

*January 4, 2026
The Epiphany
of the Lord*

SS. Peter & Paul Church
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Mission Statement

The people of SS. Peter & Paul Parish are called to create and sustain a community of faith in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the life of faith through the Eucharist. As we break bread together, we are inspired to care for others and are challenged to grow in faith through prayer, study, and social interaction

Vision Statement

All parishioners recognize the challenge of the Gospel and the Eucharist as evidenced by participating in various ministries, inviting and welcoming others, caring for and serving those in need, and promoting peace and justice.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Class: Contact Darcy Wharton for Information at ext. 211

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month except during the season of Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00—4:45 PM
In the Church or by appointment

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For anyone experiencing chronic illness or preparing for medical treatment, surgery, or long-term care, please call Ext. 201 to arrange an appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Matrimony

We welcome inquiries from engaged couples!
Please call Ext. 201 for information

Christian Initiation

For adult individuals interested in becoming Catholic or for those over six years old who have not received Baptism, please call Ext. 214.

✠MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK✠

Sat, Jan. 3	5:00 PM	✠	Larry Arkus	✠	Alfred Lujan
Sun, Jan. 4	9:00 AM	✠	Ada Lacayo	✠	Thomas Kane
	11:00 AM	✠	Ninh Van Pham	✠	Richard Miller
	5:00 PM	✠	Rich Valls	✠	Hung Hoang
Mon, Jan. 5	8:30 AM	✠	Steve Cooper	✠	Tjen Hon Hin & Tgong Tgiu Siong
Tue, Jan. 6	8:30 AM	✠	Alberto Campos	✠	Richard Miller
Wed, Jan. 7	8:30 AM	✠	Alberto Campos	✠	
Fri, Jan. 9	8:30 AM	✠	Virginia Santos Ong	✠	
Sat, Jan. 10	5:00 PM	✠	Mario Silvestrin	✠	Anthony O'Reilly
Sun, Jan. 11	9:00 AM	✠	Thomas Kane	✠	Than Nguyen
	11:00 AM	✠	Alfred & Bertha Lujan	✠	Steve Cooper
	5:00 PM	✠	Richard Miller	S	Community of SSPP

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Saturday Vigil Mass—5:00 PM
Sunday Masses—9:00 AM (Live-Stream),
11:00 AM & 5:00 PM
Daily Mass (M, T, W, F)—8:30 AM

Church & Adoration Chapel Hours
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM—6:00 PM

Parish Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:30 PM
Closed 12:00—1:00 PM for lunch



Online Donations
Use the QR Code Below



January 4, 2026 — The Epiphany of the Lord

✠ Liturgy 101 ✠

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Epiphany

Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Today we celebrate the visit of the Magi, who only appear in Matthew’s gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there

were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

POINSETTIA PICK UP

Poinsettia plants may be picked up from the Church between 6:00-8:00 PM after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, January 4.



Special Collection THIS Weekend
January 3/4 is for St. Vincent de Paul.

Please make your donation online at:
www.rocklincatholic.org/st-vincent-depaul-donations
Or place in the collection basket during the second collection. Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Church Calendars Available

Once again we are offering a church calendar listing all holy days and feast days.

They are available at the entrances to the Church. Please take one per family.



Sprinkling smiles one donut at a time!

Come for fellowship, coffee, and donuts after Sunday morning masses.

Volunteers are needed—especially at the 11:00 AM Mass. Contact Kris Cowen at kriscowen@hotmail.com for more information.



A Note of Gratitude

The SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild extends its sincere gratitude to the parish community for their unwavering support of our Santa Sweet Shoppe/Craft Christmas event. We trust that you thoroughly enjoyed the photo booth featuring Santa Claus. We feel the event was a success. Your contributions fund various parish ministries, which we budget for annually. Kindly note that our *Soup for the Soul* fundraiser concludes on February 15th, which can be found on the Ladies Guild webpage.

Furthermore, we invite you to mark your calendars for our spring fashion show, *Cruising into Spring*, which will be held on Friday, April 10th. We extend our best wishes for a prosperous 2026.



Soup for the Soul

With the cold part of winter coming, the SS Peter & Paul Ladies Guild is presenting ***Soup for the Soul*** fundraiser. Happy Valley Soup, located in Happy Valley, PA, offers over 14 varieties of soups made with the finest freeze-dried ingredients. Easy to make too! Cost is \$9.50 (plus shipping) per bag.



This fundraiser ***begins November 15 and ends February 15***. The funds raised will go back to our parish ministries. More information and the link to order your soup can be found on the Ladies Guild webpage:

rocklincatholic.org/soup.

