



**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**EPIPHANY OF  
THE LORD**

**MASS TIMES:**

**DAILY:** Mon - Sat - 8:30am

**SAT:** 4pm

**SUN:** 9am, 11am

1pm at Vistancia Elementary  
School

**CONFESSIONS:**

**SAT:** 9:30am - 10:30am

**TUE:** 9:30am & 5pm

**ADORATION:**

**THURS:** 9am - 6pm, 12pm

Benediction, Transfer to Chapel

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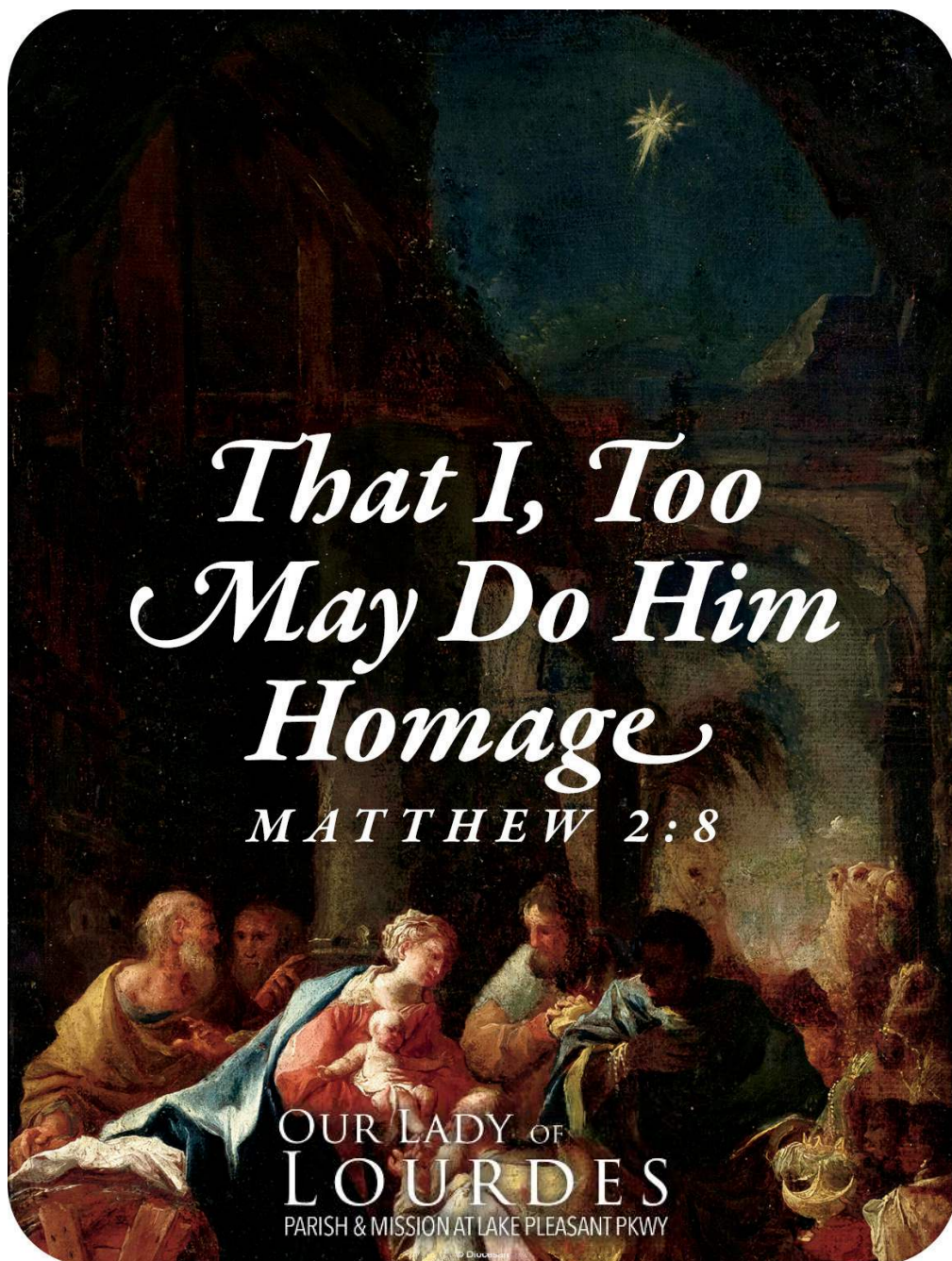
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December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>



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Following the Way of Jesus in our Worship and Living

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## MASS INTENTIONS:

