



TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

January 4, 2026

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc
Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco

Deacon David Shinn
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Sunday Mass:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at
6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Saturdays

3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment
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Infant Baptism, RCIA, Funerals,
Weddings:

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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

Parish Activities

Sunday, January 4	10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) 11:45 a.m. O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC)
Monday, January 5	6:30 p.m. Columbiettes Business Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC) 6:30 p.m. Foss Cursillo Grouping (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC)
Tuesday, January 6	5:30 p.m. Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) 5:30 p.m. Underwood Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC) 6:30 p.m. Happy Epiphany Party (Kitchen-Conference Room—PLC)
Wednesday, January 7	
Thursday, January 8	
Friday, January 9	6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen Conference Room —PLC)
Saturday, January 10	8:00 a.m. Cursillo School of Leaders (Large Classroom—PLC) 3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Sunday, January 11	10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC) 9:00 a.m. Elementary Faith Formation (Blue & Tan Buildings) 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building) 11:45 a.m. O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC) 11:45 a.m. Youth Group (Red Brick Building) 2:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice (Red Brick Building)

*Happy Feast
of the
Epiphany*



Parish Directory

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January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Most Holy Mother of God

The Octave of Christmas recalls the day Jesus was circumcised and given His name, it is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Mary is the Mother of God because her son, Jesus is true God and true Man. Because of this, more than anyone else, Mary can lead us to her Son; for no other knows Him or relates to Him as well as she does.

January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's name is chosen in heaven, and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus". It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.

January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our savior after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death.

January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

From Baptism to life. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas Season and opens Ordinary Time, the season of life. If with the Baptism, Jesus' public ministry is inaugurated, for us it is the inauguration of a commitment to leave the "stable of Bethlehem" where we have adored Him, to begin our mission of witness to him.

January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

In recognition of his conversion and his significant contributions to the faith, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul is celebrated annually on January 25th. This feast day commemorates the momentous event when Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus and experienced a profound transformation. It serves as a reminder of the power of God's grace to change lives and the call to share the Gospel with others.

January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

Among the greatest intellectuals in the history of the Church, Saint Thomas rises far above the rest. He is not only a Doctor of the Church but is given the titles Angelic Doctor, Common Doctor, and Universal Doctor. It is difficult to underestimate the impact that Saint Thomas has had on the Church's doctrine and intellectual understanding of the faith.



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

The bishops of the United States established the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. For more than 60 years, Catholics in the United States have answered the invitation to "share your faith" by supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help it pass on the Gospel to future generations.

One of the most important ways that Catholics share our faith with future generations is by supporting the formation and seminary education of men who have answered God's call to the priesthood or

diaconate. In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 149 priestly seminarians and 69 permanent deacons at the São José Archdiocesan Seminary received support through the Collection for the Church in Latin America to help cover education tuition and spiritual retreat expenses, as well as the cost of food.

Your support for this special collection helps prepare these men for lives of serving others through their preaching and celebration of the sacraments.

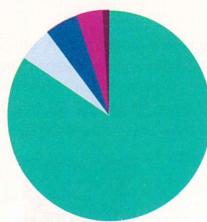
For more information about how donations help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2024 CLA Financials

Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **84.19%**
- Program Costs: **5.34%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **5.25%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.21%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.01%**

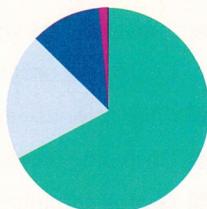
Total Expenses: \$8,458,445



Total Number of Grants Approved: 344

Total Amount Approved: \$8,060,250

- General Pastoral*: **67.34%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **19.89%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **11.17%**
- Other**: **1.45%**
- Inter-American Fund***: **0.15%**



*Includes evangelization, religious education, family, and other pastoral ministries.

**Special grants include purchase of equipment and administrative costs of dioceses facing severe economic hardship.

***Covers travel expenses for pastoral visits made by Latin American church leaders to US dioceses or elsewhere within Latin America.



