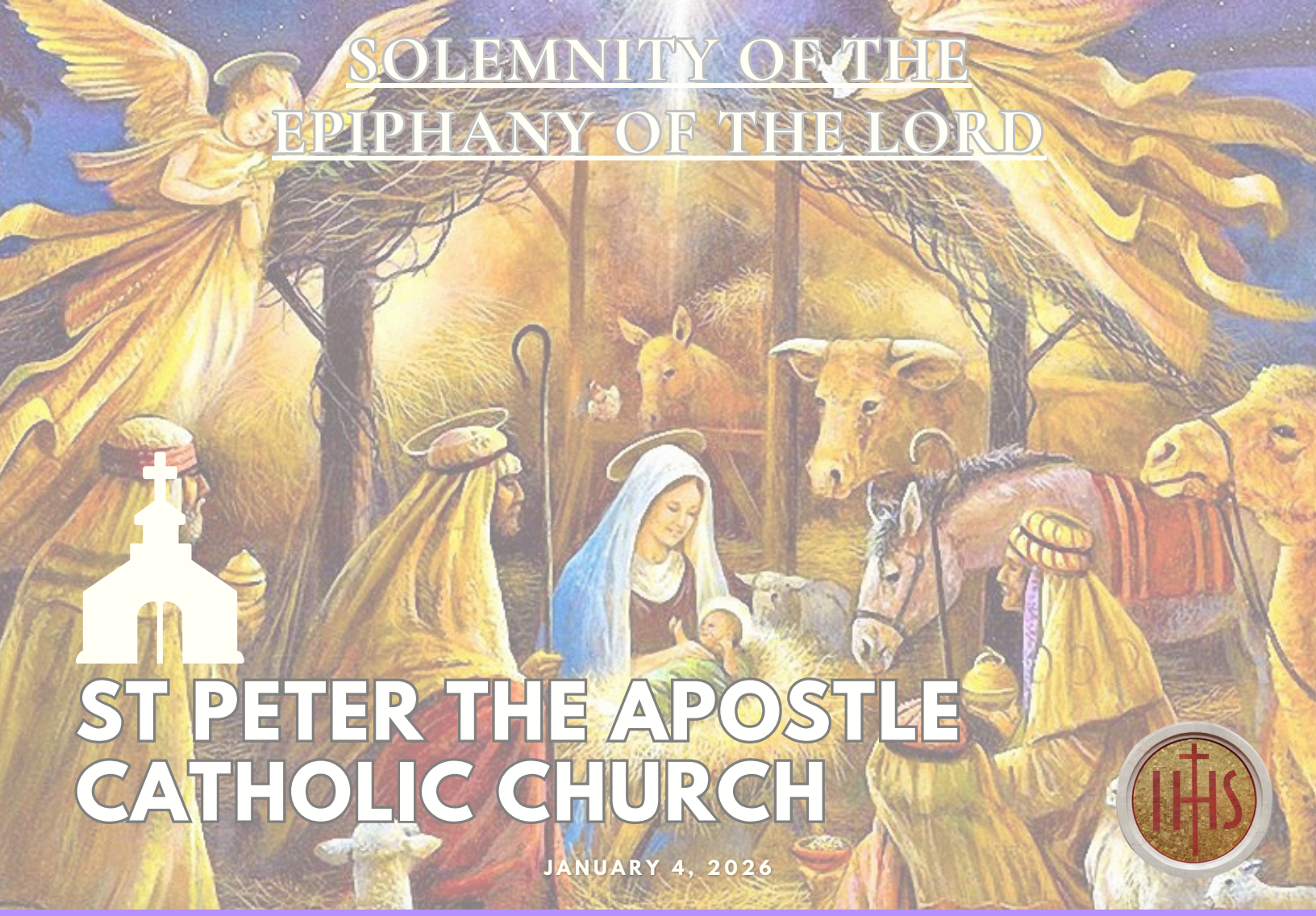

# SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 4, 2026

*Parish Bulletin*


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## MASSES

*All masses will continue to be live streamed.*
*Masks are optional when attending mass.*

Monday - 9:00 am (English)
Tuesday - 9:00 am (English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday - 9:00 am (English)
First Friday of the Month - 9:00 am (English)
Saturday - 4:00 pm (Bilingual)
Sunday - 7:00 am (Spanish), 9:00 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)

## WELCOME!

What a beautiful place God has provided us here on the shore! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we are happy to have you. We invite you to browse our website and come visit in person as you find your home within our growing community!

## MISSION

We, the members of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, experience our faith as a worldwide community. Through our Baptism in Jesus, we are called to be ministers of the gospel, to become Eucharistic people, and to be people of service through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

# MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | January 3rd | 4:00 PM | (Available) |
| Sunday | January 4th | 7:00 AM | (Available) |
| | | 9:00 AM | (Available) |
| | | 12:00 PM | (Available) |
| Monday | January 5th | 9:00 AM | (Available) |
| Tuesday | January 6th | 9:00 AM | (Available) |
| Wednesday | January 7th | 9:00 am | (Available) |
| Saturday | January 10th | 4:00 pm | † Ann Stetar, † Nawro Jimenez |
| Sunday | January 11th | 9:00 AM | (Available) |
| | | 12:00 PM | (Available) |

**Please get in touch with the ushers before mass if you have asked for a Mass Intention to offer the offertory gift during the mass.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun, January 4-Isa 60:1-6/Eph 3:5-6/Mttw 2:1-12**

