

# The Epiphany of the Lord



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### Mass Schedule

Masses: Saturday (anticipatory) 5 PM  
Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM  
Daily Masses: Monday thru Saturday: 8 AM

### Adoration

First Friday: 10 AM - 7 PM, ends with Benediction  
Other Fridays: 6 PM - 7 PM, ends with Benediction

### Confession

Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, and by appointment  
Parents with young children in tow are warmly invited to skip to the front of the line.

### Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Anointing of the Sick is administered upon request. Please call the office to make arrangements. For extended needs for Holy Communion at home, please call the office for further information.

### Funerals

Before making arrangements, please contact Virginia Greene at (469) 697-6778.

### Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Altar Servers, please call Deacon Paul Williams at (469) 901-8138 or email [pwilliams@stelizabethdallas.org](mailto:pwilliams@stelizabethdallas.org)

Ushers and Greeters call Michael Rangel at (469) 855-2943.

### Clergy

Pastor: Very Rev. Emmett Hall, V.F.  
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### Faith Formation for Children & Teens

✚ PreK-4 through 7th grade meets Sunday mornings during the school year.  
✚ 8th grade & high school Confirmation classes are Wednesday evenings during the school year.  
✚ High School Youth Ministry meets Wednesday evenings during the school year.  
Contact Elizabeth Seidemann at (469) 697-6775 or [eseidemann@stelizabethdallas.org](mailto:eseidemann@stelizabethdallas.org) for information.

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm from September to May. Contact Estella Castillo at (214) 725-2100 or [ecastillo@stelizabethdallas.org](mailto:ecastillo@stelizabethdallas.org) for information.

Catholic adults desiring to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Holy Communion and Confirmation) may also attend these courses.

### Financial Assistance

Contact St. Vincent de Paul Society at (469) 418-0871 or [svdp@stelizabethdallas.org](mailto:svdp@stelizabethdallas.org).

Scan the QR code to donate.



*No aid is available at the parish office.*

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let us  
adore  
Him.

## From The Desk of The Parochial Vicar

### The Magi's gifts



Each year at every Mass for Epiphany, we read about the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus. As seen in today's gospel: "They [the Magi] prostrated themselves and did him [Jesus Christ] homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh". What pushed the Magi to undertake this tedious journey from the east? The answer is found in the connection between the ancient meaning and the Christian meaning of the gifts the Magi presented to Jesus.

First is the gift of gold. Ancients regarded gold as the king of metals. Therefore, it made an ideal gift for a king. Christians interpret the gift of gold as standing for the kingship of Jesus. Concerning Christ's kingship, Paul writes: [The Father] worked in raising him [Christ] from the dead and seating him at his right side in the heavens... And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church" (Eph. 1: 20-22)

Second is the gift of incense. Ancients used incense in their worship. The aroma and the smoke rising heavenward spoke to them of gods and divinity. Christians interpret the gift of incense as standing for the divinity of Jesus. Speaking of this divinity, the Letter to the Hebrews says: "[Jesus] who is the refulgence of his [God's] glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word" (Heb. 1:3)

Third is the gift of myrrh. Ancients used myrrh to prepare the dead for burial. Recall that myrrh was used at the tomb of Jesus (Mk. 16:1; Lk. 24:1; Jn. 19:39) in accordance with Jesus' instruction (Jn. 12:3-7). Christians interpret the gift of myrrh as standing for the humanity of Jesus. Speaking of Jesus' humanity, Paul writes: "Who, though he was in the form of God... emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:6-8)

Lastly, over 15 centuries ago, St. Peter Chrysologus spoke of the feast of Epiphany in these terms: "Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man. One whom the whole universe can't contain is now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, and myrrh for one who is to die." Happy Epiphany!

~ Fr. Francis

## Stewardship

"Beware of Practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward but when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

— Matthew 6: 1-4

Teller Team Captain 1/4 - Felipe Gomez

Teller Team Captain 1/11 - Petra Alfaro

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 3**

- 8:00 AM Jose and Maria Curiel's Wedding Anniversary, by the Curiel Family  
5:00 PM † Eduardo Sanchez, by Esperanza Mendoza

### **Sunday, January 4**

- 8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM † Gilbert Luna, Sr., by Wife and Children  
12:00 PM Kenny Shugart, by Beatriz Shugart

### **Monday, January 5**

- 8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory, by Maria Curiel

### **Tuesday, January 6**

- 8:00 AM † Fr. Alfredo Caro, by Maria Curiel

### **Wednesday, January 7**

- 8:00 AM † Juana Gonzalez, by Maria Curiel

### **Thursday, January 8**

- 8:00 AM † Guadalupe Caro, by Maria Curiel

### **Friday, January 9**

- 8:00 AM † Lorenzo Santurnia Sabedra, by His Children

 Please visit [stelizabethdallas.org](http://stelizabethdallas.org) to register as a parishioner, see upcoming events, sign up for online giving and much more.



### Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate, The Epiphany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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*).

House Blessing Kit: The Epiphany door blessing is a centuries-old tradition where blessed chalk is used to write **20+C+M+B+26** above a home’s front door, symbolizing the Three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar) and the Latin “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” (May Christ bless this house). This ritual invites Christ’s presence, blessings, and protection into the home for the new year, often with prayers for health and goodness. Please pick up a kit in the rear of the church.

### Youth Ministry

Don’t forget to purchase your “dine-in only” spaghetti dinner tickets. Meal service will begin at 6:15 PM on Saturday, January 17, 2026. \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 & under. Use the QR code or teens will be selling tickets in the church after all the Masses. *You can also help with canned goods for the DCY Conference in February. Cans can be dropped off at the table in the narthex on Jan. 3-4. Teens will be available to collect donations.*



All canned food items will be donated to the **North Texas Food Bank**



### Guadalupana Breakfast Tacos

The first taco sale of the new year (2026) will be on Sunday, January 11th after all the Masses or until the tacos are gone. You have your choice of beef brisket, Mexican chorizo (with eggs), country sausage (with eggs) and potatoes (with eggs). They will also be introducing a new flavor to the options: refried beans and queso Mexicana taco. So please stop by the table and pick up your tasty breakfast tacos before they are all gone.

### Raffle Tickets

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### Altar Guild

The Altar Guild will be having their first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 15th at 11:00 AM in the Grahmann Center. All members are welcomed to bring a dish to share and a friend (or two).

### Bible Study

Join us this Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7 PM via Zoom as we begin our journey in “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”. Please contact the office if you would like to participate.

**Church Etiquette:** Remember that Christ is truly present in the tabernacle and the church is a sacred place. Please refrain from chewing gum, eating food or drinking beverages in the church. You should also refrain from eating at least one hour before Mass. Gentlemen should not wear headwear (baseball caps, hats, skull caps, etc.) inside the church. We also ask that phones be silenced before Mass begins. Thank you for your cooperation.

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