



Holy Nativity Catholic Church

The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

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+ The Epiphany of the Lord + 5 January AD 2025 +

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Call the Parish Office if you wish to. . .

**+ become a Registered Member of Holy Nativity Catholic Church + explore the possibility of becoming Roman Catholic
+ schedule a Wedding or a Baptism + talk about the Annulment process + schedule a Confession by appointment**

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for sharing in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with us today. Please introduce yourself after Mass.

If you are a Catholic, we at Holy Nativity receive Holy Communion kneeling and by intinction (both species on the tongue).

If you are not a Catholic, during Communion we invite you either to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest, or fingers across your lips, and receive a blessing from the Priest or Deacon, or remain in your pew and reflect on the presence of Christ.

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Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, when He was introduced to the wise men from the East. The drama of the revealing of our Lord to the world contains a cast of characters who each have a lesson to teach us.

Herod, the King, jealous of power, unwilling to give up any of his control. Fearful of the prophecy that said the Messiah was coming. More in love with the world's pleasures than in doing what is righteous. How does Herod find his way into our lives? Are there times we fight desperately against God seeking to maintain control? Do we seek to snuff the divine light within because it is inconvenient to do God's will? We can find ourselves in Herod's shoes more easily than we like to admit.

The religious leaders. Not willing to investigate for themselves. Not wanting to give up their position of leadership. Not willing to rock the boat. It takes courage to be willing to dig deeper into one's faith and actually seek to give ourselves to a living relationship with God. Our biggest fear might be that God would ask us to step out of our comfort and actually step out in Faith.

The Magi, willing to invest their lives in the finding of the Messiah. They left their established lives in the East and set out in search of a child. They were willing to stop and ask directions they arrived in Jerusalem. Making the logical assumption they went to the palace to find a child born king. We are told that Herod was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. How awkward the silence must have been when they asked the question, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" A frantic call for information from the religious scholars who returned the answer, "in Bethlehem". Interestingly even though they knew the answer, none of them were recorded as running ahead of the Magi to pay homage to the Messiah.

Once the Magi left the palace, they again saw the star and followed it to the house where our Lord was, they were willing to live by faith and give action to their faith. They entered the house and fell down and worshipped the Lord of all. With the eyes of faith, they saw in the face of a child the King and Creator worthy of worship. Consider their gifts: Gold – their riches, and ours, given for the service of God. Frankincense – the gift and duty of worship. Myrrh – used for embalming the dead, and a reminder of our Lord's Passion and our need for mortification. On this Epiphany Sunday, we are encouraged to run to offer our duty of worship to the King of kings, it is a journey of Faith, Hope, and Charity, it is a journey of Joy. O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

January 5, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:20 am Rosary

8:00 am Mass

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am Mass

Hymn 329 – We Three Kings

Hymn 334 – As With Gladness Men of Old

Chanted Responses from the Hymnal:

170 – Sanctus 174 – Agnus Dei

Readings:

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm -- Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading – Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel –Matthew 2:1-12

Who We Are

Holy Nativity Catholic Church is a member of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, a diocese in the Roman Catholic Church, offering one of three forms of the Mass in the Latin Rite. With the guidance and encouragement of Pope Benedict XVI, we were formed to accommodate the traditions of Anglican communities as they entered the Catholic Church in full communion with Rome. All Catholics are welcome.

Contributions. You may donate to the church by:

- ☐ Using the plate at the back of church
- ☐ Clicking the *Donate Now* button at www.HolyNativityPayson.org
- ☐ Mailing your check to the church at this address:

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Business Listings:

Total Fireplace Concepts LLC – 928-301-7353

Diversified Services – Home Improvement/Hauling
– 928-970-1873

Home and Business Cleaning – very good references – Lupe (928-951-1107)

Rim Country Guns – Catholic owned and operated, 928-474-8000

Payson Produce – Now at Noley's (103 East AZ 260) Thursdays thru Mondays
Contact Reuben 928-418-8114

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Holy Nativity Catholic Church

"Knowledge, love and service to God."

Weekly Schedule

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: Mass Noon – Rosary at 11:30 am

Wednesday: Mass 10:00 am

Thursday: Mass Noon – Rosary at 11:30 am; Adoration following Mass until Noon on Friday.

Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex

Friday: Mass Noon

Saturday: No Mass

Sunday: Rosary 7:20 am, Mass: 8 am and 10 am.

Please join us for fellowship after each Mass

Confession: One hour before every mass except the 8 am Sunday Mass and as requested.

Holy Hour: The Holy Eucharist will be unveiled for adoration one hour before each of the weekday masses.

Announcements

Prayer List:

Dan Heath – Healing

Gary Bedsworth – Healing

Mike Mascatell – Healing

Mary Smith – Healing

Walter Obrecht – Healing

Brenda – Healing

Robert Hendershot – Healing

Ventia Stanley – Healing

Linda Parsons – Healing

Mary Lou Hickey – Healing

Upcoming Events

Women's Gospel Encounter group: 10 am on 1st and 3rd Saturdays
Contact Cynthia at 512-865-7707

Sisters in Christ meets from 5 to 7 pm on 2nd and 4th Thursdays

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00pm.

Men's Group: 6 to 8 pm on 3rd Thursday.

*Items for the Bulletin should be submitted by Wednesday noon.
email: jh.grace@gmail.com*

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil, may God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.