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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 5, 2025

They Fell down and Worshipped Jesus

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet." Amen.



MONDAY, January 6 - 7:00 PM

Mass Intentions available

TUESDAY, January 7 - 8:30 AM

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WEDNESDAY, January 8 - 7:00 PM

† Raymond Moreau

THURSDAY, January 9 - 8:30 AM

S.I. For married couples and those preparing for marriage.

FRIDAY, January 10 - 7:00 PM

† Amelia Malayao
† Ed & Olive Devilles

SATURDAY, January 11 - 5:00 PM

S.I. Annamaria Piraino
† Ashley & Gail Pereira
† Ernesto Marchiori

SUNDAY, January 12 - Baptism of the Lord

**Bridge Club

Come Join Us at 1:00 PM on Mondays resuming on **January 6th** in the Parish Hall. Newcomers Welcome!

**Prayer Group with Deacon Don

Resumes on Tuesday evenings starting **January 7th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**Men of St. Francis

Meet on Saturday mornings at **January 11th**, at 8:00am in the parish hall.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN



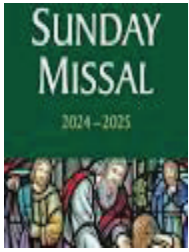
resumes on **Sunday, January 5th** at 10am Mass for children in **JK to Grade 3**, and continues every Sunday following.



YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE

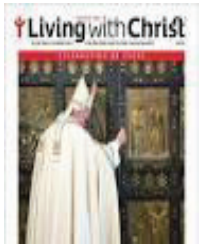
Practices are held every **Saturday at 4 pm** in the church. We look forward to hearing the beautiful talented voices of our children.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



SUNDAY MISSALS 2024-2025

Purchase your 2024-2025 Sunday Missals for **\$7.00 each** in the Parish office.



MONTHLY MISSALETTES for 2025

As of January 1st, 2025 Missalettes will be sold for **\$3.00 each**

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES



Offertory envelope boxes for 2025 are available at the back of the church after all masses. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on the envelopes you use in the month of JANUARY 2025.** Just as a reminder we cannot issue tax receipts without this information.

If you would rather make your regular offerings through **Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)**, kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church with the envelopes, and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections.



A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The Christmas Season is a wonderful time which provides us with a unique and blessed occasion of grace to contemplate the immensity of God's love for us and the hope and joy which this love brings to our lives. God becomes man and lives among us to save us from our sins, and to show us God's love in a way that we can know and experience that love. Jesus also offers us a model of holiness and teaches us how to become saints.

As we celebrate multiple feasts during the Christmas Season – the Nativity of Jesus, the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, we should ask ourselves some fundamental questions: Am I ready to acknowledge my sins humbly and truthfully and surrender myself to the Lord Jesus who came to save me? How am I welcoming God's love in my life and how am I going to share that love with others? Am I sincerely trying to live a life of faith by belonging to the Lord as a member of his Church?

This year our Christmas celebrations are informed by the Jubilee Year, which Pope Francis launched and invites us to share, guided by the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." The hope of our Archbishop, Cardinal Francis Leo is that we journey together and proclaim Jesus Christ to a world crying out for God's love.

As we reflect on the gifts brought by the wise men to Jesus, let us think about the **GIFT** we can be, and the gift we are called to be, for others. Let us be a gift of love and reconciliation, peace, hope and good will to everyone we encounter now and throughout 2025 and beyond.

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