YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00PM - CHURCH & FAMILY CENTER
6:00PM - CHURCH ONLY
9:00PM - CHURCH ONLY
12:00AM - MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00AM
11:00AM

(No regularly scheduled confession times during Christmas)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Tom Lam
Pastor

Rev. Vincent Chacko
Parochial Vicar

Deacon Don Kish

Deacon Jose Olascoaga

Deacon Bob Beidle

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager
Christian Cuellar

Administration
Carmen Welling, Maria Laiseca, Margaret Robbins, Dan Stamps

Religious Education
Coordinators
Charlotte Fulton & Matt Kiernan
Chris Javier

Youth Ministry
Joey Harvey, Director

Parish Life Ministry
Janet Hattier

Music Ministry
Mathew Maglasang, Director

Outreach Ministry
Lisa Gilkeson, Director

Facilities Manager
Vince DeBonis, Manager
Alex Trejo, Luis Penuela
Juan Cantu

COMMUNITY LIFE

Nursery Coordinator:
Anne Salazar

Bingo: Friday at 7:30 p.m.
281-578-3905

Welcome Newcomers

For more information about our parish please go to our website: epiphanycatholic.org

Events & Meetings This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
8:00 AM Mass: Church
9:45 AM Mass: Church
9:45 & 11:30 AM Nursery: 0-5 years
11:30 AM Mass: Church
COFFEE & DONUTS After ALL morning Masses In the Family Center
5:30 PM Mass: Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
9:00 AM Daily Mass: Church
7:00 PM Job Networking: Rec Room
7:00 PM Simbang Gabi Reception: Family Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
9:00 AM Daily Mass: Church
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM Adoration: Church
10:00 AM Holy Hour Rosary for Respect Life: Church
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet: Church
4:00 PM Holy Hour Rosary for Vocations: Church
6:30 PM Rosary: Church
7:00 PM Benediction: Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
9:00 AM Daily Mass: Church
6:45 PM Divorce/Separated Support Group: Outreach Conference Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
+ OFFICE CLOSED +
8:30 AM Daily Mass: Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
+ OFFICE CLOSED +
9:00 AM Daily Mass: Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
NO CONFESSION TIMES TODAY
4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
6:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
9:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
12:00 AM MIDNIGHT MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
11:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Our Stewardship

Weekly Collection – Dec 10/11

To be announced due to early bulletin deadline

Weekly Collection – Dec 3/4

Sunday Mass Collection (Faith Direct report not available)	$26,458.50
St. Vincent de Paul Collection (Faith Direct report not available)	$4,565.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!	
Registered Households	7,029

Baptisms

Please contact parish office for preparation classes

Baptism Session for Parents

2nd Saturday of February, May, August, November

To register call
Charlotte Fulton or Matt Kiernan
(281-578-8271)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For information call
Charlotte Fulton or Matt Kiernan

Sacrament of Marriage

Must be a registered, active member of the parish at least 6 months. Contact parish office eight months before wedding to begin preparation.

Finance Council Chair
Bob B. Morgan

Pastoral Council Chair
Tommy Noto

School Board Chair
Lyn Dellinger

Knights of Columbus
Scott Lane, Grand Knight
smlane4210@yahoo.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Noel Rando

Ladies Club
Edith Woltman

Forever Young
Norma Lopez, Mary Davis

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for article submission is Thursday (ten days before publication).
Send to
bulletin@epiphanycatholic.org

Liturgy & Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 17	**Late Advent Weekday**
5:30 PM	†Mytle Noviskie
Sunday, December 18	**Fourth Sunday in Advent**
8:00 AM	†Rose Ann Callegari
9:45 AM	For the People
11:30 AM	†Rosalinda Tan
5:30 PM	†Bobby Ashton
Monday, December 19	**Late Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM	Carolyn Ellis
Tuesday, December 20	**Late Advent Weekday**
9:00 AM	†Raymond Muhs
Wednesday, December 21	**Saint Peter Canisius**
9:00 AM	†Ione Muhs
Thursday, December 22	**Late Advent Weekday**
8:30 AM	†Phil Garrod
Friday, December 23	**Saint John of Kanty**
9:00 AM	Norma Arguello

+CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE+

Saturday, December 24	**Christmas Eve**
4:00 PM	Church & Family Center
6:00 PM	Church Only
9:00 PM	Church Only
12:00 AM	Midnight Mass
Sunday, December 25	**The Nativity of the Lord**
9:00 AM	Church Only
11:00 AM	Church Only

Prayer Requests

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers this week as we wish them a return to good health:

Michael Woods, Steven Anton, Mary Beth Myers and Clare Lombard

To make a request for someone to be on our prayer list, please call the parish office at 281-578-0707. Your loved one's name will appear on our prayer list for six consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the parish office to renew your request.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Lk 1:46-56

