

January 4, 2026 † Epiphany of the Lord

As we celebrate the Epiphany, be open to the ways God might want to use you to share the light of faith with those who are not yet faithful Catholics. We must be like the star of Bethlehem, drawing others to Christ in ways they can understand and accept. This is best accomplished when we place ourselves at God's service, ready to be used as instruments of His grace. God alone knows how to draw all people to Himself, and when we offer ourselves to His service, He will inspire us and use us to be that shining light, guiding others out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

(Visit www.catholic-daily-reflections.com for more!)

Saturday, January 3, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: MaryLou Lourenco † Requested by: Husband

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Luis Rodrigues † Requested by: Fernando & Mary Rodrigues

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am Mass

Intention: All Souls in Purgatory † Requested by: Gorette Matos

10:00am Mass

Intention: Ashton & Jade Caetano "Happy Birthday!" Requested by: Grandparents

11:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Armelim Silveira † Requested by: Leonor Silveira
Intention: Manuel & Rosa Diniz † Requested by: Umberta Diniz

Children are asked to bring a gift to offer to Baby Jesus. These items will later be auctioned at the Storage Building during an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment and delicious food. Please join us in this special celebration!

5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: People of the Parish

6:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: Gumaro Lazaro, Pedro Gabriel, Rigoberto Juarez † Requested by: Francisca Lazaro

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary † St. Mary's Altar Society

10:00am Rosary † Funeral Mass for Jerry Lourenco

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Angela L Machado † Requested by: Family

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Laurinda Cunha † Requested by: David & Shelli Cunha

Friday, January 9, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Manuel Andrade † Requested by: Linda Andrade



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

8:30am to 4:45pm Adoration in the Mission Church

5:00pm to 6:00pm Confessions in the New Church

Saturday, January 10, 2026

8:00am Mass

Intention: Maria Bettencourt † Requested by: Joe Rosa Family

5:30pm Mass

Intention: Maria F Borba † Requested by: John & Doralice Rocha
Intention: Lacey Renfro † Requested by: Dave & Fatima Amaral

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

7:00am Mass

Intention: Jeanne Tristant † Requested by: Adeline Nelson
Intention: Susan Santos † Requested by: Wanda Silveira

8:30am Portuguese Mass

Intention: Domingos & Lurdes Bertão † Requested by: João & Etelvina Lemos
Intention: Vivelina Lourenco † Requested by: Leonor Silveira

10:00am Mass

Intention: Those Inscribed in the *Legacy of Faith Book*

5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: John & Louise Vierra † Requested by: Greg & Shirley Vierra

6:30pm Spanish Mass at St. Mary's Church

Intention: People of the Parish

This Week's Parish Schedule

January 4, 2026 – Holy Rosary Epiphany Celebration

January 6, 2026 – English Baptism Classes

January 6, 2026 – Festa Meeting in the Parish hall at 6:30pm

January 8, 2026 – YMI Meeting in the Parish hall at 7:30pm

January 11, 2026 – Filhós Sale

Upcoming Parish Events & Activities

January 13, 2026 – Parish Council Meeting at 6:30pm

January 14, 2026 – SPRSI Meeting in the Parish hall at 2pm

January 15, 2026 – CPIDES Meeting in the Parish hall at 5:30pm

January 15, 2026 – Finance Council Meeting

Feast of the Epiphany

Like the Wiseman
we too are drawn
to the LIGHT that is
found through the love of Jesus



This Week on



THE TRUE MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS

Epiphany

CHRISTMAS DR. MICHAEL BARBER

Epiphany | The True Meaning of Christmas

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of The True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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Step 1 • Go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

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That's it, enjoy!



Back by Popular Demand... Senior Mass & Luncheon Day!

Join us on February 12th starting with Mass at 11:30am in the Mission Church followed by a luncheon in the parish hall!



Tune into Relevant Radio 840AM
Talk Radio for Catholic Life

To assist the Church in the New Evangelization by providing relevant programming through media platforms to help people bridge the gap between faith and everyday life.

CCD News

A Great Way to GIVE!

Want to give to our Religious Education Program, but don't know how or what? Check out our AMAZON Wish List! Scan the code below to take you there!