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Comparta Su Fe

Apoye la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina

Los obispos de los Estados Unidos establecieron la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina, que se realiza anualmente, como una expresión práctica de unidad y de amor por sus hermanos y hermanas en Centroamérica, Sudamérica y las islas del Caribe. Por más de 60 años, los católicos en los Estados Unidos han respondido a la invitación para “compartir su fe” al financiar ministerios pastorales que fortalecen hoy a la Iglesia y le ayudan a transmitir el Evangelio a las futuras generaciones.

Una de las formas más importantes en la que los católicos comparten nuestra fe con las futuras generaciones, es apoyando la formación y la educación de seminaristas quienes han respondido al llamado de

Dios al sacerdocio o al diaconado. En Río de Janeiro, Brasil, en el Seminario arquidiocesano de San José, 149 seminaristas sacerdotales y 69 diáconos permanentes recibieron fondos a través de la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina para ayudarles a cubrir los costos de la matrícula educativa y del retiro espiritual, así como el costo de la alimentación.

El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta especial ayuda a preparar a estos hombres para una vida de servicio a los demás mediante la predicción y la celebración de los sacramentos..

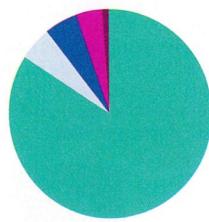
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Datos Financieros de CLA 2024

Gastos

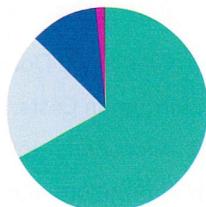
- Subvenciones y donaciones: **84.19%**
- Costos del programa: **5.34%**
- Asignaciones—subvenciones internas: **5.25%**
- Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos: **4.21%**
- Gastos administrativos: **1.01%**

Total de gastos: \$8,458,445



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Cantidad total aprobada: \$8,060,250

- Pastoral*: **67.34%**
- Formación del clero, religiosos y vocaciones: **19.89%**
- Fondos de emergencia para desastres: **11.17%**
- Otro**: **1.45%**
- Fondo Inter-American***: **0.15%**



* Incluye evangelización, educación religiosa, la familia y otros ministerios pastorales.

** Las subvenciones especiales incluyen la compra de equipo y los gastos administrativos en diócesis que enfrentan serias dificultades económicas.

*** Cubre los gastos de viaje de visitas pastorales realizadas por líderes de la iglesia en América Latina a diócesis en los Estados Unidos u otros lugares dentro de América Latina.



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Merry Christmas! It is with great joy and a full heart that I say thank you for the gift of you! Each of you has been a great gift in my vocational journey, and I am especially grateful for your prayers and the hidden sacrifices you are making so that I may continue to persevere.

There are many stories I could tell you from the middle school classroom to the weekly joy of laughter with little ones on Fridays, but in short it is a joy and gift to live a missionary life to empty oneself so that Christ may come.

In the words of Caryll Houslander from *The Reed Of God*, all our attitude in the midst of our activities are done with Christ in mind. "We shall do it just for one thing, that our hands make Christ's hands in our life, that our service may let Christ serve through us, that our patience may bring Christ's patience back to the world... We must carry Him in our hearts to wherever He wants to go... If our being there means that Christ is there, that alone makes it worthwhile."

It truly is a joy and honor to pray for you. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely In Christ,
Marie Arnold



New Bible Study Coming January 2026!

An Apologetics course: Learn to communicate the faith with confidence, respect, and honesty.



The course runs bi-weekly for 8 weeks from Jan. 14 - Apr. 22, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in the Large Classroom-PLC

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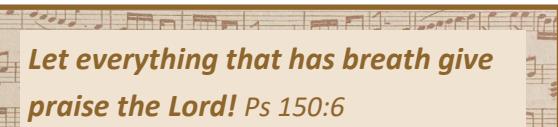
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for Dec. 28	\$8,255.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$240,688.43
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$246,844.00
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date	(\$6,155.57)

Second Collection

The Church in Africa	\$649.00
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Next Week's Second Collection: Capital Campaign



Thank you Music Ministry
Catherine Alibocas, Nardo Andres, Marie Appleby, Ashley Cotter, Samantha Cotter, Ruth Falter, Russ Foss, Lee Goodman, Gaye Guerre, Kent Haggerty, Laura Kane, Jessica Moore, Evan Ruffing, Inai Shin, Leslie Schuster, Valerie Shealy, Robin Sisco, Rose Ann Tuner, Susan Wallick, Tamara Waters. Junior Members: Annessa, Hiram, Tyler, William, Youth Choir & Children's Choir. Your shared time and talent is a blessing to our parish family. God bless you! ~Dr. Denise





The Columbiettes Corner

News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713



Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org

Ladies—We want YOU with us!

