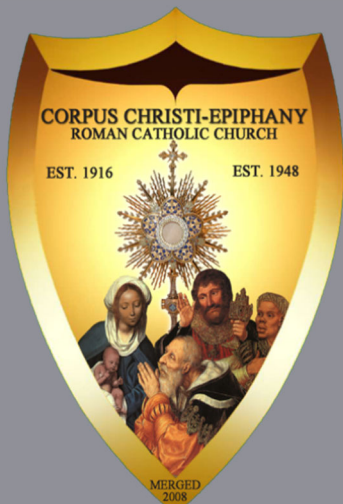




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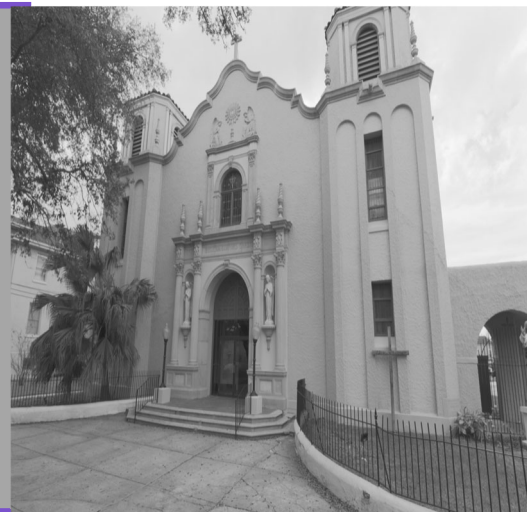
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JANUARY 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6



JANUARY 4, 2026

Praise be Jesus, both now and forever!

My dear friends, today we celebrate the Epiphany—the day Christ is revealed not just to Israel, but to the whole world. The Magi remind us that Jesus is for everyone, regardless of background, race, or status.

The Magi were seekers. They followed a star, not fully understanding where it would lead. That is often how faith works. We do not always see the whole picture, but when we are sincere in our search for truth, God always gives us light. When the Magi finally found the Child, Scripture says, *“They were overjoyed.”* And they offered their gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In doing so, they offered not only material gifts, but their hearts. True worship always involves self-giving.

Then comes a powerful detail: *“They returned to their country by another way.”* This is the heart of the Epiphany. An encounter with Christ changes us. We cannot meet Jesus and remain the same. We cannot worship Him and continue walking the same old paths of sin, bitterness, fear, or indifference.

Our Nehemiah Journey – Beautification of Our Parish and Our Souls

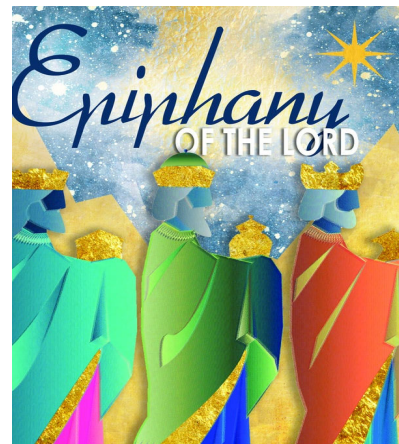
My dear brothers and sisters, as we step into this new year, we do so with hearts full of hope and trust in God’s faithfulness. Like Nehemiah, we stand at a moment of rebuilding—not only the physical spaces of our parish, but also the inner walls of our souls. What may have been broken, neglected, or worn down by time and trials is not beyond God’s power to restore.

Nehemiah reminds us that rebuilding begins with prayer, courage, and unity. He faced ruins, opposition, and uncertainty, yet he never lost sight of God’s promise. In the same way, this new year invites us to believe again—to believe that God is still at work among us, still calling us forward, and still making all things new.

This year, let us rebuild with hope instead of fear, with faith instead of doubt, and with love instead of discouragement. Every small act of kindness, every prayer offered, every sacrifice made for the good of the parish is a stone placed carefully in God’s plan. When we work together, trusting in the Lord, the walls rise and joy returns.

