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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

-- Psalm 72:11



### Week of January 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Della Roberts+  
Tuesday: 8:00 Michael Ward+  
Wednesday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
Thursday: 8:00 Peter Ray Van Deusen+  
Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Judy Hilgert, Linda Peng, Georgia Pontoniere, Maria Corrales, Dan McDonald, Lorraine Heinemann, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

#### Please Note:

- Remember to make **all checks** payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. And, indicate in the Memo line what the check is for. Thank you for your cooperation!



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

**Simon Oliver Szemela**, son of Rebecca Wilcox and Matthew Szemela.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

#### **Today's Readings**

**First Reading** -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** -- The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** -- Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all familiar with Matthew's account of the arrival of the Magi in Jerusalem in search of the king of the Jews.

Because this story is so well known, it is easy to overlook the profound implications of its message.

Various translations refer to the Magi as kings or wise men from the East. The fact that these important men were willing to travel a great distance to pay homage to someone who had no authority over them points to the significance of his birth.

Following the star to Bethlehem, they found the poor child and with reverence offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When this story was proclaimed to Matthew's audience, it had to be disturbing to them because most of them thought that the Messiah was only going to save the children of Israel. The actions of the three kings dramatically demonstrated the universal dimension of Jesus' mission.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the fulfillment of God's promise of long, long ago that He would bring the light of salvation to all the world by the coming of the Messiah.

Love, Fr. Leo

#### **Partners in the Promise!**

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a "postpartum" depression. Our celebration of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today, many of us will put away the decorations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression "partners in the promise." This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh).

We find more of the promise in Isaiah -- a light shines upon us! In the psalm, we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.



### Community Potluck!

Corpus Christi Hospitality and the Men's Club invite you to a joyful potluck gathering on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. Bring your favorite dish to share and let's celebrate old and new friendships. No time to cook? There will be a free-will donation basket. Thank you as always for making these potlucks a success!

### 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars today for Corpus Christi's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crab Feed and Auction on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>! The event brings the School and Parish together for food, friends and fundraising, including a seated, all you can eat crab dinner, plus a live and silent auction, drinks and dancing. Funds raised will support Corpus Christi School and our Parish. Get ready to "Paint the Town Red" at the red-themed event! Purchase your early bird tickets for \$100.00 per person at: [www.ccfeed.org](http://www.ccfeed.org). This ticket price will only last through Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, so purchase yours today!

### Special Thank You!

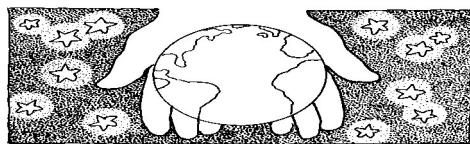
The Environment Committee would like to extend a special thank you to its members, our Parish Family and Scout Troop 6 for their help during the Advent Season and on Christmas! Thank you everyone for your help in making our environment truly special!

### The Living Our Faith Meeting!

The Living Our Faith Committee will meet on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Please join us for faith-sharing and a discussion of how to best support our Corpus Christi Family and our community. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Midlin at: [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

### 2026-2027 Corpus Christi School Applications Now Available!

Are you thinking about joining our school community? Do you know someone who is looking for a new school? Tell your friends and neighbors that our application for the 2026-2027 school year is now available on our website at: [corpuschristischool.com](http://corpuschristischool.com). Our first round of applications will be due by Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, so encourage everyone you know to apply now. Thanks for helping us!



### Readings For The Week

January 5<sup>th</sup> -- 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday: First Reading 1 John 3:22-4:6;  
Psalm 2;  
Gospel Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: First Reading 1 John 4:7-10;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: First Reading 1 John 4:11-18;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: First Reading 1 John 4:19-5:4;  
Psalm 72;  
Gospel Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: First Reading 1 John 5:5-13;  
Psalm 147;  
Gospel Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: First Reading 1 John 5:14-21;  
Psalm 149;  
Gospel John 3:22-30

### Please Note!

Corpus Christi School is updating their Family, Friends and Alumni information. Please send your current contact information, including email address, to: [development@corpuschristischool.com](mailto:development@corpuschristischool.com). Thank you.

### Treasures From Our Tradition!

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God's majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord's grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called "last rites." An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at "death's door." By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ's cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.