Join us on January 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m. for a relaxed and welcoming information meeting to learn more about the Columbiettes and the heart behind our mission. Our organization sponsors a variety of fundraising and service-oriented events throughout the year, and we're always excited to welcome fresh ideas that help us make a meaningful impact in our community.

Some of our upcoming favorites include the Valentine Fundraiser and our Youth—Columbiettes events. And in April, we'll celebrate our flagship gathering—The Ladies Luncheon, featuring this year's enchanting theme: Beauty and the Beast. More than 50 beautifully crafted gift baskets will be created and assembled for this special occasion.

If you enjoy giving back—whether through your creative talents, your helping hands, or simply your desire to share fellowship with like-minded women—we would love for you to come, ask questions, and discover just how easy and rewarding it is to be part of something truly special.

We can't wait to meet you!

Retirees Luncheon January 28, 2026



Join us for a heartwarming afternoon filled with delicious comfort food and even better company.

This month's menu features cozy crockpot favorites—soups, stews, chili—plus a spread of assorted breads and homemade desserts.

Bring a friend, a neighbor, or someone who could use a little extra cheer. Everyone's welcome at the table!

Reserve your spot for the Retiree Luncheon! Sign-up after any of the Saturday or Sunday Masses January 10 & 11 and January 17 & 18, 2026.

Dear Fr. Jim and Parishioners of Transfiguration!

As the year draws to a close, I want to begin with a sincere word of gratitude. Your prayers, encouragement and generosity throughout this past year have made it possible to serve our missions in my home Diocese in India.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

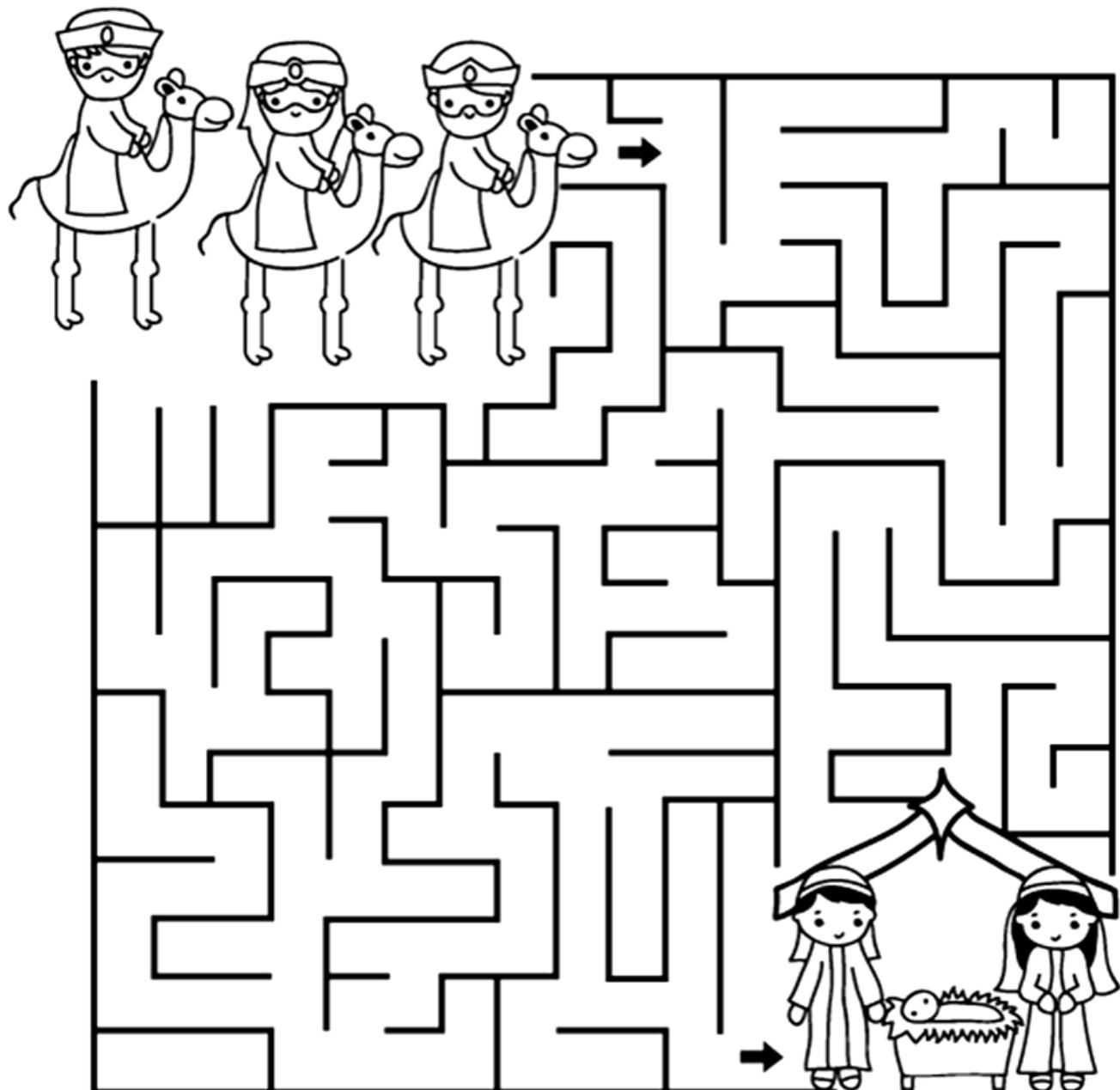
I wish you a GRACE FILLED and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2026.

