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January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

(Psalm 72)



“Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos”.

(Salmo 71)

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¡Gracias por acompañarnos!

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MASS SCHEDULE



*Parishioners are invited to come
celebrate with us the real presence of
Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.*



Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - Eng.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 4:00 PM - Eng.

Saturday, Vigil Mass for Sunday 6:00 PM - Sp.

**Sunday 8:00 AM - Eng. 10:00 AM - Eng.
12:00 PM - Sp. 6:00 PM - Sp.**

Confessions:

**Saturdays 2:00-3:30 PM, English & Spanish,
or by appointment.**

**Call the Parish Office at (863) 422-4370.
Thank you!**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3, 2026

4:00 PM 50th Wedding Anniv. Ed & Linda Phillipp

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Jose Isidro Trejo & Santiago Trejo Sanchez

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8:00 AM † Paul & Carolyn Katich

10:00 AM † Jesusa Montelongo

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Carlos Reyes & Carlota Garcia

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Francisco David Hernandez Chavez

Monday, January 5, 2026

9:00 AM † Andre Sejour

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9:00 AM † Russell Thompson

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

9:00 AM † Memorial Mass Association

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM Pro Populo (For the People of St Ann)

Friday, January 9, 2026

9:00 AM †

Saturday, January 10, 2026

4:00 PM † Guadalupe I. Aleman

6:00 PM (Sp.) † Hilnolio Moreno

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:00 AM † Pacita Lizaso

10:00 AM † Lucy Segarra

12:00 PM (Sp.) † Gilbert F. Contreras Ramirez

6:00 PM (Sp.) Birthday of Mathias Daza

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PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE & UNDERSTANDING

Due to the Christmas season and the printing company's holiday schedule, we needed to prepare several weeks' worth of bulletins in advance. We sincerely apologize for not publishing the upcoming weekly updates on our Sacrificial Giving.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this holiday season, and we will resume sharing the updates promptly once the holidays are over.

Blessings,

The Parish Office



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place all day on **Fridays** in the church
from 9:30 AM-6:30 PM.

***Every first Friday of the month, the reposition
will be at 5:30 PM, followed by Mass in Spanish.**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



To receive offertory envelopes, you must be a registered member of St. Ann Church. You may register by filling out a registration card at the desk in the Narthex. You can then drop it in the offertory basket or take it to the church office. Please be patient as you wait for your envelopes to arrive in the mail. They are sent out every 1-2 months, depending on the time of year.

OUR LEGACY CONTINUES



Heavenly Father, we recognize that everything we have comes from you and know we can do nothing without you. Look with favor on the faith of your people of St. Ann, who have received the work and love from our ancestors as an inheritance; in it, we recognize the work of your hands.

Now, Lord, as people of God here in St. Ann Parish, with your help, we would like to continue the work that was started 54 years ago by generous and faithful people. Many of them are already in your presence, and we pray for them.

Like the talents in the parable that were placed in the hands of the servants, we want to be good stewards who diligently multiply the gifts we have received to leave a legacy to new generations.

Through Jesus Christ, our God and Lord. Amen.

THE LIGHT HAS COME



Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord—a remarkable feast whose name, derived from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, means manifestation or revelation.

This day marks the unveiling of the newborn King, Jesus Christ, who is revealed not only to the people of Israel but also to all the nations of the world, represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East.

The Magi were outsiders, yet they were drawn by a star to seek the truth. They left the comfort and security of their homeland, embarking on a long, arduous, and perhaps dangerous journey because they believed the light would lead them to a new King.

This serves as a powerful lesson for us: faith requires a journey. It demands that we lift our eyes above the routine of our daily lives and ask, “Where is the light leading me?” Are we seeking the Lord with the same determination as the Magi, or are we content to remain in the comfortable, familiar darkness?

The Gospel tells us that the Magi, “warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, returned to their country by another way” (Matthew 2:12). After encountering Christ, they could not return to their old lives, plans, or allegiances. An encounter with Jesus Christ transforms the direction of our lives.

The Epiphany calls us to return by another way. Having met the Lord in the Eucharist and through His Word, we must not return to the “Herods” in our lives—such as pride, malice, and selfish habits. We are called to let the light of Christ guide us onto a new path of love, generosity, and service.

Happy Wise Sunday!

Fr. Alfonso Cely
Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE UPDATE

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thursday
(when classes are in session)
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Thursday
(when classes are not in session)
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday Closed

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2026-2027 REGISTRATION
BEGINS DURING THE WEEK OF
APRIL 12, 2026

(Note: change in start date)

KINDERGARTEN THRU 12th GRADE
Sacramental & Non-Sacramental Prep classes

SPECIFIC INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED
STARTING THE WEEKEND OF
JANUARY 17-18, 2026



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A Very Special

Thank you



Fr. Alfonso Cely & Fr. Jose Luis Ortega would like to express their most sincere thanks for all the prayers, messages, niceties, cards, food, and expressions of affection and love during this Christmas season.

