

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
- Mt 2:10-11a

## Saint Paul's Newman Center

*Heart Speaks to Heart*



### Liturgy Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Evening Prayer and Daily Mass:  
Monday-Thursday, 5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 4, 2026



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### January 3-January 11

#### The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

|       |          |  |
|-------|----------|--|
| Sat   | 5:00 pm  | Bernard Ruddy                              |
| Sun   | 8:30 am  | Rudy Mondragon                             |
|       | 11:00 am | Parishioners of Saint Paul's               |
| Mon   | 5:00 pm  | The Intention of John and Carrie Kienzle   |
| Tues  | 5:00 pm  | The Intention of Jeri Lynn and Brian Bares |
| Wed   | 5:00 pm  | The Intention of JoDee and Chad Markley    |
| Thurs | 5:00 pm  | The Intention of Ryan and Grace Kienzle    |

#### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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| Sat | 5:00 pm  | Gavino and Lilia Sanchez     |
| Sun | 8:30 am  | Rudy Mondragon               |
|     | 11:00 am | Parishioners of Saint Paul's |

### Winter Break Schedule

The Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy will resume on January 25.  
The sacrament of reconciliation will not be celebrated on Wednesdays until January 28.

Please pray for our students who are attending SEEK Conference January 1-5 in Denver.

*Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for 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.

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## Upcoming Events

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
Sunday, January 4 during the 8:30 am Liturgy

**Blood Drive**  
Monday, January 5, 11:00 am-2:30 pm

**Youth Group Resumes**  
Sunday, January 18

**Sunday 5:00 pm Liturgy Resumes**  
January 25

**Adult Bible Study Begins**  
Wednesday, January 28, 9-10:00 am

**Wednesday Reconciliation Resumes**  
January 28, 4:00 pm



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet on January 4 during the Sunday 8:30 am Liturgy. Godparents (or proxies) are cordially invited to attend.

**Adult Bible Study**  
All are welcome to join us this spring for a Bible study. Leading up to Lent and Easter, we will examine and reflect on one of our faith's most prominent symbols: the cross. Meetings will be 9-10:00 am in Bishop Newell Hall on Wednesdays beginning January 28. To sign up, please click [here](#).



### Welcome New Parishioners!

We are excited to have you as part of our community, and we value your presence and participation. If you would like to register with our parish, please click [here](#) to fill out our online registration form.

**THANK YOU**  
for your generosity

December donations: **\$46,159.95**  
Our 10% tithe for charitable outreach: **\$4,616.00**



Our next blood drive is Monday, January 5, 11:00 am-2:30 pm in Bishop Newell Hall. To make an appointment, please click [here](#) and enter blood drive code "C1723" or contact Sandy Rupp: [rupp@newmancenter.org](mailto:rupp@newmancenter.org).

### Youth Group Resumes

Middle and high school youth group will resume on Sunday, January 18. Middle schoolers will meet 3:45-4:45 pm, and high schoolers will meet 6:00-7:30 pm. Both groups will meet at Zion Lutheran Church, 406 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street.



### Knights of Columbus Handyman Helpers

If you are in need of a handyman, the Laramie Knights of Columbus can help. They have established a free handyman program to provide for the community. The service includes short-term projects that do not require a building permit or licensed professional, and it is available to those who have a demonstrated need: financial, physical, etc. To request help, please contact [KofC.handyman@gmail.com](mailto:KofC.handyman@gmail.com) or call 307-745-5461.

### Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of Cheyenne chancery office is hiring a full-time Accounts Receivable Accountant. Those interested should submit an application, letter of interest, and a current resume either by email to [tskala@dcwy.org](mailto:tskala@dcwy.org), or by mail to:

Tammy Skala, Human Resource Director  
Diocese of Cheyenne  
2121 Capitol Ave  
Cheyenne, WY 82001

A complete job description and application for the position can be found on the Diocese of Cheyenne website: [dcwy.org/job-openings](http://dcwy.org/job-openings).