May this new year be a season of renewal—for our parish family and for each of us personally. May God strengthen our hands, heal our hearts, and bless our efforts. And as Nehemiah prayed, may we too say with confidence: *“The joy of the Lord is our strength.”*

— Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, SSI





Send-Forth Appreciation for Fr. Henry Davis

We sincerely thank all who attended, contributed to, and helped plan the send-forth celebration for Fr. Henry Davis. Your love and support are deeply appreciated. For those who were unable to attend but would still like to offer their support, a contribution box is available at the baptismal font.

Installation Mass of Fr. Dominic Njoku

The Installation Mass of Fr. Dominic Njoku as Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church will take place on:

- **Date: Sunday, January 11**
- **Time: 9:00 a.m.**

Location: 1715 Telephone Rd., Pascagoula, MS 39567

Transportation options include carpooling or taking the train. Please sign up on the sheet provided. If there is sufficient interest, a bus will be arranged. For more information, please contact Mrs. Angela Rattler at 504-376-3044.

Community Center Promotion

We encourage all parishioners to help promote our Community Center. Currently, three office spaces are available for rent, and the facility offers excellent accommodations for meetings, repasts, receptions, workshops, and special events.

Your support in spreading the word will help strengthen our parish mission, expand our outreach, and ensure that this valuable resource continues to serve our community.

Appreciation

Fr. Kingsley, Fr. John, Dn. Larry and Fr. Henry extend our most profound appreciation to all who shared gifts, cards, and words of support during the Christmas season. We do not take your generosity for granted. Thank you, and may God richly bless you.

The parish office will reopen on Monday, January 5.

Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji, S.S.J.



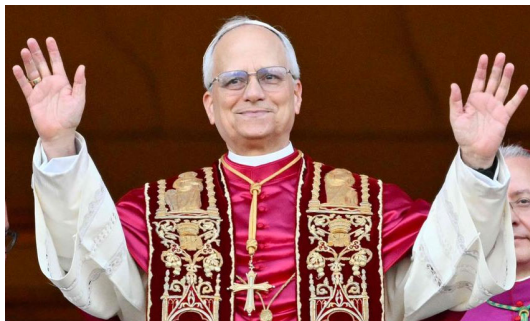


Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

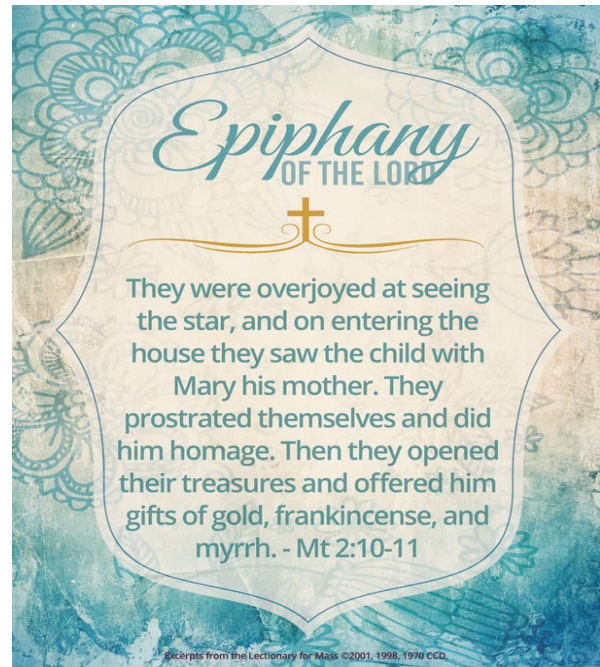
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil van-
quished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever
Amen

Franciscus



Get your ticket(s) from your trusty seller, at
each mass. Raffle drawing will be held
January 25, 2026 after 10 a.m. Mass.