*Yours Fraternally in Child JESUS,
Fr. Inna Reddy*



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Help the Three Wise Men find the manger.





Worship, Intentions & Prayers



The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 4

8:00 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*
 10:30 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*
 4:30 p.m. *Holy Qurbana*

Intentions of the Parish

Christina Neh Ngufor+ *by Lum Azeh*
St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Rite Catholic Mission

Monday, January 5—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Jonathan Pagella+

by Rene Scheuer

Tuesday, January 6—Saint André Bessette, Religious

5:00 p.m. *Reconciliation*
 5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Christy Carpenter+

by Rene Scheuer

Wednesday, January 7—Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

3:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 4:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*
 5:30 p.m. *Daily Mass at St. Theresa's*

Intentions of Danni Sherman

by Mary Matthews

Thursday, January 8

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Intentions of Jan Wilson

by Mary Matthews

Friday, January 9

2:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Saturday, January 10

3:00 p.m. *Reconciliation*
 3:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 4:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass*
 6:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass at St. Theresa's*

Elise Taylor+

by John de Silva

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-7; Ps 29:1-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Sunday, January 11

8:00 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*
 10:30 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*
 3:00 p.m. *Divine Liturgy*

Joseph Daniel Medina+

by Paul & Jane Richter

Intentions of the Parish

Holy Cross Eastern Catholic Mission

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com

 **Prayer for Service & Safety**

Lord, we thank You for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely. Amen.

For the healing of... Tom Aiken, Dave Anderson, Larry Avins, Bryan Blaze, Princey Blaze, Fred Brantham, Molly Brantham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero, Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Marvin Davant, Janice Dillon, Jack Eson, Jack, Wendi & Morgan Griffith, Sherry Haggerty, Kristyne Hall, Janet Hargrove, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Becky Jones, Zachary Komen, Naomi Lambert, Noah Langan, Dr. Melanie Ledo Barone, Amy Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Joe Ondracek, Therese Parthania, Jimmy Phillips, Joe Raimondi, Travis Spires, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Bob Underwood, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of.... Kayla Francisco, Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Rachel Graham, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Dominick Laibly, Reuben Paul, Alex Picciolo, Will Smarr, Gavin Zamora, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families.



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