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As our celebration of Christmas continues, today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from Greek and means manifestation or appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, has much to teach us about stewardship, through the actions of the magi.

As good stewards, the magi were watching for manifestations of God's presence in their lives. "We have seen the star at its rising," they say. Good stewards are keenly aware of the "star" of God's presence and His gifts in their lives. It is this awareness that fills them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and share His gifts with others.

The magi, upon seeing the manifestation of God's presence in their lives, "were overjoyed." Good stewards, who live with the awareness of God's presence and gifts to them, simply can't help but be filled with joy. Not necessarily the fleeting and superficial kind of joy the world promises through wealth or power, but rather the deep, unalterable joy only God can give.

Finally, the magi were so filled with awe upon encountering the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and "opened their treasures and offered him gifts." This is precisely why good stewards generously share their material gifts — as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING****WEEKLY**

Saturday 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday 10:15 am

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday 7:00pm (Spanish)

First Fridays

Holy Days of Obligation 4:00 pm

**Reconciliation**

Wednesday 5:15 pm

Sunday 9:45 am or by appointment

**MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY****WEEKEND**

Saturday 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm  
Sunday 7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am,  
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen

**DAILY**

Monday—Friday 7:10 am and 5:30 pm

Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)

Thursday 6:30 pm Spanish

Saturday 8:00 am

**MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA**

Tuesday 7:00 pm Spanish

Sunday 7:00 pm Spanish

## PARISH LIFE

JANUARY 4, 2026 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Christ the King Catholic Church, are committed to following Christ's teachings of loving God and our neighbors, through faith, service and worship. Our mission is to seek the kingdom of God and to be an example to everyone, of God's unending love and mercy, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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### STEWARSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.



### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for the New Year

Good and gracious God,  
a new year of grace is upon us,  
giving us impressions of  
crisp beginnings  
new goals, a fresh sense of hope.

Though we cling to our own  
expectations  
for the year ahead,  
we know you alone  
are the sovereign of our future,  
Lord of our lives, and the source  
of whatever good we may do.

We thank you, O Lord,  
for the gift of the days and weeks  
you have entrusted to us.  
Teach us to be good stewards  
of our time ahead,  
that we go about our days  
keeping you  
at the center of our lives.

In the midst of our daily pursuits  
and activities,  
focus our eyes on the needs of others;  
help us respond with compassion  
to the poor;  
and open our hearts  
to a suffering world.

We ask for a year of peace,  
a year that brings an end  
to hatred and strife,  
and a year where we find  
a deeper joy  
that can only be found in you.

We ask this through Christ your Son  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17



### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, January 7 Ed Maguire † and  
Lavan Family L/D

Sunday, January 11 John Vink †

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email nhajal@aol.com to request a Mass for a loved one.

### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We are asked to remember members of the Parish or a member's family/friends in our prayers that they may have a speedy and complete recovery. Please enter their names in the white book in the foyer and they will be presented at Mass.

Recently deceased—

### CTK ONGOING EVENTS

**Legion of Mary** meets each Wednesday before Mass. Contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977

**Rosary** is said Sunday mornings at 9:30am

**Online Rosary** - Visit [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org)

**Coffee/Donuts** served after Sunday Mass in the hall.

**Soup Kitchen** is open on Tuesday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Soup, sandwiches, drinks, stories, smiles, laughs and dessert.

**Altar Flowers** contact Sose Gaudet at 622.3589 to place flowers on the altar with (1) week notice.

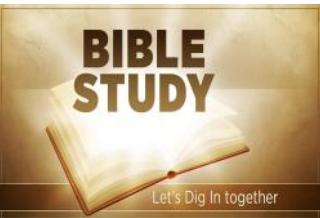
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Council 16413 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Oschman Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight, Bruce Burleson 352.812.1313.

**Bulletin Advertising** contact Melinda Gunn at 629.8092. Space is available. The semi-annual rate is \$80.00 for 6 months.

**Parish App:** [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or the app store  
**Hall Rental:** Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619

### Bible Study

Continue with us to explore the book of Matthew.



**1/4/2026**

Matthew 10: Jesus Commissions the Twelve

### Father Pat's 3rd

### Sacrament Meeting



Fr. Pat's 3rd Sacrament meeting will be on Sunday, January 11th at 9:55am in the gym at Blessed Trinity.

