



St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Church

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:15 AM

12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Confessions are heard on
Saturday from 4:30 - 5:30 PM
and by appointment.

January 4, 2026



The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child
with Mary his mother.
Matthew 2:10-11

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church
is a welcoming community dedicated to promoting
a devout life of prayer and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ
through living the sacraments in a spirit of generous service.

The Epiphany of the Lord
The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

Tom Schmidt



January 7, 2026 - January 11, 2026

Wednesday	6:00 pm	†Dahlia Lewinski - By Judy & Steve Jaksik †Lucia G. Saenz - By Daniel & Lydia Saenz
Thursday	10:15 am	†Julian Galloway - By Elena Carlow
Friday	8:00 am	†Audrey De La Zerda (Birthday) - By Mom & Dad
Saturday	6:00 pm	†Nila Lopez - Christi Perales Cherie Anderson (Healing) - Millie & Doodle Jarnagin
Sunday	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:15 am	†Maria Sandroussi - By Michael Sandroussi †Janie Gil - By Rudy Gil
	12:00 pm	†Mary Thottankara - By Lil & Carol †Dahlia Lewinski - By Janie C. Pena
	6:00 pm	†Bertha, †Paul & †Joe Cantu - By Leon & Jeanie Bazar



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By: Dora Marquez

St. Peter, Prince of the Apostle Parish

12/21/2025

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Collection for December 28 and January 4 will be posted next week.

ADORATION

St. Peter's offers us the opportunity to worship the true presence of our Lord during Adoration every Thursday from 8:30am - 4pm. We currently need more people to come and spend one hour of their time in quiet prayer and meditation with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Matthew 26:40 Jesus asked Peter, "so you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" If you are interested in participating in this spiritual enrichment experience, please call Deacon Teo Farias at 361-960-3127, to schedule a time that is convenient for you.



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Journey to Damascus (JTD) is a 3-day Christian weekend for those who want to deepen their relationship with God, strengthen their faith, and experience true Christian brother/sisterhood. It is open to all denominations and centers on renewal through prayer, reflection, and community. JTD is for those seeking a stronger foundation in Christ and deeper unity with other believers. It is for those who: want to grow spiritually, need time away from distractions to reconnect with God, value community, faith, and encouragement.

The weekend is full physically, emotionally, and spiritually, so pilgrims should set aside outside responsibilities and come ready to be present.

The upcoming 2026 Weekend Schedule is:

Mens

March 19-22

June 18-21

September 17-20

Womens

April 23-26

July 30-August 2

October 15-18

Weekends are held at the OLCC Campus on Lantana and the Weekend Fees are \$225.00 (assistance is available for those with need).

More information can be found at www.journeytodamascus.org or you may contact John Porche @ 361-533-0737 or Michelle Ochoa @ 361-400-5473.

The EPIPHANY of the Lord

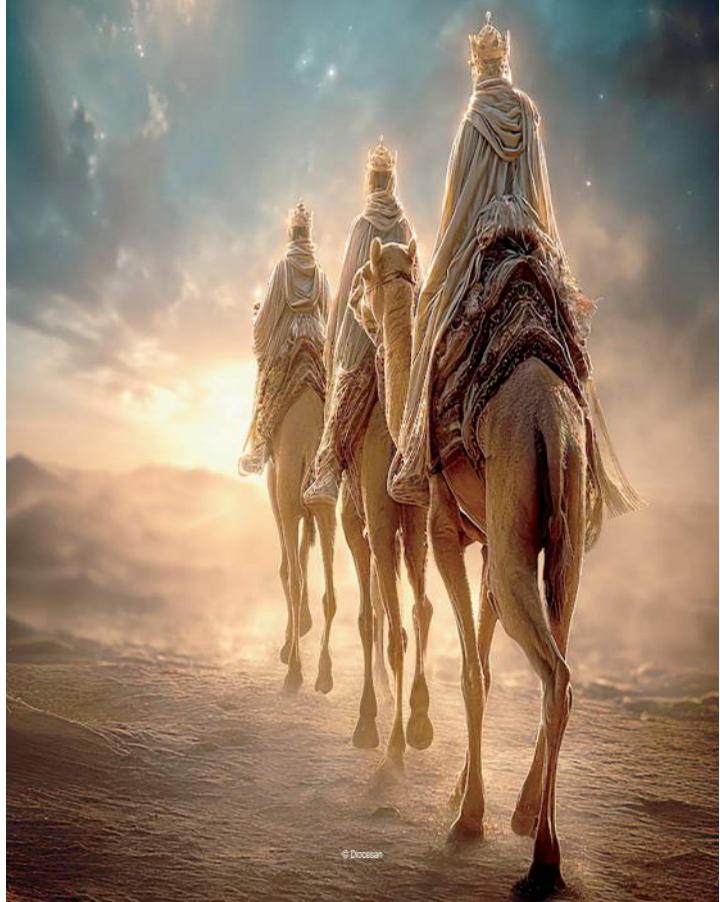
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Mt 2: 1-2



PROCLAIMING THE PRAISES OF THE LORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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).



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