



January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Live-stream All Masses on the West Sac OLG YouTube Channel

Table with 5 columns: Day, Date, Time, Priest, and Notes. Rows include SATURDAY Jan 4, SUNDAY Jan 5, MONDAY Jan 6, TUESDAY Jan 7, WEDNESDAY Jan 8, THURSDAY Jan 9, and FRIDAY Jan 10.



EPIPHANIES

The journey of our lives to Christ is rarely a straight path. Especially for those who were baptized into the Catholic faith as babies, we often need to find our own way by winding roads and paths until we arrive at and embrace faith as our own.

Merriam-Webster defines "epiphany" as "a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something."

Almost always, this entails a "Aha!" moment, which changes the course of the story. I experienced this in my own life in the middle of the Covid pandemic.

When the world began to shut down, I finally knew that I was not alone, and that I never had been. You see, I found myself newly pregnant for the fifth time with no living children, after having experienced loss after loss.

In my pain and struggle, I had turned from God the previous fall when it seemed door after door had closed for the opportunity to have a child. But while the world was radically changing, I had an incredible moment which can only be described as an epiphany from the Holy Spirit: I became acutely aware that I was not alone, nor had I ever been alone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness & generosity! Fr. Mathew wishes to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts, Blessing, always!

LECTOR TRAINING will be on Tuesday, January 14 at 7 PM in the church. Any questions please email liturgy@westsacolg.org

The Our Lady of Grace Music Ministry is looking for new pianist and guitarists who can sing and play music for Mass. Liturgical training will be provided but some proficiency with your instrument is required.

The 21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2025 in San Francisco. This event is an important opportunity to stand together in defense of life and human dignity.



What is the Jubilee Year? How can I celebrate?

A jubilee year is a time in which God's holiness transforms us. The Bible indicates that the holy year was intended to be marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God and one another, and with all of creation.

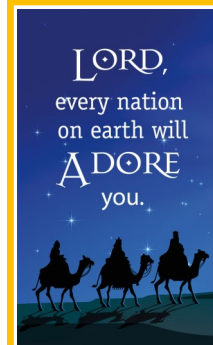
Pope Francis had dedicated this Jubilee Year to "Pilgrims of Hope". In the heart of each person dwells the desire and expectation of good things to come despite not knowing what the future may bring.

Throughout the Jubilee Year, Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento are invited to live abundantly in hope, so that we may credibly bear attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts, illuminating the hope of eternal life.

9 WAYS TO LIVE THE JUBILEE YEAR

- 1. Pray the Jubilee Year.
2. Visit and pray at the pilgrimage sites.
3. Reflect on the Diocesan Themes and share your thoughts with others.
4. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the 24 Hours for the Lord, and more frequently throughout the year.
5. Research the Patron Saint of your parish or school. Who were they? How were they a pilgrim of hope? Share one of their quotes or teachings on social media.
6. Share stories of hope with someone in person or on social media.
7. Invite a family from the parish who you don't know well to dinner in your home.
8. Take a hike with your family and spend some time along the way in prayer, thanking God for all He has created and all the blessings He has given to us.
9. Attend Jubilee days and events on the calendar and invite someone to join you.

A STEWARD MAKES GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE BY IMITATING JESUS.



SERVICE

Weekly Budget Goal: \$4,271.00
Collection Summary: December 1: \$3,675.00
December 8: \$3,605.00 December 15: \$3,047.00
December 22: \$3,363.00

Thank you for sharing your gifts with our Church!
SECOND COLLECTION - On January 4/5, the 2nd Collection will be taken for the Maintenance Fund.



PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish:
Sonja Craighton, Michael Vilhauer,
Shirley Chiang, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers,
Stan Holland.

FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet on January 7, Tuesday, at 5:30 PM in the church.
CFF Classes January 14, 21 and 28 will be at OLG School.
Adult Bible Study meet on Tuesdays, except on the first of the month. Please contact Ana Ramirez-Palmer for information.
Baptism Class on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 7 PM. Please call the Parish Office (916) 371-4814 to sign up.

HOSPITALITY

Wishing January celebrants a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with love, adventure and prosperity! Here's to you!

KIDS CORNER

Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12
Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?

