



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF GRACE Catholic Church**

January 4, 2026

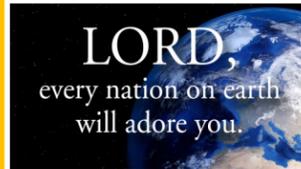
The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

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

SATURDAY	January 03	5:30 PM	vigil Elaine Moost +
SUNDAY	January 04	9 AM	All Parishioners
		11 AM	Sam Alaba +
MONDAY	January 05	8:30 AM	Ethan Hopperr (Healing)
TUESDAY	January 06	8:30 AM	
WEDNESDAY	January 07	8:30 AM	
		6 PM	Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	January 08	No Mass	
FRIDAY	January 09	8:30 AM	OLG School Mass

The Star of Bethlehem



Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a super nova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

(Tom Schmidt, Diocesan.com)



*Thank you all for your thoughtfulness & generosity!
Fr. Mathew wishes to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts,
May God's blessings be with you always.*

Mass of Gratitude with the API Catholic Communities

The Jubilee Year was a year filled with much grace and hope throughout our diocese, including the Asian & Pacific Islander (API) Catholic communities. During the Jubilee, we celebrated six API Jubilee Masses for the API communities. The cultural diversity and expressions of faith are great blessings within our diocese and to the whole Church. With grateful hearts, we invite you to join Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabal on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 11:00am for a Mass of Gratitude with the various API communities to give thanks for the graces received during the Jubilee Year. The Mass will be at St. Anne's Parish located on 7724 24th Street in Sacramento. All are welcome to celebrate and honor our API Catholic communities.

WE WILL BE FREE.

EXODUS



Join your brothers in Christ on a 90-day Exodus to freedom.

All men 18+ are invited to join the 2026 Fraternity of Exodus 90—a 90-day, self-guided spiritual exercise to grow closer to God and one another through Scripture, prayer, and weekly meetings. It begins January 5, 2026. For details, contact Jeremy Arcinas or email exodus@westsacolg.org. Consider taking your spiritual Exodus this season—or inviting a man in your life to join!"

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



SERVICE

Please help us reach our Weekly Budget Goal of \$4,271.00
Collection on December 14: \$5,684.00
December 21: \$3,050.00

Prayerfully consider what you can give.

PRAYER

Pray for the sick, especially in our parish: Sandra Garcia, Ron Moore, Emiliana Stoltz, Sonja Craighton, Michael Vilhauer, Ana Ramirez-Palmer, Shirley Ching, Pacing McFeely, Millie Centers and Linda Bianchi, and Grace Mosley.

FORMATION

- Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Classes meet again on Tuesday January 6.
- Adult Bible Study meet on **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**, except on the first of the month.
- Baptism Class on Wednesday, January 7 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 of the Lord

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Born
King
Star
Priests
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