be in 5th grade or higher and be willing to make a commitment to serve regularly (at least twice a month) at St. Julie Parish



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ALTAR SERVERS FREE - MUST  
BRING PHOTO OF THEM WEARING  
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## RADIATE LOVE: CELEBRATING THE Sacrament of Matrimony

### FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES WITH BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

**HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?**

This may be the opportunity your hearts have been hoping for.

Join other Catholic couples from across the diocese on **July 25, 2026**, when Bishop Cantú will celebrate a joyful communal wedding for couples desiring to enter into a valid Catholic marriage and, when applicable, to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony.

**Register by January 15, 2026 to allow time for preparation.**

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