### Thursday, January 1st

9:00am For the Special Intentions of The Langenbach & Carroll Families

4:00pm † For the Soul of Peter Shelden

### Friday, January 2nd

8:30am For the Recently Deceased Members of Our Parish and Their Families

### Saturday, January 3rd

8:30am † For the Soul of Bob Kelling

4:00pm For the Parishioners

### Sunday, January 4th

9:00am † For the Soul of Jay Chibe

11:00am † For the Souls of Daniel Michael Voorhies

1:00pm Intentions of The Parishioners of The Mission at Lake Pleasant Parkway

### Monday, January 5th

8:30am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, January 6th

8:30am † For the Soul of Edwin C. Knutson

### Wednesday, January 7th

8:30am † For the Soul of Quentin Stromseth

### Thursday, January 8th

9:00am † For the Soul of Gene Archambault

### Friday, January 9th

8:30am

### Saturday, January 10th

8:30am For The Intentions of the Straub Family

4:00pm † For the Soul of Charles Straus

### Sunday, January 11th

9:00am For The Parishioners

11:00am † For the Souls of Linda L. Johnson

1:00pm

## WEEKLY READINGS:



### Sunday, January 4th

The Epiphany of the Lord

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, January 5th

Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

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

### Tuesday, January 6th

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

### Wednesday, January 7th

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

### Thursday, January 8th

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

### Friday, January 9th

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

### Saturday, January 10th

1 Jn 6:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 AND 9B; Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday, January 11th

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17



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*Christmas Eve*

2025 DEC 24

**4PM & 6PM IN CHURCH**  
**4:15PM IN MADONNA HALL**

NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

*Christmas Day*

2025 DEC 25

**9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH**  
**1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION**

NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

2025 DEC 31

**4PM IN CHURCH**

NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

2026 JAN 1

**9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH**

*Feast of the Epiphany*

2026 JAN 3

**4PM IN CHURCH**

REGULAR SCHEDULE

2026 JAN 4

**9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH**  
**1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION**

*Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

2026 JAN 7

**4PM IN CHURCH**

REGULAR SCHEDULE

2026 JAN 8

**9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH**  
**1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION**

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**This is a call to action.**

Porters serve with faith, courage, and responsibility. Men from law enforcement, military service, emergency response, security, and civilian life are welcome. A servant's heart matters most. Training, teamwork, and prayer guide the work. Porters reflect strength, humility, and guardianship through visible presence and steady leadership.

**Now is the time to step forward.**

Stand watch over the House of God.  
Protect fellow parishioners.  
Lead through example rooted in faith.  
Serve the parish through purposeful action.

**Please note an important update regarding the first gathering. The meeting date has changed. The Porters of Saint Joseph will now meet on January 17, 2026.**

Men interested in learning more or joining this ministry are asked to send contact information to **[Porterse@lolscw.org](mailto:Porterse@lolscw.org)**.

Parish leadership looks forward to meeting men.



## THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS AND THE POWER OF FAITHFUL SPEECH

By Joey Langenbach

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus centers on power carried through a name. Scripture teaches reverence for this name. Faith speaks this name with trust. Prayer begins here. Saint Paul writes clear instruction. At the name of Jesus every knee bends. Heaven listens. Earth responds. The Church remembers this truth each January. Worship rises from speech shaped by belief.

The name Jesus means God saves. This meaning shapes the entire Gospel. Salvation stands at the center of Christian life. Every Mass proclaims this name. Every blessing depends upon this name. Every sacrament flows from this source.

Devotion to the Holy Name developed early within the Church. Saints encouraged faithful speech. Words form habits. Habits shape faith. Careful speech reflects interior reverence. Using the Holy Name with respect strengthens discipleship.

This feast offers guidance for daily living. Speak the Holy Name with purpose. Avoid careless use. Use this name during struggle. Use this name during joy. Prayer becomes simple through this focus. A single word directs attention toward Christ.

The Holy Name also calls believers toward witness. Speech reveals belief. Words influence others. Faith grows stronger through public reverence. Children learn through example. Families form habits through prayer spoken aloud.

The Church teaches honor for the Holy Name during liturgy. A bow follows mention during Mass. This gesture teaches humility. Body and voice unite during worship. Faith involves the whole person.

Joy also belongs to this feast. Trust grows through repetition. Prayer remains accessible. Children learn quickly. Adults return often. No complex formula required. One name holds lasting meaning.

The Holy Name offers refuge. Anxiety quiets through prayer. Fear loosens grip. Focus returns. Strength rises. Peace follows faithful repetition.

This feast invites action. Speak the Holy Name with care. Teach others through example. Pray often. Live with intention. Let speech reflect belief. Honor the name above all names.



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## EPIPHANY AND THE CALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST'S LIGHT

By Joey Langenbach

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord proclaims a public revelation. Christ reveals His identity to the nations. The visit of the Magi marks this moment. God draws every people toward His Son.

The Magi arrive from distant lands. They study the heavens. They read signs placed before them. Their journey shows faith through action. God invites seekers who respond with movement, sacrifice, and trust. A star leads them forward. Obedience follows divine light.

