

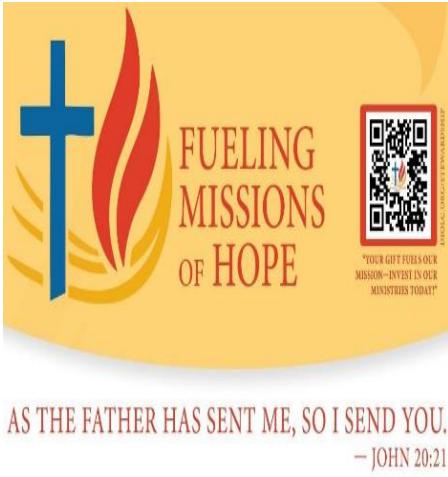


## From the Pastor's Desk:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which remembers the visit of the Magi—the three Wise Men—to the baby Jesus. These men traveled from very far away, following a bright star in the sky because they knew something wonderful had happened. When they found Jesus, they knelt and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This story shows us that Jesus did not come just for one group of people, but as a Savior for the whole world. No matter who we are or where we come from, God's love is meant for us.

The star that guided the Wise Men is a symbol of how God leads us today. Just as the Magi looked up and followed the light through the darkness, we are called to look for God's guidance in our own lives. Sometimes life can feel confusing or dark, but the message of Epiphany is that God's light is always shining, inviting us to come closer to Him. By praying and listening to His Word, we can find the right path and discover the peace that only Christ can bring to our hearts.

As we begin this New Year, let us try to be like the Magi by seeking Jesus in everything we do. We can also be like the star for other people. When we are kind, patient, and helpful, we reflect the light of Jesus to our neighbors, friends, and family. Let us ask the Lord to help us share His love with everyone we meet, so that the joy of Christmas continues to shine in our parish and our community all year long.



### **Sacred Heart's allocation for 2025/2026 is \$8,405.00**

This year's theme—Fueling Missions of Hope—reminds us that the Holy Spirit's work among us is "fueled" by the prayers, sacrifices, and generosity of Christ's faithful. **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21**

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***God, grant healing and peace to the sick of our communities and those who have requested our prayers.***

### **The Blessing of the Home on Epiphany:**

The Solemnity of the Epiphany will fall on Saturday, January 4th in 2026.

Epiphany Blessing of the Home-Jan 4th "The first Epiphany was the visit of the Magi to adore the Christ Child. Marking doorways with chalk is a witness of faith. Use the chalk to mark above the main door, and over all exterior doors. (20+C+M+B+26)

- Numerals to consecrate the New Year 2026
- Initials to remind us of the Magi names-Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar, and to represent the Latin motto: Christus Mansionem benedicat (May Christ bless this house.)
- Four crosses to represent the four seasons.

If you would like your home blessed for the Epiphany of the Lord call or text Father Chinna.

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