Childrens' Mass in the Mission Church

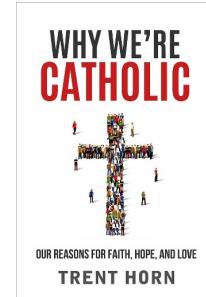
- January 13th at 2:30pm for kindergarten–2nd Grades
- January 20th at 4pm for 3rd – 6th Grades

All are welcome to join us!

Confirmation Retreat

A retreat is scheduled for January 24th for ALL (1st and 2nd Year) Confirmation Candidates AND their sponsors. Please pray that the Holy Spirit guide and lead everyone involved in this special event!

Upcoming Book Club!



5 sessions starting on January 20th and ending on February 24th. (No session on 2/10) at 6:30pm in the Msgr. Minhoto Meeting Room. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Annie Leandro at the parish office.



Uncle Sam will soon be calling!

Year-End Contribution Statements will soon be ready. Please call the parish office if you need a copy for tax purposes!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Maura Almada, Addy Alvarez, Linda Andrade, Maria Olivia Avila, Sally Baggett, Maria L. Bettencourt, Lucia Bogacki, Brityn Butrick, Luciano Cabral, Arthur Carmo, Adolfo Cisneros, Shirley Coelho, Marren de Orta Cordeiro, Chasity Cox, Kelly Cox, Nisa Cox, Sarah Cox, Jennifer DeCoteau, Vinci Deleberto, Ann DePalma, David Estrada, Bailey Fernandes, Gary Fernandes, Porter Fernandes, MaryJo Fontes, Jared Germann, Tobias Govea, Finley Huff, Richard Huntley, Austin Jones, Tiesha Kelley, Debbie Kidder, Steven LaMarre, Brian Lawrence, Nancy Lawrence, Philbert Lawrence, Henry Locke, Linda Lopes, Mike Lopes, José Lourenco, Jerry Lourenco, Maria Lourenco, Serra Lourenco, JoAnn Lundell, Joe Machado, Josephina Martins, William Matheron, Brenda Mays, Mark Medeiros, Amelia Melo, Antonio Mendes, Edward Mendes, Kendra Mendes, Nico Morasci, Maverik Nash, Beatriz Nunes, Alan Oliveira, Anthony Parreira, Zeb Parreira, Jane Bigelow Poindexter, Guimar Reis, Lidia Rocha, Stephanie Rockwell, Samantha Roberts, Tony Rodrigues, Nathan Segura, Joe Sequeira, Manuel A. Sequeira, Lucy Silveira, Manuel Silveira, Amaro Souza, Zelma Souza, Susie Totten, Rose Tristao, José Vieira, Mary José Vieira, Shirley Vierra, Sally Ann Thomas and Lesley Zorra

If you would like someone who is currently ill, or someone who will be having surgery, to be added to our bulletin prayer list, please contact the parish office at (209)667-8961 or email bulletinholyrosary@gmail.com. Kindly advise us of any changes that need to be made to this list. Thank you!

This Week's Featured Advertiser



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Attention Church Cleaning Teams

Please update your team roster by calling Anna at the parish office or email your current list to:
holysrosaryhilmar@dioceseoffresno.org.

Thank you one and all for giving your time and talent to benefit our parish and by keeping our churches looking beautiful!

Bulletin Notices

Requests must be received 10 days **PRIOR** to the weekend the announcement is to be published. Email your request to:
BulletinHolyRosary@gmail.com

Parish Offering & 2nd Collection



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OUR OFFERING COLLECTION FOR.....

Christmas Offerings	\$13,723
December 27 & 28	\$6,992

Many thanks to those who support our parish!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR ENVELOPE #



CELEBRATING THIS WEEK....

Happy Birthday to...

Maria Amaral • Benjamin Cervantes • Cecilia Davis • Bev Lucas
John Marson • Mitch Pacheco • Bobby Rocha • Nathan Sequeira
Frank Silva • Lucia Souto • Melina Teixeira • Blaise Tremble

*Want your birthday/anniversary mentioned in the bulletin?
Call the parish office to be added to our list!*

First of the New Year...