EPIPHANY



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body.
(Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

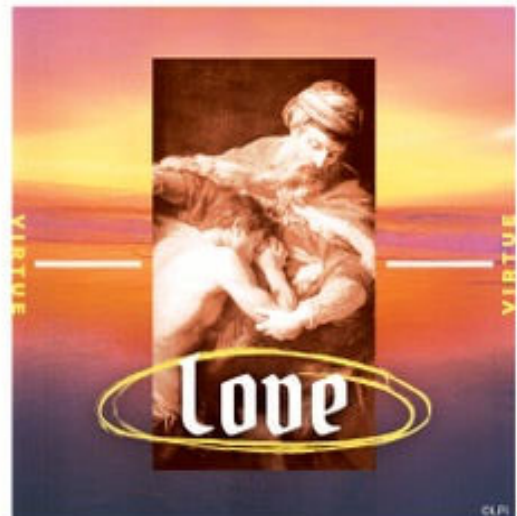
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi
to follow the star to find You.
Inspire us to seek You, as well.
Bless our homes and families this
season, make them places where
we can encounter You through
prayer and community.
Amen.

In loving of memory of our loving husband, father,
& grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss
you,
Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and

In memory of my
dear friend, Nadine
Laurent, Love, Angela

In Memory of
Alvarez and Onelia
RODRIQUEZ

**DECAY
REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory
of **Granny & Papa,**
Love Kelly & Kids

**Mr. & Mrs. Selma &
Donald Nicholl** by
their children

Mrs. Monica Reeves,
Nicole & Larry, Jr. by
Husband & Father,
Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.

Terrance & Osborne
"Mike" Demas by
their family

Brian DeCuir,
In loving memory,
By Abbie Fazande

Victor Duvernay, Jr.
Memorial by lifelong
friend, Abbie

In Memory of Paul, Jr.
& Patricia Johnson
By the Family(825)

In Loving Memory of
My best Friend,
Dina M. Lemus
(Ms. Mike)
Missing and lov-
ing you,
Thais

**IN MEMORY OF
THE FAYRE FAMILY**

In Loving Memory
of our ancestors; Sev-
erin, Demas, Washing-
ton, Nicholl & Grant
Families

In Memory of
Patricia Boyd-Hebert
1934-2000
Philip H. Hebert, Sr.
1932-2022



In Loving Remembrance of our
parents; Henry Butler & Del-
phine Butler, and sisters; Mad-
el Butler & Patricia Butler
"Eternal rest grant unto their
souls, O Lord, and let the per-
petual light shine upon them."
Missing & Loving you, Paul,
Matthew, Robert, Frederick &
Wanda



In Loving Memory of
Our Mother & Grandmother,
Marjorie Rouzan Gabriel
Missing You,
Marvel-Marie, Paul, III & Paul IV

In loving memory of
MURRAY ANCAR
We remember you with love
& appreciation. Your
memory lives on in our
hearts.
YOUR FAMILY



Protection and Prayers for
Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ
by Mom, Ms. D and Sis

**Louis "Big
Lou" Cerre,
Jr.,
by Demas
Families**

In Loving Memory of
Our Father & Grandfather
Missing you 45 years,
Paul Gabriel, II
Marvel-Marie, Paul, III
& Paul IV

In Memory of
**Earl &
Catherine
Raymond**

By family(325)

In loving memory of
DUNTEZ SHAWN DAWSON
"Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day."
Missing and Loving you,
Mother, daughter and
sister



In Loving Memory of
**Gwendolyn McFarland
LAMPKIN**

In Loving Memory of
Audrey Spann Layman
Charles C. Layman, Sr.
Dr. Kim F. Layman
Nicole K. Scott
The Layman family

*Eternal Rest grant
unto them, O Lord.*

Readings for the week of
January 4, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5
and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-
4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 3, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Joseph & Yvonne Bechet, **memorial** by son; Barry, Stanley Cuillier, Jr by family, Alma Miller, **memorial**, by family, **Wallace Delery, Sr., Memorial (Dec. 22)**, by Pat, Verdell & Michelle, Wallace Delery, Sr., Memorial B'Day (Dec. 28th) by Pat, Verdell & Michelle, Souls in Purgatory, by Jourdain/Willis families, People of the parish

