

WE HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sunday, January 5, 2025



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

The custom of blessing homes on or near the Epiphany has come down to us from venerable tradition. In the absence of a priest or deacon, the Father of the family should lead his family in prayer; if he cannot the Mother should lead. In the case of roommates, the eldest should preside. The blessing begins near the front door of the house.

Leader: In the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: 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." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Antiphon: From the East came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for

the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial. Alleluia.

As the following is said the family processes around the home led by the leader who sprinkles the rooms with holy water.

All:

My + soul proclaims
the greatness of the
Lord, †my spirit
rejoices in God my
Savior * for he has
looked with favor on
his lowly servant.

From this day all
generations will call
me blessed: † the
Almighty has done
great things for me,
*and holy is his
Name.

He has mercy on those
who fear him * in
every generation.

He has shown the
strength of his arm,
* he has scattered
the proud in their
conceit.

He has cast down the
mighty from their

Antiphon: From the East came

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head. We pray to the Lord

All: Stay with us, Lord.

thrones, * and has
lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the
hungry with good
things, * and the
rich he has sent away
empty.

He has come to the
help of his servant
Israel *for he has
remembered his
promise of mercy,
the promise he made
to our fathers, * to
Abraham and his
children for ever.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son, * and
to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the
beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever.
Amen.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing. We pray...

All: Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory. We pray to the Lord.

All: Stay with us, Lord.

All: Our Father ...

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee – Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in Thy light and kings in the splendor of Thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Take the blessed chalk and write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door. Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this:

20+C+M+B+25

with the “20 “being the millennium and century, the “C” standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the “M” standing for Melchior, the “B” standing for Balthasar, and the “25” standing for the decade and year. The Kings’ initials also stand for “Christus mansionem benedicat” (“Christ bless this house”).

Leader: Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty and Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in this house. We ask your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect our family and this home from every harm and danger, and we place the marks of their holy names over the doors of this home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that this house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need charity and companionship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the Tempter’s power.

O God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal Kingdom, we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord. Amen.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself with the sign of the cross and saying: May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

All: Amen.

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “We Three Kings.”

Liturgical Ministries

All Liturgical Ministers:
 Please check the Ministry Scheduler Pro for all upcoming daily and weekend Mass schedules.

If you are interested in serving the Lord and our parish as a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Lector or Usher for weekday or weekend Masses please contact the Parish Office at (254) 773-4541.



CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS
 Open to all parishioners.
 To sign-up, call Debra Hollingsworth at (713) 586-9800.

Thank you for participating in this prayer initiative and may God richly bless you with every good gift as you pray for priestly vocations!

Jan. 5th	Debra Hollingsworth	11:30am
Jan. 12th	Jose & Melinda Pena	9:30am
Jan. 18th	Bernie & Katherine Lenart	5:30pm
Jan. 26th	Bruce & Stephanie McAtee	9:30am



Mass Intentions

January 6th – January 12th

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	8:15AM	† Dr. Jeff Jones
Wednesday	5:30PM	Loris Edwards
Thursday	8:15AM	Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Friday	5:30PM	† Stanley Lantz
Saturday	8:15AM	Jackie's Family
	5:30PM	† Gilbert Lefner
Sunday	7:30AM	† Clem & † JoAnn Mikeska
	9:30AM	† Stanley Lantz For the Parishioners of St, Mary's Catholic Church
	11:30AM	† Wayne Kelly Jacques Spiritual Mother



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
COME ON OVER



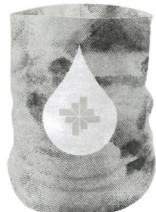
Replenish the supply to **save a life.**

Blood Drive: St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
 Sunday, January 5 | 9 AM – 1 PM
 1018 S. 7th Street, Temple




DONORS IN JANUARY RECEIVE:
 Free donor gift: Seasonal Neck Gaiter
 Free blood type testing
 BSWH Employees may receive credit towards Donor Day Off program

REMEMBER: Photo ID is required to donate;
 Donors 18 or younger are required to provide proof of age.




To donate:
 877.724.HERO (4376)
 BSWBlood.com

The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer”
 ~ Pope Paul VI ~



Family Catechesis and Youth Groups will resume their regular schedule on January 15, 2025



For more information contact Julie Rex in the Parish Office at (254) 773-4541 or re@stmarytempletx.org

Parish Giving

Offerings for December 29, 2024
Will be reported in a later bulletin
due to the Christmas and New Year holiday.

*Thank you for your continuous generosity.
Your giving makes a difference!*



January 11th
Austin, TX

Host Council:
St. Albert the Great
Council 10333

St. Albert the Great
Catholic Church
12041 Bittern Hollow
Austin, TX 78758

Special Event:
Relic of Blessed
Michael McGivney

Blessed McGivney Relic Tours Texas



Diocese of Austin
Knights of Columbus
Hosting the Relic of Blessed
Michael McGivney

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9:00 AM Depart from Dallas enroute to Austin

Holy Hour, Veneration of Relic, and Mass - Sanctuary

12:00 PM	Arrive at St Albert the Great Parish
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Holy Hour in Sanctuary
2:30 - 4:30 PM	Veneration
3:45 - 4:45 PM	Confession
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity - Parish Hall

3:00 - 4:00 PM - Exemplification

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Mon. Jan. 6 th	No Quilters		
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:30 pm
Tuesday - Friday	Adoration	Adoration Chapel	9:00 am
Tues. Jan. 7 th	Knitters & Crocheters	Ave Maria Room	10:00 am
	Cub Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Room	7:00 pm
Wed. Jan. 8 th	Youth Group	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm
Thurs. Jan. 9 th	RCIA	O'Reilly Building	6:00 pm



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Meeting link: stmarytempletx.org/meet

Sunday Worship

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Daily Mass

Saturday: 8:15 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:15 am

Wednesday & Friday: 5:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 30 Minutes Before 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses

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At St. Mary's Catholic Church and School
we know, love, and serve Jesus Christ,
so that we can share Him with all we encounter.