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January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord



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OFFICE HOURS:
 Wednesday - Friday
 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK
 Saturday: 5 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
 Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30
 Mon. Wed. Thu. & Fri. at 9:30am
 Confessions: Saturday 4 – 4:45pm

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a loving, supportive, and vibrant Catholic community committed to being a welcoming parish family by spreading the Love of Jesus Christ throughout our community and into the world.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

A TIME FOR HEALING: Please pray for Joe Solis, Grace, Morgan and Eli – Loretta Schutten's family members recovering from surgeries, Fritz Stubenrauch, Willie Helwig, Mary Reynolds, Debra Lee, Israel Posos, Gloria Lyons, Paula and Ted Mercer, Gerald Fingly, Ashlee Fulop, Gregory Molley, Tierra Clappo Motsinger, Lynn Marie Becker, Mike Scott, Donna Webster, Jordan Fulop, Fr. Terry Tompkins, Melissa Syfers, Tina Chick, John Bender, Alan Pope, Mary Alger, Ron Peterson, Lisa Gibbons, Christina Guccione, Diane Reed, Ed Seeger, Cathy McAllister, Robert Fulks, Al and Dorothy Giacchero, Jill Mulvey, and all those who are sick or who need healing.

A TIME FOR SORROW: Please pray for Shirley Tarnasky, David Nibler, Sharon Cote, Larry Susanka, Jerry Ralph Sinn, Mike Crowley, Ed Baer, Nevyn Manley, Dang Thi Chom, Maria Fe Strong, Loren Shipman, Harold Stern, Fr. Paul Opoki, Fr. Victor Rubalcar, Art Pieretti, Melida Alvarado, Linda Guma Boaid, Colleen Willis, Barbara Boyle, Andrew Staruch, Bill Josi, Rozina Agbua, and all those who have died recently.

A TIME FOR JOY AND CELEBRATION: We pray for all those who are celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary, or other special occasion this week. Happy Birthday to Deborah Jack

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES – INTENTIONS – EVENTS

Day	Mass Times / Intention / Event
Saturday	January 4
Mass 8 :30 am	Ronald Palm
Adoration after 1 st Sat. Mass for 1 hour	
Mass 5:00 pm	Ethel Pierczynski
Sunday	January 5
Mass 8:30 am	Bonnie Williams & Mike A
Mass 10:30 am	People of the Parish
Sunday School	10:30 am
Monday	January 6
Mass 9:30 am	Tom Johnson
Tuesday	January 7
NO Mass	
Wednesday	January 8
Mass 9:30 am	Rod Verette and Cara Brown
Celebrate Recovery at 5:30	
Thursday	January 9
Mass 9:30 am	Joe & Rose Motsinger
Adoration after Mass until Noon	
Circle of Caring at 10 am	
Friday	January 10
Mass 9:30 am	Faye Newcomb

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY RETREAT NEXT SATURDAY: Pope Francis has declared that 2025 is the Year of Hope. St. Mary by the Sea will host a half-day retreat on Saturday, January 11, 2025 on the topic of Christian hope in our daily lives. Fr. Theo Lange will be our retreat leader. We shall begin with Mass at 8:00 am and adjourn to the parish hall for presentations and discussion. We shall end with Eucharistic Adoration about noon. Please join us in starting off the new year by celebrating our hope in Christ Jesus!

RESPECT HUMAN LIFE: On January 1st, the feast of Mary, Mother of God, Pope Francis renewed his appeal to protect all human life, from conception to natural death, and he encouraged the faithful to learn, like Mary, to discover God's greatness in the little things of life.

CIRCLE OF CARING; If you like to sew, quilt, crochet, knit or create stuffed animals – these are just some of the things that the Circle of Caring ladies do on Thursdays beginning at 10am. If you are interested, have questions or just want to see what they do. Please join them on Thursday at 10am and once you meet these ladies you will want to join them as they work to make things for everybody.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets every Wednesday at 5:30pm. They start with dinner and then have both whole and small group discussions. This program is for you. Not just those recovering from alcohol or addiction but also for those who are recovering from everyday pain and hurts. No one should have to face their pain alone. Celebrate Recovery is for everyone!

The North Coast Community for

Watershed Protection invites you to St. Mary's Parish Hall on January 18th at 12:00 noon for a presentation by students from the University of Oregon Their research project, entitled Coastal Futures, focuses on climate change adaptation strategies for coastal communities in Oregon. Everyone is welcome.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Offertory Collection	\$5927.00
Needy	\$51.00
Votive	\$12.00
Gift Donation	\$2050.00
Building/Maintenance	\$7312.00
Christmas Collection	\$1683.00
New Years Collection	\$861.00

REFLECTION FROM FATHER AKUTI

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring him their hearts. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light and would bring gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God.

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) includes a verse about kings coming from foreign lands to pay homage to a just king in Israel.

Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles are...co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."* The Gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that will keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod the Great, tried to eliminate the Child, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

TAKEAWAYS

(1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group:

- a. By worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility, and the frankincense of our adoration;
- b. By giving a new direction to our lives. As the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, we need to choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud and impure thoughts, evil habits and selfish behavior;
- c. By becoming stars leading others to Jesus as the star led the Magi to Jesus — removing the darkness of the evil around us and radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care.

(2) On this feast of the Epiphany, let us, like the Magi, offer Jesus our grateful use of his gifts to us:

- a) His gift of friendship with God in the form of wholehearted love and devotion;
- b) His gift of friendship with others by leading them to Jesus through our exemplary lives of Christian charity in action;
- c) His gift of peace by seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, leading a Sacramental life, and meditation daily on the Word of God.