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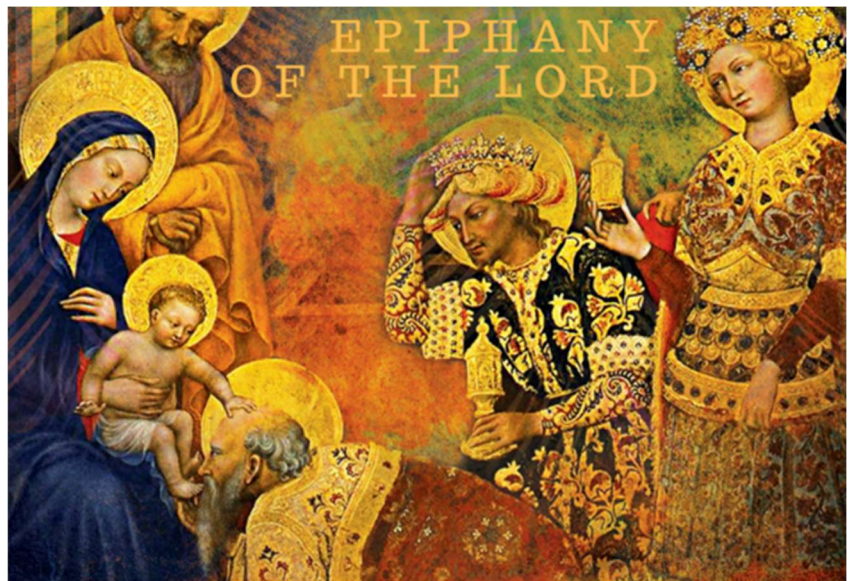


EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2026

“WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE”.

The visit of the Magi appears only in Matthew’s Gospel and comes just before the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew gives some details about Jesus’ birth itself one of them: the Magi, mysterious figures from the East who follow a star. Though tradition speaks of three Magi, the Gospel never states their number; we infer three from the gifts. In Matthew, they symbolize the search of all Gentiles—and ultimately all people—for a savior.

Their gifts are understood as foreshadowing Jesus’ mission: gold for his kingship, frankincense for his divinity, and myrrh for his future death. The term *Epiphany* means “manifestation,” and the Church has historically celebrated several early revelations of Christ’s identity, including his birth, the Magi’s visit, his baptism, and the miracle at Cana.



HEMOS VISTO SU ESTRELLA EN EL ORIENTE Y HEMOS VENIDO A ADORAR AL SEÑOR

La visita de los Magos aparece solo en el Evangelio de Mateo y ocurre justo antes de la huida de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto. Mateo ofrece algunos detalles sobre el nacimiento de Jesús, uno de ellos: los Magos, figuras misteriosas del Oriente que siguen una estrella. Aunque la tradición habla de tres Magos, el Evangelio nunca indica su número; deducimos que fueron tres por los regalos. En Mateo, ellos simbolizan la búsqueda de todos los gentiles —y, en última instancia, de toda la humanidad— de un salvador.

Se entiende que sus dones anticipan la misión de Jesús: el oro para su realeza, el incienso para su divinidad y la mirra para su futura muerte. El término *Epifanía* significa “manifestación”, y la Iglesia ha celebrado históricamente varias revelaciones tempranas de la identidad de Cristo, como su nacimiento, la visita de los Magos, su bautismo y el milagro de Caná.

INVITATION TO RENEWED FAITH AND SERVICE

This new year, let us resolve together to answer God's call to service. Pray about where your talents and passions might be most needed. Perhaps you feel drawn to assist in the liturgy, teach religious education, visit the homebound, serve the poor, or help organize parish events. If you are unsure where to begin, reach out to a ministry leader or our parish office for guidance.

Let our collective commitment be a testament to our renewed faith. As we journey together, strengthened by the Eucharist and inspired by the Holy Spirit, may our parish continue to grow as a beacon of hope and love for all.

- *Bereavement Ministry*
- *Database and Website*
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- *Faith Formation*
- *Finance Council*
- *Hospitality*
- *Human Trafficking Awareness*
- *Lectors*
- *Liturgical Music and Choir*
- *Manna Ministry*
- *Parish Hall & Events*
- *Pastoral Council*
- *Sacristan and Altar Servers*
- *Social Media*
- *Ushers*

**For more information about our ministries,
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and click on the Ministries tab.**



Reminder: Please note that the parish office will be **closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through January 14, 2026.** We appreciate your understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 3RD - JANUARY 11TH 2026

Sat. Jan. 3rd 4:30 Vigil:+ People of the Parish

Sun, Jan. 4th 9:00: + Virginia Trykowski
11:00: + Ramon Selis & Pilar Paredes

Wed. Jan. 7th 12:00 : Healing of Daniel Korman

Thurs. Jan. 8th 12:00: + Lawrence Poe

Fri. Jan. 9th 12:00: + Monica Landusco

Sat. Jan. 10th 4:30 Vigil: + Elizabeth Poe

Sun, Jan. 11th 9:00: + Gladys Scarpitto

11:00: + Warren Kaufmann

WEEKLY COLLECTION(S)

12/21/25- General Fund: **\$3,311**

Christmas Masses (Vigil +10:00):

General Fund **\$5,971.00**

12/28/25 General Fund: **\$2,501**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST'S DESK...



The Magi followed a star and found Christ, the Light of the world. Their journey reminds us that God still guides all who seek Him with an open heart. As we celebrate Epiphany, may we offer Jesus our own gifts our faith, our trust, and our willingness to follow His light each day.

I am glad to be back in Colombia and grateful for the opportunity to spend time with my family. It is always rewarding and reenergizing, though I do miss you all.

Fr. Jhonnatan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPECT LIFE MASS 2026

The annual Respect Life Mass will take be celebrated on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Madonna del Sasso Pro-Cathedral, 320 E. Laurel Dr, Salinas, CA 93906.

All parishioners of the Monterey Diocese are encouraged and invited to come and attend this annual mass.

Thank You from OLMC's Manna Teams!

We deeply appreciate everyone who supported our parish families in need this past year with gifts of food and financial contributions. **Your generosity makes our ministry possible!**

If you'd like to help further, Manna currently needs cereal, snack bars, pancake mix, syrup, and other breakfast dry goods.

Thank you again, and God bless you!




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SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass
Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 AM in English
Spanish Mass: 2nd Sunday of the Month
1:00 PM in the Church
4th Saturday of the Month at 7:00 PM in Cachagua

Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment


Office Hours
Wednesday — Friday 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM

"At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service."

— St Teresa of Avila

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Finance Council	Website
Faith Formation	Eucharistic Ministers
Bereavement Ministry	Coffee Hospitality
Human Trafficking	Sacristans
Music Ministry	Lectors
Parish Hall & Kitchen Renta	Ushers

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