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January 4, 2026 *The Epiphany of the Lord (A)*
Isaiah 60:1–6 / Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 / Matthew 2:1–12

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” MATTHEW 2:2

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Monday-Friday / Lunes-Viernes

9:00AM—5:00PM (Open during Lunch / Abierto durante el almuerzo)

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Monday / Lunes

6:30 AM (Bilingual / Bilingüe)

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISA

Tuesday - Friday / Martes - Viernes

6:30 AM (Bilingüe)

Saturday / Sábado

5:00 PM (English / Ingles)

Sunday / Domingo

7:00 AM (English / Ingles)

8:30 AM (Spanish / Español)

10:30 AM (English / Ingles)

12:30 PM (English / Ingles)

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Saturday / Sábado

4:00 PM—4:30 PM

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT / ADORACIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Monday - Friday / Lunes - Viernes

7:00 – 7:30 AM

3rd Wednesday of the month

3er miércoles del mes

7:00 – 8:00 PM

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*The Epiphany of the Lord (A)***MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS SCHEDULE**

SAT	JAN 03	5:00 PM MASS ENG	† Steve Cabral † Catalina Martinez † Eduardo Martinez † Gustavo Flores	<i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Jn 1:29—34
SUN	JAN 04	7:00 AM MASS ENG	† Rufino Funk † Meliton V. Santos † Ernestina I. Santos † Magdalena V. Santos	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12
		8:30 AM MASS SPAN	† Rogelio Arroyo † Reuben Ramos	
		10:30 AM MASS ENG	† Robert Castañeda † Elva Carrera † Emedes Contreras † Isabel Fernandez Aguirre	
		12:30 PM MASS ENG	† Judy Enriquez † Michael Portillo	
MON	JAN 05	6:30 AM LITURGY BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	† Esperanza Gamboa Happy 94th Birthday: Vera Foggia	<i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12–17, 23–25
TUES	JAN 06	6:30 AM MASS BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	† Cesaria “Chaya” Hinojosa	<i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 4:7–10 Mk 6:34–44
WED	JAN 07	6:30 AM MASS BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION		<i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 4:11–18 Mk 6:45–52
THURS	JAN 08	6:30 AM MASS BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION		<i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 Lk 4:14–22a
FRI	JAN 09	6:30 AM MASS BILINGUAL 7:00 AM EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION		<i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 5:5–13 Lk 5:12–16

Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us
FR. THOMAS M. SANTA

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God’s universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not? Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God’s grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—in the weeds,” so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more “gray” than “black and white.” There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God’s grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God’s will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic.

Reflection:

How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?

Siguiendo a Jesús sin una estrella que nos guíe
PADRE THOMAS M. SANTA

"Vimos su estrella al salir y hemos venido a rendirle homenaje" (Mateo 2:2) describe la chispa que envió a los Magos en su viaje. Algo inusual en el cielo, interpretado como señal de algo maravilloso—en respuesta, cambiaron de rumbo en sus vidas y se entregaron a un camino completamente distinto. Por maravilloso que sea, una estrella especial en los cielos no es la experiencia ordinaria de cómo aprendemos a seguir al Señor o discernir su voluntad. Si tan solo pudiera haber una señal en el universo de Dios para cada uno de nosotros, que nos llame hacia adelante, que aclare lo que debemos hacer, que marque el camino que hay que seguir. Quizá la vida sería mucho más sencilla. ¿O quizás no?

¿Sería realmente menos complicado si todo estuviera claro y seguro? ¿La manifestación de la gracia y bendiciones de Dios se limita a lo recto y estrecho, o también podemos experimentar a Dios en el caos—"en las malas hierbas", por así decirlo. La experiencia humana parece sugerir que la vida es más "gris" que "blanco y negro". Hay verdadera gracia en el camino, en cometer errores, incluso en elegir algo incompleto. Por suerte, la gracia de Dios no necesita perfección para ser poderosa. Podemos conocer y seguir la voluntad de Dios para nosotros en los momentos ordinarios de la vida cotidiana. No necesitamos lo extraordinario ni lo dramático.