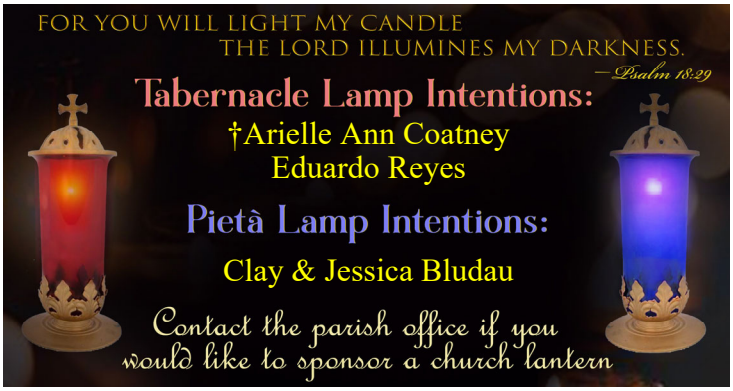
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

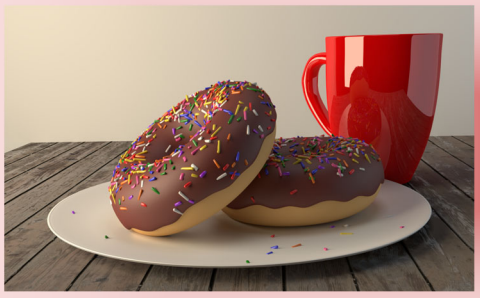
Please Remember In Prayer Our Deceased

Joseph Miciotto , brother of Sammy Miciotto



Parish Life

Contact Janet: 832-772-0280
jhattier@epiphanycatholic.org



Please join us for
Coffee and Donuts in the Family Center
after all morning Masses.

Thank you to the Pereira Family for
sponsoring this weekend.

Are you interested in celebrating a Quinceañera
or Sweet Sixteen blessing service?
For details contact Janet at jhattier@epiphanycatholic.org

Outreach Ministry

Contact Lisa: 832-772-0305
lisa@epiphanycatholic.org

December Outreach Events:

Regular Meetings:
Mondays: Job Networking: 7pm (PAC)

- **Dec 19** Job Networking
- **Dec. 25** Merry Christmas
- **Jan 1** Have a great New year
- **Jan 7-8** Food Drive
- **Jan 8** Gathering Place
- **Jan 8** Caregiver Meeting
- **Jan 26** Job Fair

See www.epiphanycatholic.org for details.

Benefits of Volunteering:

- Volunteering connects you to others.
- Volunteering is good for you mind and body.
- Volunteering can advance you career.
- Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life

When you are thinking about your new year's resolution, consider volunteering a few hours a week.

NEED PRAYERS?

Who can use a prayer?
If you would like to be added to our Prayer List please go to our website

www.epiphanycatholic.org/prayer

We have over a thousand prayer warriors at your service.

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HANDE Ministry

HANDE stands for Handyman Assistance Network for the Disabled and Elderly. Our mission is to provide volunteer home repair and maintenance services primarily to Epiphany of the Lord parishioners who are disabled, widowed or elderly. Please check out our web site *www.epiphanycatholic.org./hande-ministry* to see what all we can do for you and fill out the request form.

WANTED: JOB FAIR EMPLOYERS

If you are a hiring manager or HR recruiter in an organization looking for **top-notch candidates**, Epiphany's **Job Fair on Thursday, January 26th** is where you need to be!

Job Fairs held at Epiphany have been recognized throughout Houston as one of the best forums to hire qualified professionals, especially if there's an open position that hasn't been easy to fill.

If you are an employer and have open positions with benefits in your organization, please send an e-mail to lisa@epiphanycatholic.org. In your e-mail, include your firm's physical address, phone number, and list of open positions.

Hurry - **FREE** space fills quickly!

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Taste of International Food and Culture

01.08.23

AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS IN THE FAMILY CENTER

Come and enjoy food from around the world as we celebrate the diversity of our parish community. Tickets will be available for $1.00 each. Booth prices will vary. All are welcome.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.EpiphanyCatholic.School

Follow Us on

Charitable Gifting Opportunities to Epiphany

Most of us when we think of a charitable gift to Epiphany, we think of a cash offering through our weekly envelope or through Faith Direct but there are other alternatives to consider:

Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

Gifts from an IRA, Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) are popular forms of giving for those 70 1/2 or older. A donor can make a gift directly from their IRA to the parish which can result in a reduction in annual taxes owed.

From the IRS website:

Qualified Charitable Distributions

Taxpayers age 70 ½ or older can make a qualified charitable distribution, up to $100,000 directly from their IRA, other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA, to a qualified charitable organization. It's generally a nontaxable distribution made by the IRA trustee directly to a charitable organization. A qualifying deduction may also count toward the taxpayers required minimum distribution requirement for the year. Taxpayers should review Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements for more information.

Additional information can be found at the IRS website below

www.irs.gov/newsroom/important-charitable-giving-reminders-for-taxpayers

APPRECIATED STOCK

For taxpayers of any age, stock held in publicly traded companies can be a popular way of making a charitable contribution to Epiphany. If you hold stock in which the current market value exceeds your original cost basis this may be an attractive way for you to make a donation. Generally, this allows you to deduct for tax purposes the current market value of the stock upon its donation.