Epiphany celebrates three revelations joined by one truth. Christ reveals kingship. Christ reveals glory. Christ reveals mission. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh declare meaning. Gold honors a King. Frankincense honors God. Myrrh points toward suffering and death. From birth, the work of salvation stands clear.

This feast speaks directly to you. Faith requires movement. Worship requires humility. True encounter changes direction. Scripture records a clear response. The Magi return home by another route. Encounter with Christ reshapes daily life and priorities.

Epiphany also confronts resistance to truth. King Herod fears loss of power. He seeks control rather than conversion. A sharp contrast appears. One path leads toward worship. Another path leads toward fear. Each heart chooses direction through daily decisions.

The Church celebrates Epiphany as a missionary feast. Salvation belongs to all nations. No group stands outside God's invitation. The Magi represent every culture and language. Their presence at the manger proclaims inclusion within God's saving plan.

Saint Peter Chrysologus offers a clear reflection for the feast. He teaches, "Today Christ enters the river to wash away the sins of the world." These words reveal purpose. Christ steps into human history to restore creation. Revelation leads toward redemption. Epiphany calls for response. Seek Christ with intention. Offer gifts through time, talent, and prayer. Choose obedience. Let worship guide daily decisions.

Our Lady of Lourdes

## OCIA Announcement

### Class Times

#### OCIA Dates:

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Mass in the Fr. McGivney Room

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Saturday, Feb 14, 2026  
1:00pm

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### Celebrants:

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12:00 pm - Rosary in the Grotto

12:15 pm - Confessions

1:00 pm - Mass

2:30 pm - Distribution of Lourdes Water

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Time & Date: Sunday on On Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>, Apr 19<sup>th</sup>

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2/5, 3/5, 4/9, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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Per Diocesan Policy, Mass Intentions are limited to:  
6 per family (only 1 Saturday Vigil or Sunday)



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WOMEN'S GUILD

**GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

9-9:30 SIGN IN AND SOCIAL TIME

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Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Core Chair Exercise Class

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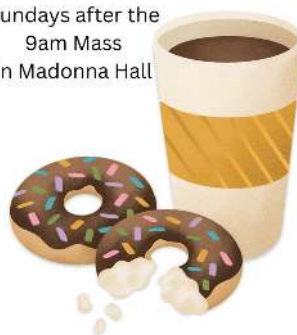


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### A Formula for Holy Families

*“Brothers and sister: Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..”*

The Holy Family faced much rejection, persecution and peril from their earliest days. We sometimes find degrees of that within our own families. St. Paul gives us a winning formula for families who are called to be holy. Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness. Imagine!

### Petition:

That our families may be modeled after the virtues of the Holy Family who withstood great difficulty from the earliest days....

### Stewardship: Grace In Action

This Christmas Season, we are invited to ask ourselves:

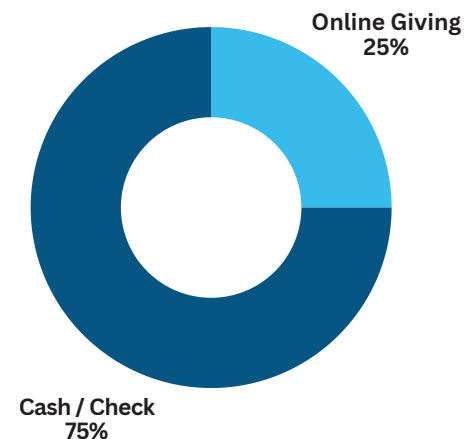
- **How am I stewarding compassion in my family?**  
Do I notice suffering, or rush past it?
- **Where is God calling me to greater patience or humility?**  
Especially when it is hardest to give.
- **Is there forgiveness that needs to be offered or received?**  
Healing begins when generosity of heart replaces resentment.

### These choices may seem small, but they shape holy families and strengthen the Church itself.

The virtues St. Paul names are not beyond our reach. They are garments we are invited to “put on” each day through conscious stewardship of our lives and relationships. When we choose compassion over criticism, patience over frustration, forgiveness over pride, we mirror the love of the Holy Family.

**Your Sacrificial Giving Totals**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**Thank you for sharing your treasure**

Plate Giving (Cash & Check)	\$17,164.16
Mission Giving	\$842.25
Electronic Giving	\$15,515
Immaculate Conception	\$50
Building Fund	\$50
Respect Life	\$20
Maintenance Fund	\$0
Christmas	\$390
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$34,031.41</b>



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# 2026 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

**JAN**  
**1**

**Thursday, January 1, 2026 –  
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy  
Mother of God**

**MAY**  
**14**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026 –  
Solemnity of the Ascension of the  
Lord**

**AUG**  
**15**

**Saturday, August 15, 2026 –  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary (not obligatory  
since it falls on a Saturday)**

**NOV**  
**1**

**Sunday, November 1, 2026 –  
Solemnity of All Saints**

**DEC**  
**8**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2026 –  
Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**DEC**  
**25**

**Friday, December 25, 2026 –  
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)**



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