“Therefore, I, too, hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus and of your love for all the holy ones, do not cease giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.”
(Ephesians 1:15-17)

EPIPHANY PRAYER



Lord Jesus, may we, like the Magi from the East, also frequently go to adore you in your House, which is the Temple, and may we never go empty-handed. May we bring you the gold of our offerings, the incense of our fervent prayer, and the myrrh of the sacrifices we make to remain faithful to you, and may we always find you beside your Blessed Mother Mary, whom we wish to honor and venerate always as your Mother and our Mother. Amen.

SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to thank Fr. Jose Luis, Jose Gudiño, Jesus Trejo and Angel Ruiz for their dedication to the managers inside and outside, and their team of volunteers in charge of the Arts & Environment of the church.

Thanks to your commitment and dedication, we have enjoyed and been uplifted by the beautiful Christmas spirit in our Parish. Your efforts have truly made a difference!

May God bless the fruits of your labors and your families, and may you continue to inspire us with your selfless service!



SPECIAL THANKS!



We would like to recognize the outstanding job of “St. Ann’s folding group” and all the numerous volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules year after year to gather in the church and decorate for our Christmas celebrations.

Somehow, every year, the church is more beautiful than the year before!

God bless you!

The Feast of the Epiphany focuses primarily on the reality of Jesus being the light of the world that shines in the darkness.

While Christmas is often seen as a great feast that honors the light of Christ, the Epiphany feast highlights this reality even more.

The Epiphany is a feast of light: “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” (Is 60:1). With these words of the prophet Isaiah, the Church describes the content of the feast. **He who is the true light, and by whom we too are made to be light, has indeed come into the world. He gives us the power to become children of God (cf. Jn 1:9,12).**

One of the reasons light is closely associated with the Feast of Epiphany is the story of the Magi and how they followed a star to find Jesus:

We may well look to these figures, the first Gentiles to find the pathway to Christ. No doubt there were many astronomers in ancient Babylon, but only these few set off **to follow the star** that they recognized as the star of the promise, pointing them along the path **towards the true King and Savior**. They were, as we might say, men of science, but not simply because they were searching for a wide range of knowledge; they wanted something more. They tried to understand what being human is all about.

Pope Benedict XVI continues with this reflection, pointing in a particular way to the saints as being beacons of light that lead us to the true light of God:

*The great star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is, as it were, the **explosion of God’s love**, which causes the **great white light of his heart to shine upon the world**. And we may add: the wise men from the East, who feature in today’s Gospel, like all the saints, have themselves gradually become constellations of God that mark out the path. In all these people, being touched by God’s word has, as it were, released an explosion of light through which God’s radiance shines upon our world and shows us the path. **The saints are stars of God, by whom we let ourselves be led to him for whom our whole being longs.***

As we celebrate the Epiphany, may we follow the stars of the saints, who lead us to the light of Christ.



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La Fiesta de la Epifanía se centra principalmente en la realidad de que Jesús es la luz del mundo que brilla en la oscuridad.

Si bien la Navidad suele considerarse una gran fiesta que honra la luz de Cristo, la fiesta de la Epifanía destaca aún más esta realidad.

La Epifanía es una fiesta de luz: «Levántate, brilla; porque ha llegado tu luz, y la gloria del Señor ha amanecido sobre ti» (Is 60:1). Con estas palabras del profeta Isaías, la Iglesia describe el contenido de la fiesta. Aquel que es la verdadera luz, y por quien nosotros también somos hechos luz, ha venido al mundo. Él nos da el poder de llegar a ser hijos de Dios (cf. Jn 1:9,12).

Una de las razones por las que la luz está estrechamente asociada con la Fiesta de la Epifanía es la historia de los Reyes Magos y cómo siguieron una estrella para encontrar a Jesús:

Podemos fijarnos en estas figuras, los primeros gentiles que encontraron el camino hacia Cristo. Sin duda, había muchos astrónomos en la antigua Babilonia, pero solo estos pocos se pusieron en camino para seguir la estrella que reconocieron como la estrella de la promesa, que los guiaba por el camino hacia el verdadero Rey y Salvador. Eran, podríamos decir, hombres de ciencia, pero no simplemente porque buscaban un amplio conocimiento; querían algo más. Intentaban comprender qué significa ser humano.

El Papa Benedicto XVI continúa con esta reflexión, señalando de manera particular a los santos como faros de luz que nos conducen a la verdadera luz de Dios:

La gran estrella, la verdadera supernova que nos guía, es Cristo mismo. Él es, por así decirlo, la explosión del amor de Dios, que hace que la gran luz blanca de su corazón brille sobre el mundo. Y podemos añadir: los sabios de Oriente, que aparecen en el Evangelio de hoy, como todos los santos, se han convertido gradualmente en constelaciones de Dios que marcan el camino. En todas estas personas, el haber sido tocados por la palabra de Dios ha liberado, por así decirlo, una explosión de luz a través de la cual el resplandor de Dios brilla sobre nuestro mundo y nos muestra el camino. Los santos son estrellas de Dios, por quienes nos dejamos guiar hacia Aquel a quien anhela todo nuestro ser.