Be sure to share with family and friends!!

Giving Tree Thanks!



Thank you for your continued support of our annual Giving Tree. Through your generosity we were able to donate 369 gift cards, divided among the nine local non-profits: Mother

Teresa, St. Vincent de Paul, The Gathering Inn, Koinonia, Roseville Home Start, Stand Up Placer, Rocklin/Loomis KIDS, Placer County Children’s Support of Care, and WWJD. The cards were used to purchase gifts to be given to their clients or given to the parents to purchase specific gifts for their children. Thank you for your loving support which gives others a bit of Christmas cheer.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH



YOUTH & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (Kindergarten—8th Grade & Sacrament Preparation)

We hope you had a joyful Christmas and New Year. Faith Formation classes resume this week, and we look forward to welcoming our students and families back.

January Youth & Family Faith Schedule:

- **Week of January 4th** - CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED
- **Week of January 11th** - CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED
- **Sunday, January 18th** - **Family Formation Session at 3:30 PM.** This session is for **ALL** families enrolled in Sunday and Monday classes.

Please note: January's Family Formation Session will be held **ONLY** on Sunday, January 18th. Students who normally attend classes on Sunday at 3:30 PM, Sunday at 6:15 PM, and Monday at 3:30 PM should attend this Family Formation Session instead of their regular class. **At least one parent or adult per family is required to attend the FAMILY Formation Session with their child(ren).**

- **Week of January 25th** - CLASSES MEET AS SCHEDULED

OPEN HOUSE

10:30am
All School Mass

Open House & Book Fair
Immediately following Mass - 1:00 pm

St. Rose School

**JANUARY 25, 2026
11:30AM-1:00PM**

SCAN BELOW FOR ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

www.strose.org PH. 916.782.1161

ST. ROSE SCHOOL
1960-2025



SAVE THE DATE!

YM Small Groups will meet on January 11th & 25th from 6:15 pm—7:45 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Hope to see you there!



Baptism Class

Our next Baptism preparation class (via Zoom) will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 PM.

This class is intended for parents and godparents of children who will be baptized at our parish or at another parish. For more information or to register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/baptism.

VOCARE - Young Adult (Ages 18 to 35) Discernment Retreat

Who are you called to be?
VOCARE

Join us for a day with Mass, prayer, time for reflection, and talks about the different vocations, learn about the different charisms and ponder where God may be calling you: Married Life, Religious Life, Single Life, or Priesthood.

When: Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9 AM to 9 PM

Where: Christ the King Retreat Center
6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights

Cost is \$100, lunch and dinner included

For more information and registration visit:
<https://www.scd.org/event/vocare-discernment-retreat-young-adults-ages-18-35>

Registration deadline is Friday, January 23, 2026.

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR



OCIA Sponsors Needed

The Holy Spirit is indeed at work here at SS. Peter & Paul parish with a growing number of adult Candidates and Catechumens in the OCIA seeking the Sacraments of Initiation.

As such, we are in need of Confirmed Catholic adults, who are active in their faith, to accompany our participants on their journey to the Sacraments. What is the role of an OCIA sponsor?

- ♦ **Companion:** accompanying a person who is on a journey toward a deeper relationship with our loving God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.
- ♦ **Guide:** not just walking alongside the person, but also guiding, lending a hand, and helping to notice important things along the way.
- ♦ **Support:** encouraging the person when he/she gets discouraged or confused.
- ♦ **Representative of our SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Community:** connecting the person to our community of faith both at mass and in ministry.
- ♦ **Witness:** beholding the work of the Holy Spirit in the person's journey.

Our OCIA Candidates and Catechumens are a gift to our community and renew our own faith. As such, being a sponsor is incredibly rewarding and provides an opportunity to share and grow in your own faith along the way.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Katie Maynard, Coordinator of Christian Initiation at (916) 624-5827 x214 or email katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org

Book Club Selection



Our parish book club has selected *When the Jessamine Grows* by Donna Everhart. This book is an evocative, morally complex novel set in rural 19th century North Carolina, as one woman fights to keep her family united, her farm running, and her convictions whole during the most devastating and divisive period in American history.

Join us on Tuesday, January 20th at 4:00 PM in the Dillon Center for our discussion!



New Divorce Care series begins in THIS MONTH!

Our Divorce Care facilitators have graciously agreed to provide another 13-week session beginning January 22nd. This series can provide much needed healing during a difficult time. Open to all, so please share this information with family and friends.

To register, visit www.rocklincatholic.org/divorcecare

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS...

Thinking about becoming Catholic...



