

# January 4, 2026

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**"On the 12th day of Christmas my true love gave to me... the feast of Epiphany!"**

Epiphany is known in Latin America as "Día de los Reyes"—Kings Day, the day the Magi or "kings" came to visit Jesus. And the word *Epiphany* comes from Greek, meaning "to reveal" or "to shine forth." When Jesus is revealed to the wisdom teachers of foreign powers, God switches on the light—the light of illuminated knowledge, and the light of sheer joy.

Looking at our readings, Matthew's gospel is the only one that mentions the Magi, because Matthew's gospel was composed to highlight Jesus as the fulfillment of the Hebrew scriptures. It's likely that Matthew wrote about the visit of the Magi thinking about today's Old Testament text from Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied: "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." It also says they shall come "bearing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord."

The light in Isaiah's prophecy may also be the star that draws the Magi in Matthew's account. "Light" in these passages may have two senses. One meaning is light as *spiritual illumination*, as the Magi represent the wisdom of the ancient East, which finds its fulfillment in Christ. And light also has the sense of "*lightening*" one's face—or "*lightening*" one's mood—as the Magi in Matthew's nativity are filled with great joy when the star delivers them to the holy family.

What do these texts tell us on Epiphany in 2026? First, they invite us to be open to wisdom from unexpected places. In the first century, the Magi were people whom most Jews would regard as hostile. They were pagan sorcerers, yet in Matthew's story they understood the signs and sought after Jesus.

These texts also remind us that the gift of God's child is for everyone. Christ is not limited to any one culture, ethnicity, skin color, gender, or hemisphere. As John says in his gospel, Christ is God's way of showing love to *the world*. And the Greek word in John 3:16 suggests an even greater scope: "God so loved the world that God gave his child." Christ is God's gift for all of creation.

Finally, our Epiphany texts remind us that Christ can be our source of joy. Even when happiness eludes us, when circumstances are grim, when the world turns its back on justice, there can still be joy—the abiding sense that all is well in a world that God loves despite its disappointments. To quote 16<sup>th</sup> century doctor of the church, St. Teresa of Ávila:

**Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away: God never changes.**

**Patience obtains all things.**

**Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.**

—Reflection by Kenneth McIntosh at <https://uscatholic.org/>

### Breakfast and Birthday Cake Today!

to celebrate the birthdays of January



**This Sunday, Jan. 4, after 8:30 a.m. Mass**

& the first Sunday of each month.

(Volunteer Helpers-Kay & Katzy)

### Martha & Mary (M&M) Society Meeting

Mon., Jan. 5, at 6:00 p.m.

*M&M is a great opportunity for the women of the parish to share and enjoy fellowship, while serving the altar society ministry of Holy Cross.*

### Catholicism 101

A great opportunity for you or anyone to learn more about the Catholic faith

Each Tues. after 5:30 pm Mass

**This Week (1/6) Topic: Sacrament of The Eucharist—Real Presence**

### A Night of Encounter & Mercy

Adoration on Wednesday, January 7th

Following Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.

**Come Spend Some Time with Jesus!**

**No Confessions this week due to Fr. being out of town**

Fr. Donovan will be gone to a retreat from Jan. 5-9; therefore, there will be a Communion Service Tues.-Fri. this week rather than Daily Mass and no Confessions on Wednesdays at the Night of Encounter & Mercy (Adoration)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 28 for **Hayden Taylor**

Requested by Mary Feichtinger

Jan. 4 for **Richard Steinheil**

Requested by Linda Steinheil

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.* —Romans 12:12

We're grateful for our parish community and the power of our prayers for our parish, family, and friends.

Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Use the QR code below to request prayer using the Flocknote Prayer Request page.



Prayer requests are sent out to our Flocknote Prayer Team that supports our prayer chain.

Also, you can sign up in Flocknotes to be a part of that Prayer Team group so that you can pray for others as well.



Listen to Bishop David Konderla as he presents Gospel reflections with prayer, Scripture, and a homily. Every Sunday he will guide listeners to embrace Christ's promises, presence, and kingship in daily life throughout the Church's liturgical year - to proclaim that Jesus is Lord. Visit [hallow.com](http://hallow.com) and/or download the **Hallow App**.

DIocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma

## Diocesan Women's Bible Study

EVERY WEDNESDAY | JAN 14 - APR 15, 2026  
9 - 11:15 AM

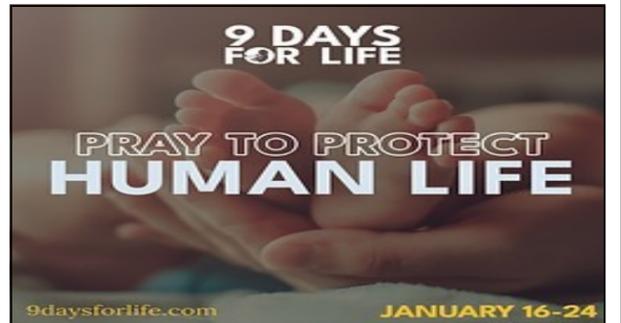
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COST: \$30

Questions? Contact Mary Hall at [mnhall74@gmail.com](mailto:mnhall74@gmail.com) or 918/284-4747

### 2025 Contribution Reports

A Signup Sheet is located in the foyer for those wanting a 2025 donation summary for tax purposes.

Mass Ministers			
	Ushers	Reader	Servers
1/4	Mike Hickman	Paul Stuart	Liam, Aceah,
	Mike Cucchiara		Amelia
1/11	Seth Yocer	Karol Watson	Carlos, Liam,
	Mike Hickman		Aceah



9 DAYS FOR LIFE (January 16-24)  
Pray to Protect Human Life!

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

**Thursday, January 22nd is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**

**Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and the protection and sanctity of all human life.**

*Loving Creator,  
You know each life before it begins.  
Protect the unborn, strengthen parents,  
and guide us to defend life with compassion and courage.  
May our words and actions reflect  
Your mercy. Amen.*

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Charlie Moe**

(long-time Holy Cross parishioner) that passed away on Dec. 29th.

**Rosary—January 8th @ 5 pm**  
**Funeral Mass—January 9th at 10 am**

Dear God, we lift up Charlie in prayer as we remember his life and the impact he had on those around him. Please bring comfort and peace to those who mourn his loss, and may they find hope in your loving presence and the promise of eternal life. Amen.



**Pot Luck Lunch Next Sunday, Jan. 11th**  
(& the second Sunday of each month)

Following the 11:00 am TLM Mass

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**Offerings from Christmas & December 28, 2025**

General Weekend Collections	<b>\$3,528.10</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,678.10</b>
Special Collection for Retired Priests	<b>\$564.25</b>

*Your Generosity & Support is Always Appreciated!*



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**This Week's Readings—Jan 4-10**

Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

\*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:  
**www.holycross-wagoner.org**

*January M&M Volunteers*

<i>Altar Linens</i>	<b>Kathy Gordon</b>
<i>Sunday Hostess</i>	<b>1/4-Kay &amp; Katzy 1/11-Kathy Gordon</b>

**FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING**

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker  
Judy Wright, parishioner  
Becky Harding, parishioner  
Hope Watson, parishioner  
John Spieker, husband of Jackie Spieker  
Marie Herndon, parishioner  
Laura Rodriguez, parishioner  
Bill Scrimsher, parishioner  
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**WELCOME VISITORS & NEW PARISHIONERS!**

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday**  
**8:30 a.m. (English)**  
**11:00 a.m. (Latin)**

**Weekdays**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday — 5:30 p.m.**  
**Thursday & Friday — 8:30 a.m.**  
**First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 a.m.**

**HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**Wednesdays from 6:00—7:00 p.m.**  
**(following 5:30 p.m. Mass)**

**CONFESSIONS**  
**30 minutes before Masses**  
**or by appointment/request**

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**Holy Cross Faith Formation Classes**

**High School Bible Study & Youth Group**  
Each Sunday at 5 p.m.

**Family Catechesis Classes**—Third Sunday of each month after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**Adult Faith Formation**—Fourth Sunday of each month after both 8:30 & 11 a.m. Masses.

**Bible Study**—Friday mornings at 9 a.m.

**Catholicism 101**—Each Tuesday after 5:30 p.m. Daily Mass

**Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer**

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and to the world. As your disciples, help us love others, pray for all souls, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
*Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12*

**Breaking Bread Book—Pages 57-58**

**Vatican II Hymnal—Pages 404-405**