Reflexión: *¿Cómo puedo decidir buscar a Dios en lo no planeado, lo inesperado, las interrupciones?*

OUR PARISH NEWS

- ✠ Join Father Frank in Greece in the “Journey of St. Paul Pilgrimage”. April 21st—29th, 2026. Please call the parish office for more information. *Únase al Padre Frank en Grecia en el "Viaje de la Peregrinación de San Pablo". Del 21 al 29 de abril de 2026. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para más información.*
- ✠ We are selling 40th anniversary T-shirts in the parish office for \$20 each, cash only. *Estamos vendiendo camisetas del 40 aniversario en la oficina parroquial por \$ 20 cada una, solo en efectivo.*
- ✠ The Religious Formation Office will begin Registration for Adult Confirmation on Jan. 5th from 10am to 4pm in the Main Office. The Cost is \$100 to be paid in full at Registration. The adult seeking Confirmation must be 18 years or older and they must be the one who comes into the office to register. Please bring original copies of the Baptism and First Communion Certificates when registering. 1 Sponsor (Godparent) is needed for Adult Confirmation. The Sponsor must be fully Roman Catholic. Upon registering; Sponsor Paperwork must be submitted: This includes the following: The Sponsor's original Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation certificates. IF the Sponsor is married they must be married by the Roman Catholic Church and we need to see that certificate as well. Finally - if the person seeking Confirmation is legally married (this does include "Common Law Marriage") but not married by the Roman Catholic Church they will need to schedule a meeting with Fr. Frank Hernandez. Should you have questions please email either Debbie or Josie at RFStstephen@gmail.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Building Fund / Colecta del Fondo: 01/03 & 01/04
- St. Vincent de Paul/San Vicente de Pablo 01/10 & 01/11
- Women's Breakfast/Desayuno de Mujeres: 01/10
- Men's Breakfast / Desayuno de Hombres: January is cancelled
- Nourishing our Body and Soul Women's Group: 1st & 3rd Wednesday 9:00 AM
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament / Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento: 01/21/26
- Church Cleanup (Inside & Outside) / Limpieza de la iglesia (Adentro y Afuera) : 01/24/26 at 8:00 AM
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas: 4th Thursday of the month.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
- Fatima Rosary in English: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 AM—8:00 AM.
- Rosario en Español: Martes y Jueves 7:30 AM—8:00 AM
- Afternoon Rosary/Rosario de la Tarde (Tuesday / Martes) a las 4:00PM

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous / Alcohólicos Anónimos
 A.C.T.S. (Men and Women) / A.C.T.S. (Hombres y Mujeres)
 Altar Servers / Monaguillos
 Bible Study - Men and Women / English
 Bible Study – Women / English
 Book Club – Men / English
 Book Club – Women / English
 Boy Scout Pack #279
 Boy Scout Troop #279
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas
 Choir - Adult & Children / Coro - Adulto / Niños
 Church Cleaning / Limpieza de la iglesia
 Club de Lectura – Mujeres / Español
 Estudio Bíblico – Mujeres / Español
 Estudio Bíblico con el Padre Mauro – Avanzado / Español
 Eucharistic Ministers/ Ministros Eucarísticos
 Faith Sharing – Men / English
 Hospitality / Hospitalidad
 Into the Breach – Men / English
 Knights of Columbus / Caballeros de Colón
 Marriage Preparation / Preparación Matrimonial
 Nourishing your Body and Soul for Women
 Proclaimer— English / Proclamador— Español
 Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Prayer & Life / Talleres de Oración
 Praying the Rosary—English / Spanish & Bilingual
 Rosary Making Ministry for Women

DECEMBER 28, 2025

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekend	Collection	Attendance
December 20th & 21st, 2025	LATER	
December 27th & 28th, 2025	LATER	

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM - BAUTISMO

Infants and children under the age of 6 years old. Please go to our website for instructions, application, dates and times of preparation class and baptism ceremony *Bebés y niños menores de 6 años. Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener instrucciones, solicitud, fechas y horarios de la clase previa al bautismo y la ceremonia del bautismo.* (www.ststephenelpaso.org).