Al celebrar la Epifanía, sigamos las estrellas de los santos, que nos conducen a la luz de Cristo.

EL VÍNCULO DE LA PERFECCIÓN



Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor, una fiesta extraordinaria cuyo nombre, derivado de la palabra griega “epiphaneia”, significa manifestación o revelación.

Este día marca la revelación del Rey recién nacido, Jesucristo, quien se manifiesta no solo al pueblo de Israel, sino también a todas las naciones del mundo, representadas por los Magos, los sabios de Oriente.

Los Magos eran extranjeros, pero fueron atraídos por una estrella en busca de la verdad. Dejaron la comodidad y la seguridad de su tierra natal, emprendiendo un viaje largo, arduo y quizás peligroso, porque creían que la luz los guiaría hacia un nuevo Rey.

Esto nos enseña una valiosa lección: la fe requiere un camino. Exige que elevemos la mirada por encima de la rutina de nuestra vida diaria y nos preguntemos: "¿Hacia dónde me guía la luz?". ¿Buscamos al Señor con la misma determinación que los Magos, o nos conformamos con permanecer en la cómoda y familiar oscuridad?

El Evangelio nos dice que los Magos, "advertidos en sueños de no volver a Herodes, regresaron a su país por otro camino" (Mateo 2:12). Después de encontrarse con Cristo, no pudieron regresar a sus antiguas vidas, planes ni lealtades. Un encuentro con Jesucristo transforma el rumbo de nuestras vidas.

La Epifanía nos llama a regresar por otro camino. Habiendo encontrado al Señor en la Eucaristía y a través de su Palabra, no debemos regresar a los "Herodes" de nuestras vidas, como el orgullo, la malicia y los hábitos egoístas. Estamos llamados a dejar que la luz de Cristo nos guíe por un nuevo camino de amor, generosidad y servicio.

¡Feliz Domingo de Reyes!

Padre Alfonso Cely
Pastor

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA



ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA OFICINA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

LUNES, MARTES, MIÉRCOLES

10:00 AM a 3:00 PM

JUEVES

(cuando *hay* clases)

10:00 AM a 6:00 PM

JUEVES

(cuando *no hay* clases)

10:00 AM a 5:00 PM

VIERNES CERRADO

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**INSCRIPCIÓN 2026-2027
COMIENZA DURANTE LA SEMANA
DEL 12 DE ABRIL DE 2026**

(Se ha modificado la fecha de inicio)

DE KÍNDER A 12.º GRADO
Clases de preparación sacramental y no sacramental

**SE PUBLICARÁ INFORMACIÓN ESPECÍFICA A
PARTIR DEL FIN DE SEMANA DEL
17/18 DE ENERO DE 2026**



¡UN AGRADECIMIENTO MUY ESPECIAL!



Padre Alfonso Cely y el Padre José Luis Ortega les gustaría expresar su más sincero agradecimiento por todas las oraciones, mensajes, sutilezas, tarjetas, comida y muestras de afecto y amor durante esta temporada navideña.

“Por tanto, también yo, oyendo de vuestra fe en el Señor Jesús y de vuestro amor por todos los santos, no dejo de dar gracias por vosotros, acordándome en mis oraciones de que el Dios de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Padre de gloria, os dé un espíritu de sabiduría y de revelación que resulte en conocimiento de él”.
(Efesios 1, 15:17)

ORACIÓN DE LA EPIFANÍA



Señor Jesús: que a imitación de los Magos de Oriente vayamos también nosotros frecuentemente a adorarte en tu Casa que es el Templo y no vayamos jamás con las manos vacías. Que te llevemos el oro de nuestras ofrendas, el incienso de nuestra oración fervorosa, y la mirra de los sacrificios que hacemos para permanecer fieles a Ti, y que te encontremos siempre junto a tu Madre Santísima María, a quien queremos honrar y venerar siempre como Madre Tuya y Madre nuestra. Amén.

¡GRACIAS ESPECIALES!

Queremos agradecer al Padre José Luis, José Gudiño, Jesús Trejo, Ángel Ruiz y a su equipo de voluntarios encargados de la decoración de los nacimientos, tanto dentro como fuera de la iglesia,

Gracias a su compromiso y dedicación, hemos disfrutado y nos hemos sentido inspirados por el hermoso espíritu navideño en nuestra parroquia.

¡Su esfuerzo realmente ha marcado la diferencia!

¡Que Dios bendiga! el fruto de su trabajo y a sus familias, y que sigan inspirándonos con su servicio desinteresado.



SPECIAL THANKS!



Queremos reconocer el excelente trabajo del “grupo de plegado de St. Ann” y de todos los numerosos voluntarios que año tras año se toman un tiempo de su apretada agenda para reunirse en la iglesia y decorar para nuestras celebraciones navideñas.

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