OTHER ADVANCED CHARITABLE GIFTING VEHICLES

Additionally, there are also other gifting vehicles within Pooled and Donor Advised Funds, Trusts, and Operating Foundations that your legal and tax advisor may provide counsel to you for consideration.

For more information of charitable gifting, you can view the Archdiocese website at
www.archgh.org/ways-to-give/

You can contact Christian Cuellar at the parish Offices at 832-772-0272 and he can assist you in providing the forms needed to make either an IRA or Stock donation.

DISCLAIMER: Please be advised that the information provided herein is not intended as legal or tax advice. You should always consult your own legal, investment and tax advisor for matters affecting your specific situation.

Elementary Faith Formation

Contact Janet: 832-772-0280
jhattier@epiphanycatholic.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be back on January 15th

Merry Christmas

Thank you to all of our Epiphany Families who came out for our Christmas Tree Lighting

Special thanks to:

- Father Tom
- Epiphany Knights of Columbus
- St. John 23 Bell Choir
- Epiphany Ladies Club
- Scout Troops 48 and 1288
- Santa and Shots by Shell Photography
- Epiphany 5th Graders
- Epiphany Office Staff

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HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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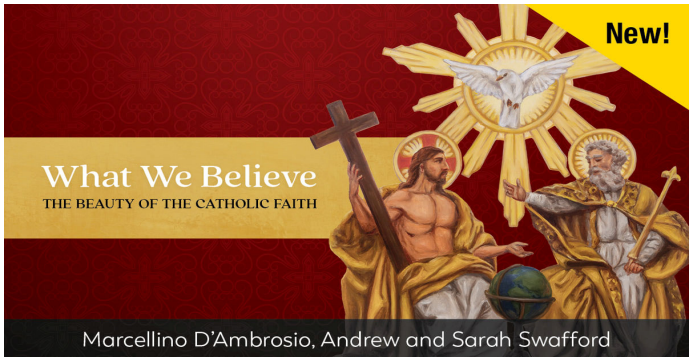
Adult Faith Formation

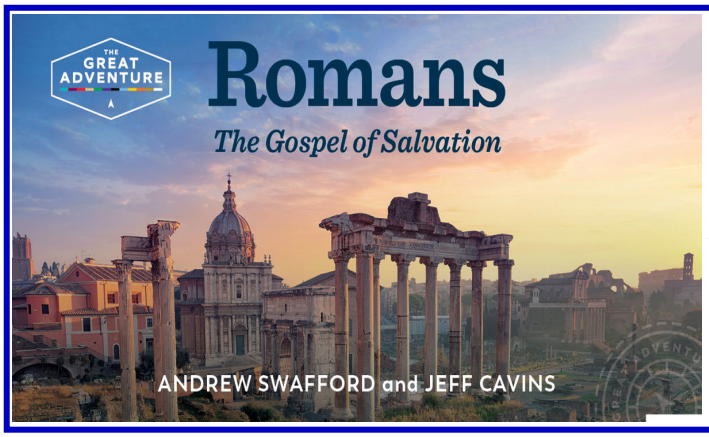
Contact: Charlotte or Matt: 281-578-8271
charlotte@epiphanycatholic.org / matt@epiphanycatholic.org

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out.

Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.



This study will take place on Monday evenings beginning in January. Visit www.epiphanycatholic.org/whatwebelieve for more information.



Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, ***Romans: The Gospel of Salvation*** provides an authentically Catholic way to understand this challenging epistle. Above all, it will help you enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ.

This study will be on Wednesday mornings beginning in January. For more information visit www.epiphanycatholic.org/romans

The Catechism in a Year **begins on January 1, 2023!** With this podcast, you will: read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days, Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter, see how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture, Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition, **Transform your relationship with the Church that Christ founded.**

If you have ever wanted to **understand what it means to be Catholic** and allow those truths to shape your life—this is for you!

En cada misa, los católicos confiesan que Jesús vino del cielo para la humanidad y nuestra salvación. ¿Qué significa "salvación"? Este curso responderá a la pregunta con la Biblia y la tradición sagrada.

Este curso será los jueves por la noche a partir de enero. Para obtener más información, visite https://epiphanycatholic.org/estudio-biblico o comuníquese con Jackie Cuellar al jackiecuellar2015@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Contact Joey: 281-578-0770
joey@epiphanycatholic.org

I'm still looking for Core Team members to help with small groups on Wednesday Nights for Junior High Faith Formation! OUR STUDENTS ARE THE BEST and ready to learn! If you are interested, please reach out !

@EYMKaty

Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for our 90 young people attending the Confirmation Retreat on January 20-22,2023!

SAVE THE DATE!

EYM SERVICE DAY – MARCH 4
MEMORIAL PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD

We're looking for adult volunteers to lead 10 teams of work crews to help our neighbors in need. Please email Joey to sign up!

SignUpGenius

* Did you miss your Confirmation service project?
* Need service hours for school?
* Want to help in youth ministry?

Check out our service opportunities on SignUpGenius.com You can access our list of signups from www.epiphanycatholic.org/eym