Our Lady of the Rosary Festa

committee will have their meeting on Monday, **January 6th** at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Sunday, January 11th....
The Portuguese Prayer Group will be
selling hot delicious Filhós!**



These sell out quickly!

Come early to get yours at the Holy Rosary Storage Building.



TEAMS OF OUR LADY

is hosting a Marriage Retreat at
St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers
March 27-29, 2026

This retreat is for married couples only. You do **NOT** need to be a member of Teams of Our Lady to attend. Come spend a weekend away in a beautiful setting with your spouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your marriage!

This Week's Featured Feast Day



The Epiphany of the Lord, traditionally celebrated on January 6 (or the nearest Sunday in many countries), commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God to the nations. The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “appearance,” and the feast centers especially on the visit of the Magi—wise men from the East—who followed a star to Bethlehem. Their journey symbolizes humanity’s search for truth and the recognition that Christ’s salvation is meant for all peoples, not only Israel. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh beautifully point to Jesus’ kingship, divinity, and sacrificial death.

Epiphany also celebrates other “manifestations” of Christ’s glory, traditionally including the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana. These moments reveal who Jesus truly is: the beloved Son of the Father and the One who transforms water into wine, bringing joy and abundance. Together, they form a tapestry of divine self-revelation, inviting believers to reflect on how God continues to reveal Himself in the world and in their own lives.

For Catholics, the Epiphany is a time to renew awareness of Christ’s presence and to seek Him with the same earnestness as the Magi. The Magi’s openness, humility, and perseverance are a model for discipleship. They left the familiar behind to journey in faith, trusting the light God provided. Their story challenges believers to look beyond comfort and routine in order to encounter Christ more deeply.

Celebrating Epiphany often begins liturgically by attending Mass, where the Scriptures of the Magi’s visit are proclaimed. The homily and prayers focus on Christ as light to the nations, reminding the faithful of their own call to bear that light in the world. Some parishes also include special blessings or cultural traditions tied to the feast, highlighting its rich and varied history across the global Church.

Many Catholic households mark Epiphany with prayer and blessings at home. A beautiful and ancient custom is the Epiphany house blessing, where chalk is used to inscribe the year and the initials C + M + B over the doorway—either referring to the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) or the Latin “Christus Mansionem Benedicat,” meaning “May Christ bless this home.” Families may gather to read the Gospel account, sprinkle holy water, and pray for God’s protection and peace in the coming year.

Other traditions include sharing a special Epiphany meal, exchanging small gifts in remembrance of the Magi, or blessing water, incense, or even homes with lighted candles as signs of Christ’s presence. Families may also keep their Nativity scenes displayed until Epiphany or even until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, reflecting the full Christmas season rather than rushing past it.

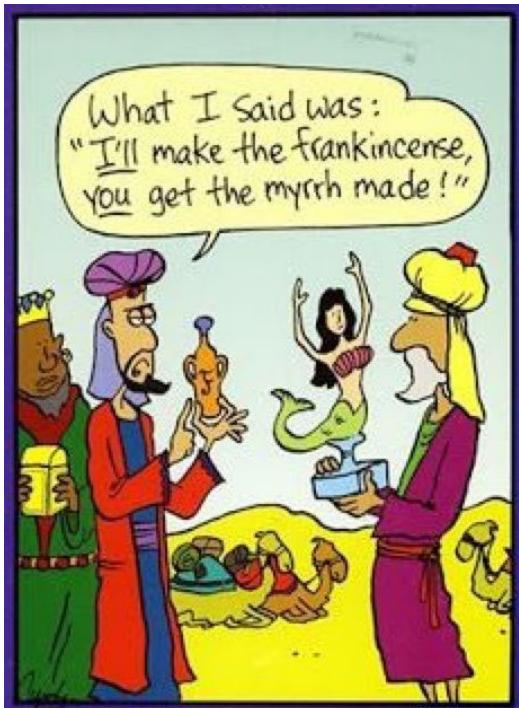
Finally, Epiphany calls Catholics to mission. Just as the star led the Magi to Christ, believers are called to be lights that guide others to Him through acts of charity, witness, and compassion. The feast reminds the Church that Christ’s love is for every nation and person, and that each Christian plays a role in making that love visible. In this way, Epiphany is not only a remembrance of God’s revelation in the past but also a commission for the present—an invitation to let the light of Christ shine through our lives.