Sunday, January 4, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Anthony & Marguerite Cuillier, memorial, by M/M Cuillier, Karen Mercadel, memorial, by Jeanette Sylvester, Elaine J. Gutter, **memorial**, by family & friends, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife & family, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Jesse Quiet, memorial, by Barbara Bell, Fr. Henry J. Davis, SSJ, Healing, by Linda Lagarde, Joseph M. Sarpy, memorial (Dec. 26th) by Angela Sarpy, People of the parish

Monday, January 5, 2026

Kristofer Baptiste, B'Day, by Aunt Linda

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Sick and Shut-Ins of the parish

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

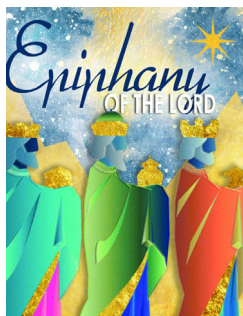
The homeless and marginalized

Thursday, January 8, 2026

The young people in the parish

Friday, January 9, 2026

For all fall-away Catholics



***SICK & SHUT-INS PRAY FOR THEM**

Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Ernest Baptiste, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, , Walter Bonam, Niley Bieniemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers, Charlotte Butler, Joseph Butler, Sr., Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ**, Kim Davis, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Rosie Francis, Darrell Frazier, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Lynn Honore', Jewel Hunter, Assunta Jackson, Delores Jett, Avery Johnson, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Ken Lagarde, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Rosemary Menzies, Armand Mercadel, Jr., Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Florence Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Cheryl Morning, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Corey Peters, Marguerite Ragas, Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., . Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Joseph Triggs, Shirley Ward, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield

Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.

GOD BLESS



***PRAY THE
ROSARY
DAILY***



**IN MEMORY OF
THE HOLY
INNOCENTS**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES

- 1) Avery May, Clarissa Smith
- 2) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 3) Lynette Harrison
- 4) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 5) Aleana Laurendine, Kevin Hebert
- 6) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 7) Jamel Hines, Terrell Theophile, Natalia Carter, Greer Adams
- 8) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 9) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 10) Carolyn Celestan, Paul Gabriel
- 11) Trinity Barnes
- 12) Robert Mercadel, Mia Alexis
- 13) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 14) Debra Dowell, Rona Jones, Doris Cuillier, Jeanette Oliver
- 15) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 16) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 17) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 18) Tanya Netter-Wilson
- 19) JoAnn LaBostrie
- 20) Carolyn Maire
- 21) Keith Lafonta
- 22) Joseph Peters
- 23) Yvonne Guidry
- 24) Lisa Hawkins
- 25) Shawn Atkins
- 26) Sonja Evangelisa
- 27) Nadine Rosales
- 28) Emelda Fortune'
- 29) ***Happy Birthday to you...***
- 30) Cheyanne Daunery
- 31) ***Happy Birthday to you...***

**GOD BLESS YOU ON
YOUR BIRTHDAY/
ANNIVERSARY**



MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

♦ Altar Society	Fatima Rosary Group	Knights of Peter Claver
♦ Bereavement	Finance Council	Junior Daughters
♦ CCD	Garden	Lectors
♦ Church Environment	Holy Name of Jesus Society	Legion of Mary
♦ Counters	Knights of Peter Claver #60	Men in Christ
♦ Ministers of Hospitality	Parish Council	Sacristan
♦ Music Ministry	OCIA	Sodality of the BVM
♦ Grief Share Ministry	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	

♦ MASS SCHEDULES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30 & 10:00 A.M.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00 A.M.**

- ♦ **NOVENAS(before or after 7 a.m. Mass)**
Tuesdays– Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays– St. Joseph Novena
Fridays-Sacred Heart Novena, Stations of
the Cross
Saturdays-Adoration of the Blesses
Sacrament
In the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel
(Building D)

SACRAMENTS INFORMATION

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Mr. Henry Hottor: 1-402=301-4815

St. Vincent de Paul Society
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CONFESSIONS:

**1 hour before weekend masses or any-
time by request.**

WEDDINGS:

**Make arrangements with office staff 6
months prior to the event to begin re-
quired preparation process.**

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
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504-945-8931**

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