Do you have an interest in becoming Catholic or were you baptized as a child but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

Our inquiry **"Come and See" sessions** are held on Monday evenings in the Library building.

For more information about the process, please call Katie Maynard at 916-624-5827 ext. 214 or katie.maynard@rocklincatholic.org



Dance and Pray

Join us **Monday, January 5th at 6:30 PM in Classroom #1** (close to the Faith Formation Office).

Remember to wear comfortable clothes, shoes/sneakers, and bring water. We'll move, dance, and pray for about an hour. We found out that putting one of those low-cut no-show socks on the bottom of our shoes/sneakers makes it easier to dance on carpet. Remember to bring a pair.

Feel free to invite a friend to Dance & Pray with us! Email Lucia at luciadanceandpray@gmail.com for more information.

Caregivers Ministry

The Caregivers Ministry meets Wednesday, January 7th from 12:00-1:00 PM in Room #1 of the classroom buildings.



If you are providing part-time or full time care to a loved one, we invite you to attend the caregivers ministry gathering. Join with others who share this experience. You will find support, information, and camaraderie. Feel free to bring lunch and a friend.

For more information, contact Jo Kellogg at jokellogg@gmail.com



food &
friendship
potluck

JOIN US FOR THE FOOD & FRIENDSHIP POTLUCK GATHERING MONDAY, JANUARY 12th!

Join your fellow parishioners for the monthly potluck lunch gathering and make some new friends! You are invited to bring a potluck dish (to feed around 4-6 people)

to the Multipurpose Room at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 12th. No RSVP is needed and you are welcome to bring a friend.

These fun potlucks are the second Monday of each month. For more information contact Barbara Warmerdam at barbara.warmerdam@gmail.com.

ARE YOU MANAGING MONEY
GOD'S WAYS
OR YOUR WAY?

BEST \$100 INVESTMENT!

No more money stress—ever! It's possible when you know how to control your

finances. Join our **9-week, Financial Peace University class in Room 2.**

Learn how to dump debt, build wealth and be generous. Starts **Monday, March 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM.** Cost is \$99.99.

Register at www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/1E7968. Questions? Contact Trudy Rebollo, 916-276-2409.

Crab Feed

Sat. Feb. 7, 2026

6:00 PM

\$65 per person

- Appetizers
- Salad
- Pasta
- Crab
- Dessert Dash
- No Host Bar



**Reserve a Table of 10
(in one transaction) and receive
2 bottles of wine for the table!**

**Reservations Close Feb. 1st
at 7:00 PM or when sold out
No Sales at the Door**



We are in need of a LOT of volunteers and dessert donations for the Crab Feed event.

Please use the link www.rocklincatholic.org/crab-feed to find the signup genius links AND to purchase tickets.

Don't Miss This!

3-Night Parish Retreat

Blessed, Broken, Shared, and Sent!

Feb. 1-3

6:30 PM

at SS. Peter & Paul Church

4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin

Join us in the Social Hall after each presentation for a Wine & Cheese Reception

Mike Patin

The "Engagin' Cajun"

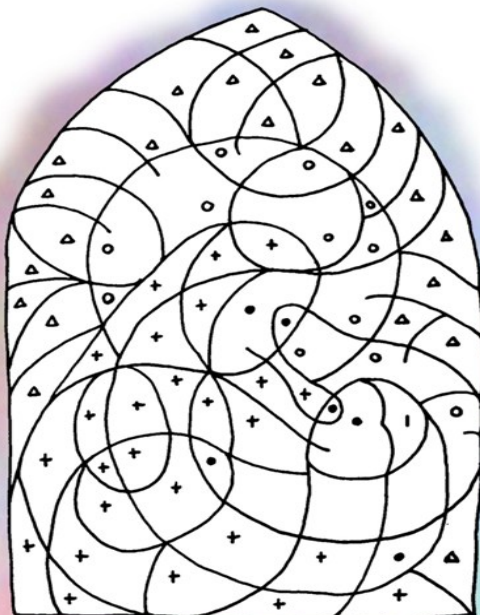


All Are Welcome
Free Will Offering at the Door

More information: www.rocklincatholic.org/parish-retreat

The Kids' Bulletin

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: Jan. 1
& Feast of the Epiphany: January 4 or 6, 2026*



*Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?
Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:*

+ Blue ▲ Pink ○ Yellow
! Brown • Skin colour

Octave of Christmas Word-Find



*Can you find all the words in the list in the puzzle below?
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.*