# Bringing Home the Word

*The Epiphany of the Lord (A)*  
January 4, 2026

## A Trip Called Life

*Fr. Joseph Juknialis*

One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So, then, how is the story of the Magi our story? Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet, through it all, we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the Magi who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew

something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren’t sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but, for our purposes, these are not answers; they only point the way.

Then, one day, we happen to stumble on what we’ve been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet, it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And, like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we have traveled thus far is no longer a safe journey home. †

## Sunday Readings

### **Isaiah 60:1–6**

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the *Lord* has dawned upon you.

### **Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6**

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

### **Matthew 2:1–12**

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”



*How is the story  
of the Magi  
our story?*

## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God’s] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Is anything of the Magi story also your story?
- Have you had a religious experience that changed your life?



# Live in the Light

Mark G. Boyer

We three kings of Orient are, / Bearing gifts we traverse afar, Field  
and fountain, moor and mountain, / Following yonder star. O star of  
wonder, star of night, / Star with royal beauty bright Westward  
leading, still proceeding, / Guide us to thy perfect light!

"We Three Kings of Orient Are," Verse 1

***Isaiah invites the city to  
rise up in splendor  
because the Lord shines  
upon his people again.***

**T**oday's gospel does not mention "three kings of Orient," as does the first verse of "We Three Kings of Orient Are." The passage from Matthew's Gospel merely states that Magi from the East sought the newborn king of the Jews in order to offer him the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Both the carol and the gospel focus on the light that the Magi follow to the "perfect light," Jesus Christ.

Light is also the topic of the prophet Isaiah. Exhorting the returning Jewish exiles from Babylon not to be depressed by the ruins that had once been Jerusalem and the Temple, Isaiah invites the city to rise up in splendor because light has come—the Lord shines upon his people again. While other peoples (Gentiles) are in darkness, the Jews are bathed in light.

The letter to the Ephesians explains that the Light, Jesus Christ, now shines upon all peoples. Echoing Matthew's Magi, Paul declares that Gentiles are now coheirs, members of the same body through faith in God's only begotten Son. While Paul's new understanding does not upset modern people like it would ancient Jews, some people remain in darkness. They need modern Magi bearing the gift of the Good News that God has chosen all people to be his people. †

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## Wisdom from Catholic Update

From *"The Liturgical Year: How Christians Celebrate Time"* by Sandra DeGidio, OSM

The message of Christmas is that God's only Son was born among us in order to save the world. This is the true meaning of Christmas. It's unfortunate that, in today's secular world, the celebration of Christmas does not continue long after December 25. The Church, however, is not so quickly finished with Christmas. In our liturgical calendar, Christmas is over two weeks long. Epiphany comes almost at the end of the Christmas season, twelve days after Christmas. The word epiphany means "a showing, appearance, revelation, manifestation." Christmas celebrates the Word made flesh, birth of the true Light. Epiphany extols the manifestation of that Light to the whole world in the person of Jesus. With Christ's Epiphany, God's covenant with Israel is open to all nations, races, classes, peoples.

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Lord Jesus, so that our  
homes may be havens  
of peace, our families  
a source of joy, our  
children safe, and our  
elders respected, we  
pray—Be born in us, be  
born in our world.

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 5–10

**Monday**, St. John Neumann:  
1 Jn 3:22–4:6 / Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

**Tuesday**, Christmas Weekday:  
1 Jn 4:7–10 / Mk 6:34–44

**Wednesday**, Christmas Weekday:  
1 Jn 4:11–18 / Mk 6:45–52

**Thursday**, Christmas Weekday:  
1 Jn 4:19–5:4 / Lk 4:14–22a

**Friday**, Christmas Weekday:  
1 Jn 5:5–13 / Lk 5:12–16

**Saturday**, Christmas Weekday:  
1 Jn 5:14–21 / Jn 3:22–30



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