



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Epiphany of the Lord—January 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sun 01/04 9:30am First Sac Prep
10:30-2pm Confirmation Prep
3:30 Adult Volleyball

Mon 01/05 7:30 Adult Pickleball

Tue 01/06 6:30pm OCIA, Big Room

Wed 01/07 9:15am HFCS Mass, led by HFCS Staff

Thurs 01/08 10am Parish Staff Meeting, Big Room
8:00pm Men's Basketball

Fri 01/09 10am Adoration, Chapel
10am Bible Discussion, Big Room

Sun 01/11 9:30am First Sac Prep
10:30-2pm Confirmation Prep

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wed 01/07 9:15am Mass: Stan Fundak +

Thur 01/08 12 noon Mass: Evens T. McLean, Jr. +

Fri 01/09 12 noon Mass: Anna Templeton +

Sat 01/10 5:30 pm Mass: Int. People of the Parish

Sun 01/11 8:30am Mass: Int. People of the Parish
10:30am Mass: Int. People of the Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9:30AM—4:00PM

Knights of Columbus PANCAKE Breakfast



• **SUN. JANUARY 11TH** •

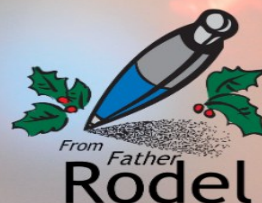
Come enjoy fellowship with one another and a delicious pancake breakfast cooked just for you by our own Knights of Columbus.

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A Heartfelt Thank You!

...for all of the Christmas greetings, cards, gifts and prayers that you so generously gave me this Christmas season, thank you. I am truly humbled by the generosity of the Holy Family community - both to our parish as well as to me personally.

I appreciate each and every one of you so much.
Blessings to you all and best wishes for a healthy & happy new year.



It is time for preregistration for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition!

Friday 1/16/2026 from 4 - 7pm.

This event is open to all kids ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/2026).

Participants who pre-register will receive a token for a free scoop of ice cream at Cloud City Ice Cream on Woodstock. In addition they will receive email updates with details about the event and your pre-printed registration forms will be available at the door.

Please contact Jim Herlein or Steve Tassinari at HFKnights_Events@protonmail.com with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Scan the QR code or click the link to sign up



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UPCOMING SESSIONS -

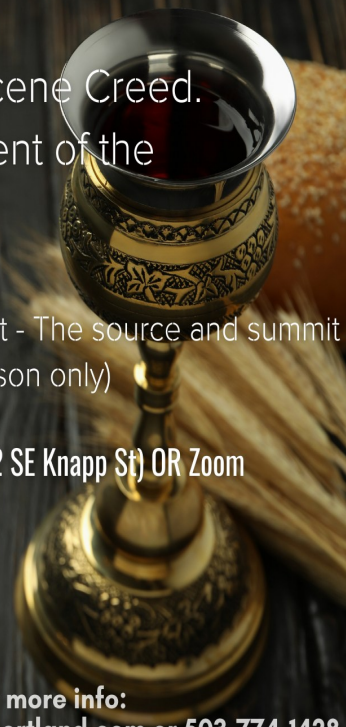
January 6th - The Nicene Creed.
The Mission Statement of the Catholic Church

January 20th - The Eucharist - The source and summit of the Catholic Faith (in person only)

6:30pm in the parish office (3732 SE Knapp St) OR Zoom (contact Krisi for the link)

All are welcome anytime

Contact Krisi Christensen for more info:
pastoralministry@holyfamilyportland.com or 503-774-1428



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE



JANUARY

JAN. 4TH 8:30 & 10:30 JIM LOMBARDI & KATHIE ROBISON

JAN 11TH 8:30 & 10:30 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

JAN. 18TH 8:30 & 10:30 ALTAR SOCIETY

JAN. 25TH 8:30 & 10:30 HFCS

MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ January 10-11, 2026 Saturday & Sunday

	Altar Server	Greeter/Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Sacristan
Saturday Vigil 5:30 Mass	Ava Kiesel NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Tim Dooley Per-Michael Jarnberg Patricia Markesino	Chuck Sparks - Lector	Joyce Holohan-Bell
Sunday 8:30 am	Nate Mullett Reese Russell	Christine Glander	Tim Dooley Jacob Mullett JoAnna Mullett	David Bergman - Lector	JoAnna Mullett
Sunday 10:30 am	Stella McEnery Collette Perrin	Gene Dieringer (sub req.)	Krisi Christensen Tim Dooley Winnie Smidt	Kathie Robison - Lector	



Holy Family

Night of

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an evening of powerful worship,
heartfelt prayer, and uplifting music.

AND

Italian Feast Dinner

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
6:00PM-8:00PM**

SAVE THE DATE!!

A free will offering will be collected to help
provide furnishings for the inside of our
NEW Welcome Center.

Stay tuned for more details

THANK YOU

With grateful hearts, we share that Kathy Aragon, our wonderful Facilities and Maintenance Coordinator, will be moving out of state with her family. Kathy has been a true gift to our parish—caring for our campus with diligence, pride, and a servant’s heart. Her quiet dedication behind the scenes has helped make Holy Family a welcoming, safe, and beautiful place for all who gather here. We are deeply thankful not only for Kathy, but for her family as well, who have shared her time, given abundantly themselves, and supported her ministry to our parish community. They all will be dearly missed, even as we celebrate with them and pray God’s blessings on this exciting new chapter in their lives. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Butch Tuapz, who has graciously accepted Father’s request to help fill this vital role following Butch’s recent retirement. We are grateful for his generous “yes” and willingness to serve our parish with his time, talents, and experience. Please join us in thanking Kathy and her family for all they have given, and in warmly welcoming Butch as he begins this important ministry among us.



The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God’s blessing on all who enter one’s home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God’s blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar – and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.”

Parish Survey

Please take a couple minutes to complete our parish survey.

Click the button below or scan the QR code



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

The Stars We Follow
Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men... who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There’s a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean “magician,” but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We’re not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says “the east.” History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts “from afar” at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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Doree D'Angelo	Marilyn Walstrom	All grieving loss of
Mary DeSousa	Patricia McEvoy	loved ones
Tim Evens	Doug Sinclair	Mental Health of all HF
Jean Goerl	Cam Hanemann	Parishioners
Sam Johnson	Doug Marsh	Ukraine
Kathy Kaopuiki	Dennis McNulty	Peace in the Middle East
Joshua		

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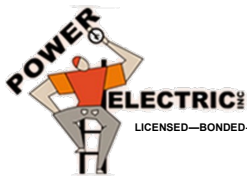
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