ANGELS	GLORY	PRAISE
ANIMALS	GOD	SAVIOUR
BABY	HOLY	SHEEP
BARN	JESUS	SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	SING
BORN	MANGER	SKY
COLD	MARY	STABLE
FIELDS	MOTHER	WONDER
FOUND	NIGHT	WORSHIP

W P M S I N G N I G H T
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R E I E R Y E L T H H L
G L O R Y E S Y M O E E
F B U T H E U S K Y R H
O A R W O R S H I P D E
U B A R N F I E L D S M
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On the eighth
day of
Christmas we
honour in a
special way

Saint John Neumann January 5

JOHN NEUMANN WAS BORN IN BOHEMIA IN 1811. HE STUDIED FOR THE PRIESTHOOD BUT THE BISHOP WOULD NOT ORDAIN HIM BECAUSE THEY HAD SO MANY PRIESTS!

I'm sorry. All the parishes have enough priests.

SO JOHN WAS ORDAINED IN NEW YORK WHERE ONLY 36 PRIESTS HAD TO LOOK AFTER 200,000 CATHOLICS!

There will be much work for all of you.

FR. JOHN WORKED IN A COUNTRY CHURCH THAT HAD A DIRT FLOOR AND NO STEEPLE.

We can't afford to build it better!

It takes us two hours to get here. Can you come to our house next?

HE TRAVELED FROM VILLAGE TO VILLAGE, OFFERING MASS IN PEOPLE'S HOUSES.

AT AGE 41 JOHN WAS CHOSEN TO BE BISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA. HE STARTED 100 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

The children need an education!

ONCE WHEN VISITING ONE OF HIS PARISHES, BISHOP JOHN HAD TO TAKE A RIDE ON A MANURE WAGON!

Your Excellency, could you hear my friend's confession in French?

Sure!

ST. JOHN WAS ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE WHO CAME FROM ALL OVER EUROPE BECAUSE HE COULD SPEAK MANY LANGUAGES. HE ALSO TAUGHT BY WRITING IN NEWSPAPERS.

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SETTLING IN AMERICA. HE DID NOT LET HIS OWN POVERTY SLOW HIM DOWN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING GOD TO THE WORLD NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE WE HAVE.

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The Epiphany

At the beginning of the new year we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father and a new baby.



One day something amazing happens: some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.

Can you thank Mary today for bringing Jesus to us?



Mary the Mother of God
Answer to Octave of Christmas Word-Find:

www.thekidsbulletin.com

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading—Isaiah 60:1-6

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, which is modern-day Iraq. They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading—Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish and Gentile converts lived side-by-side. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their ethnic or religious background.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 2:1-12

The struggle to recognize an equal dignity in those not like us is a very human one. The community for which Matthew's Gospel was written, which was predominantly Jewish, struggled to welcome Gentile believers. This is the community that told the story of the Canaanite woman who in her faithful persistence helped Jesus to see that his mission could embrace those beyond the borders of his own people. This openness reaches a climax at the conclusion of the gospel, where the risen Christ instructs his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

This all-inclusive mission of Christ is already foreshadowed in the opening chapters of the gospel, where visitors from the East are the first to do homage to Jesus. The magi were not kings themselves but served their king with skills such as interpreting the movement of the stars. Following the star, they are the first Gentiles to seek and recognize Jesus, offering their precious gifts to him. They foreshadow the way Gentiles will flock to the Christian communities, bearing gifts for mission.

Today, the difficulties in welcoming Gentiles have long ago been overcome, but others still face us as we seek to recognize the co-partnership of all in the Body of Christ.

Lord Jesus, with the magi from the East who visited you at your birth, we adore you. Bring your justice, your light, and your glory into the darkest places of our lives and our world. Amen.



Care for Creation Team

Welcomes

Ginny Kesler-Day

Micro-Plastics & Our Health



Researchers have identified an astounding 16,325 chemicals in plastic. 33% have been found to be hazardous to human health. 66% have not yet been vetted. Less than 1% of the chemicals found in plastic are not hazardous. **What could possibly go wrong??**

Come hear about the health hazards related to plastics from Ginny Kesler-Day, a Registered Dietitian and retired Nutrition Professor.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:30 – 8:00 PM

SS. Peter & Paul Church

Classroom #1

OFFERTORY GIVING

Offertory Giving 2025-26

	November 5 Sundays	Year to Date
Total mass/office offertory	\$ 104,205	\$ 297,730
Total on line offertory		\$ 117,304
Total offertory	\$ 104,205	\$ 415,034
Offertory Budget	\$ 105,194	\$ 418,306
Budget variance	\$ (989)	\$ (3,272)

Thank you for your continued support!
Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated.