“As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a King, myrrh for the One who is to die.” -

St. Peter Chrysologus



**Thank you to
the boys &
girls who
participated
in our
Christmas
Vigil Mass.
You made it a
special Mass
for everyone!**



mark ✓ your **Calendar**

Attention Parish Organizations

All parish groups and organizations that customarily use the parish facilities are reminded that all events must be listed in the Facilities Use Book. Dates will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Please submit your requests in writing to the parish office as soon as possible. NOTE: Dates and events are not automatically carried over from the prior year and must be confirmed by each individual organization or group.



Let us remember and pray
for our beloved departed & especially for

Jerry Lourenco

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls, and the souls of all the
faithful departed, rest in peace."*

Chalking the Door

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home:

20 + C + M + B + 26

The letters C, M, B have two meanings

#1 – They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar

#2 – They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The plus signs represent the cross and 2026 is the year.

The chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice throughout the world and an easy tradition to adopt. It's a great practice where we dedicate our year to God from its beginning, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit there.

"May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen."

Thank you to the Locke & Nylund families who donated the chalk to be blessed and used by our parishioners!



Many thanks to those who brought Christmas goodies to the parish office during the Christmas holiday. Fr. Isaque and the staff enjoyed your sweets and appreciate your thoughtfulness!

LEGACY
of Faith

Next weekend's 10am Mass is dedicated to those honored and memorialized through our *Legacy of Faith* program. We thank all those who have supported the *Legacy of Faith* book by their contributions to this lasting gift made in honor or remembrance. The individuals noted above have been recently inscribed in our *Legacy of Faith* book.

† MaryLou Locke † Jimmy Lopes † Brett Crandall
† MaryLou Freitas † Mary C Machado (H)

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council meets every two months and oversees the finances of the parish.

Current Members:

Pat Bivens
Wesley Caetano
Anthony Ortiz
Natalie Pires
Tima Seward
Shirley Vierra

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council meets monthly to discuss the needs of the parish. Our Council members are the eyes and ears of our parish. Please feel free to give them your input to be shared at the monthly meetings. This meeting is open to everyone.

Current Members:

Christopher Freeberg
Annie Leandro
Kevin Lindo
Taylor Nylund
Lindsey Oliveira
Betty Jean Rocha
Carlos Rocha
Jorge Vieira
Paulo & Madalena Vitorino

Need to get in touch with one of our contacts?

Call the parish office at (209) 667-8961

CONTACTS

Altar Servers • Veber Caetano

Altar Society • Carmel Caetano & Ines Vieira

Baptism Preparation

Christopher & Monica Lopes – English Classes
Roberto & Grettel Morera – Spanish Classes

Children's Liturgy • Annie Leandro

Cleaning Teams • Carmel Caetano

Eucharistic Ministers • Veber Caetano

Finance Council • Tima Seward

Lectors • Laurette Locke

Marriage Preparation • Armelim & Odelta Cardoso

OCIA (*Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*) • Christopher Freeberg

Our Lady of the Rosary Festa • Paulo & Madalena Vitorino

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Safe Environment Training • Annie Leandro

Teams of Our Lady • Frank & Annie Leandro

Young Ladies' Institute • Pam Real

Young Men's Institute • Duarte Monteiro

WELCOME TO HOLY ROSARY + ST. MARY'S FAITH COMMUNITY

We welcome all visitors. Thank you for joining us in the Celebration of the Eucharist.

We hope you will find ways to participate in and support our parish life and mission by sharing your time, talent and treasure.

If you have been attending services but are not registered or if you just moved into the area, we invite you to join us as a member of our parish family, using the registration form below or stopping by the Parish Office. Your registration makes it possible for us to communicate with you and to plan and provide for your needs more effectively. Registration is required for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and enrollment in our religious education programs.

Register, Participate, and Share your Gifts and Talents!

Name: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Please circle all that apply: (1) New Parishioner (2) Update Information (3) Moving, please remove from directory