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Please try to make it to this meeting but if you can't, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, January 17th at 9am in the chapel.

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we hear the teachings of Saint Paul to the members of the Church at Ephesus. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God's loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul's words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ's justice and peace?

### Perpetual Adoration Homilist

We will have a special weekend homilist at Blessed Trinity Church, January 10/11, 2026, that will be speaking on the topic of Adoration.

Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M., a member of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Our Franciscan province has as its mission the care of the Christian shrines in the Holy Land and the pastoral care of the local Christians in that same land. I professed my solemn vows in Washington, D.C. in our monastery church on September 1, 1985, and was ordained a priest in the same church on May 22, 1999, by Cardinal Hickey. The Holy Land was my home for nine years, including three years in Bethlehem, three years in Jerusalem, and almost three years in Tiberias. For most of the last 35 years, I have been organizing and guiding pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Europe. Presently, I'm the director of the pilgrimage office at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C.

### Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage?



Saturday, February 7 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website, [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org) under sacraments.

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will be Saturday, April 25.

# Antioch Retreat

**January 17-18, 2026**

RETREAT BEGINS 9AM SAT & ENDS 6:30PM SUN

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## Epiphany: To Find Our Meaning in Christ

On the weekend of January 3 and 4, 2026 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Epiphany! What a wonderful word. Even its secular definition is thrilling: “a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something.” It brings all sorts of images to mind: a light bulb suddenly turning on, shedding brilliant illumination; a revelation that brings a gasp; an idea so vivid we pause and give thanks; a truth so powerful we fall to our knees.

The feast of the Epiphany is all of those things and more. We celebrate the mysterious appearance at Jesus’ birthplace of three men from the East. They had set off on a most quixotic journey, seeking what they would find at the end of a star’s dazzling rays. What, we wonder, did they make of the epiphany with which their journey ended? Did they spend the rest of their lives trying to discern what their discovery of the baby meant, or did the Christ Child gift them with “a sudden realization” of His nature?

What more could they—or we—want of a life’s journey, then to find, in our epiphany, the Christ waiting for us?

The twelve days of Christmas have led us to this place, where Gentiles from afar have discovered Christ, thereby revealing that He came for everyone, for each one of us throughout history, and not just for the Jewish people to whom he was born. The feast of Epiphany brings us to the last week of our liturgical celebration of Christmas.

But for the Christian steward, Epiphany is not an end but a beginning. This feast reminds us that the New Year beckons us to openness about the epiphanies to which God leads us if we but keep an open, prayerful heart, a heart full of deep, awed gratitude.

Let us pray never to become too jaded, too full of certainty, too wrapped up in the routine of life to be asleep at the time of epiphany. If we could resolve to keep only one New Year’s Resolution, let it be this: to pay attention to the epiphanies God places before us.



### Joyful Again, Orlando! Retreat

For

Widows and Widowers

February 28 to March 1, 2026

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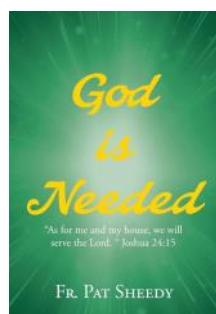
This retreat is especially designed to help the widowed (6 months or more) to find hope & joy again.

Space is limited – register early.

Call: Debra at 609-902-9760 or Rita at 352-239-2523 for more information.

### God is Needed

Many of you have read “God is Needed.” Some of you keep reading different chapters over and over. You may want to consider giving “God is Needed” as a gift to family members or friends.



Many of you have not yet purchased “God is Needed.” It would be a good choice on your part to get it. It will inspire different aspects of your spiritual life.

### “Attention all Cursillistas!”

Join us for our first Ultreya of the New Year on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM in the St. Theresa Parish Hall. We will discuss the piety leg of the tripod through a Divine Mercy activity.

## “Making All Things New”: Stewardship and New Year’s Resolutions

Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in the following quick samples:

**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Resolve to possess a little more “lightly” this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community in some way this year such as at liturgy, in the parish’s outreach or education and formation efforts.

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work:** Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Resolve to be a person of hospitality; to make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of Mind:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your bible. Familiarize yourself with the church’s social teachings.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