**Mon, January 5-1 Jn 3:22/Mttw 4:12-17**

**Tues, January 6-1 Jh 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44**

**Wed, January 7-1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52**

**Thurs, January 8-1 Jh 4:19/Lk 4:14-22**

**Fri, January 9-1 Jh 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16**

**Sat, January 10-1 Jh 5:14-21/Jh 3:22-30**

**Sun, January 11-Isa 42:1-4/Acts 10:34-38/Mttw 3:13-17**

# Save the Date

## NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Eucharist Minister**

Saturday, January 10th
4:00 pm - Milania Gabriel, Giselle Reyes, Daris Vasques

Sunday, January 11th
9:00 am - Donna Custis, Jane Regan, Delores Thompson, Stanley Thompson, Henry Glowiak

12:00 pm - Lorenzo Alvarado, Yurivia Martinez, Elder Isidro, Angelica Zuniga, Karina Isidro

**Lector**

Saturday, January 10th
4:00 pm - -

Sunday, January 11th
9:00 am - -

**Altar Servers**

Saturday, January 10th
4:00 pm - Daniel P, Mary CL, Mason S, George B, Benny G, Mr. Lou

Sunday, January 11th
9:00 am - Danny MC, Larry MC, Romeo L, Hayle L, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Cindy A, Dalia ALJ, Katerin RI, Lilian RI, Perla V, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, January 13th
6:30 pm - Maria IS, Jenaro S, Cindy BV, Lilian BP, Perla V, Mr. Ben

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

**Monday, January 5th**
**9:00 am - Mass**
12:00 pm - AA Mtg

**Tuesday, January 6th**
**9:00 am - Mass**
**6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour**

**Wednesday, January 7th**
**9:00 am - Mass**

**Thursday, January 8th**
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**Friday, January 9th**
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**Saturday, January 10th**
4:00 pm - Mass
5:00 pm - Reconciliation
6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

**Sunday, January 11th**
7:00 am - Mass (Spa)
9:00 am - Mass (Eng)
10:00 am - Religious Education (McNulty & Library & Hall)
10:30 am - Children's Ministry
12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

# REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.**

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so. This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus. It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28. These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

## *First Reading*

- *How is the situation in Jerusalem different from everywhere else?*
- *Who all is coming to Jerusalem?*
- *What draws people to the sacred city?*
- *What are people bringing to Jerusalem?*
- *How do you think Jews reacted to this prophecy?*
- *How might non-Jews have reacted to this prophecy?*
- *What part of this passage most captures your imagination?*
- *Imagine that you're one of the magi.*
  - *Why did you decide to follow the star?*
  - *How long have you been traveling?*
  - *Describe your journey.*
  - *Describe your traveling companions.*
  - *What do you talk about on your journey?*
  - *Have you ever been to Jerusalem?*
  - *What do you expect to find in Judea?*
  - *How do you expect the leaders in Jerusalem to act?*
  - *When you reach Jerusalem and meet King Herod, how do you interpret the prophecy the scribes recite?*
  - *How do you feel when Herod summons you secretly?*
  - *How does Herod seem to you?*
  - *What do you and the other magi talk about when you leave Herod?*
  - *How do the child's parents react to your arrival?*
  - *What do you say and do?*

## *Gospel*

- *What all does the light mean to you?*
- *How are you drawn to the light?*
- *What are you bringing with you as you move toward the light?*
- *What does this story teach you about God?*
- *What does the story teach you about human beings?*
- *What else does your time of reflection leave you thinking about?*

## BAPTISM

We recommend parents to notify the parish 3 months in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and participate in preparation sessions prior to the celebration of the sacrament. To ensure proper record keeping, our office requires a pre-baptismal form and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Please call the Parish Office to attend the preparation session.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about joining the Catholic Church?
Please contact Jane & Peter Regan by email at twinoakst@verizon.net or through the office.

## FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation sessions for children and parents begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 2nd grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

## CONFIRMATION

Preparation sessions for children and sponsors begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 10th grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

## MATRIMONY

We recommend couples notify the parish 6 months in advance. Couples must attend preparation sessions. The groom and bride must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, groom and bride must provide a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal, first communion, and confirmation certificates.

## SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who cannot attend mass or desires the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

## FUNERAL

We highly encourage the family to follow up with the funeral home, so the parish office and funeral home can coincide with the most suitable date. We also ask the family to complete and deliver the funeral intake form to the parish office.

## PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Fr. Michael Imperial
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Fr. Stephen Ofori Acheampong
Business Manager - Consuelo Gonzalez
Office Secretary - Giselle Reyes Hernandez
Bookkeeper - Lucille Parker

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Every Tuesday: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Spa)

## RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 4:00 pm
By appointment for other day/time

## MEMBERS OF PPC 2025

Fr. Micheal Imperial, Pastor

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Henry Glowiak (Co-Chair)
Esther Corpus
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Mark Eliot Nuckols
Vinicio Diaz
Seberiano Ventura
Jack Wagner
Jeffrey Barton (Bart) Weakley




## FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF December 30, 2025

| Collections | Dec. 24-25 & 27-28 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|---|---|---|---|
| Envelopes | **$5,002.00** | $83,841.48 | $78,000.00 |
| Plate | **$4,712.00** | $84,124.67 | $78,104.00 |
| Total | **$9,715.00** | $167,966.15 | $156,104.00 |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Knight of Columbus Council #6963 is looking for good men to join our council, please contact Henry Glowiak at 757-787-3250 or 302-258-4734 or email at capthank2001@yahoo.com.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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***If you would like to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please feel free to send us an email at StPeterOnley@gmail.com***

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