MARRIAGE—MATRIMONIO

Engaged couples wishing to marry in the Catholic Church should call the parish office. Apply six (6) months prior to your desired date of marriage. *Las parejas comprometidas que deseen casarse en la Iglesia Católica deben llamar a la oficina parroquial. Aplicar seis (6) meses antes de la fecha deseada de matrimonio.*

QUINCEAÑERA (Not a Sacrament)

We celebrate them on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12:00pm. Call the parish office for more information. *Los celebramos el 1er sábado del mes a las 12:00pm Llame a la oficina parroquial para más información.*

Prayers for the Sick

Cindy Galvan, Rene Morales, Elva Suitter, Donna D., Alyssa Cedillo, Suo and John Frederick, Isabella Cajigas, Jesus Barrios, Flora Ledesma, Alicia Terrazas, Brendan Fitzpatrick Family, Dominic Fitzpatrick, Pete Euzarraga Jr., Mary & George Havlovic, Pat Tellez, Hector Ramirez, Mrs. Martin, Liz Guijarro, Victorique Gipe, Norma Leyva, Marylou Nethercutt and family, Lety Torres, Levi Ledesma, Amanda Miles, Leticia Flores, Jose R Lopez Jr., Pilar Tercero, Sonny Lopes, Rocky Ellingsworth, Vera Foggia, Issac Reveles, Sandy Valverde, Sean Shaughnessy, Annette Coronado, Sonya Reyes, Irma Vargas, Sammy Meza, Mrs. Yolanda Arrieta, Adela Rodriguez, Zulema Rodriguez, Leonor Quiroz, Rosa Rodriguez, Stacy Rawlins Avalos, Maria Elena Sanchez, David Ortega, Ruben Garcia, Marlo Endlich, Lala Carmona, Carmelo Romero Jr, Juan Pablo H. , Karina Gonzalez, Briana Johnson, John Paul Ronquillo, Katelyn Ronquillo, Carmelo Romero Jr., Salvador Terrazas, Sara Centroe, Rene Fourzan, Charlie Zubiate, Aaron Jimenez, David Johnson

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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

• MONDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 AM Men's Faith Sharing Zoom: 82483556145 Passcode: faith
7:30 AM Fatima Rosary in English
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 PM Choir Practice (Deborah Montoya)
6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack #279
6:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #279
7:00 PM Clase de la Biblia con Padre Mauro

• TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30 AM Rosario en Español
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
4:00 PM Community Afternoon Rosary/Rosario de la Tarde
5:30 PM Women's ACTS Team Meeting
6:00 PM Men's Book Club—English
6:00 PM Adoración Nocturna Monthly Meeting
6:30 PM Bible Study—Women / English
6:30 PM Club de Lectura Mujeres—Español
7:00 PM Bible Study—Joint / English

• WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 AM Fatima Rosary in English
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:15 PM Choir Practice

• THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

7:30 AM Rosario en Español
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
4:30 PM Rehearsal: Blanco & Olmos
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl
7:00 PM Practica del Coro Santa Maria (8:30 AM)

• FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 AM Into the Breach Men's Group
7:30 AM Club de Lectura—Mujeres y Hombres en Español
7:30 AM Fatima Rosary in English
9:30 AM Madres Orando para sus Hijos
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

• SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM 1st Year 1st Communion
4:00-4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass—English

• SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 AM Mass—English
8:30 AM Mass—Spanish
9:00 AM 2nd year 1st Communion
9:00 AM OCIA (Children, Teen & Adults)
10:30 AM Mass—English
11:00 AM 1st year Confirmation
11:00 AM 2nd year Confirmation
12:30 PM Mass—English



SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS - DECEASED ONLY
WEEKDAYS - BIRTHDAYS,
ANNIVERSARIES, SPECIAL INTENTIONS,
HEALTH, THANKSGIVING MASSES, AND
DECEASED ETC.

JANUARY 5 th	MARCH 2 nd
JANUARY	APRIL
FEBRUARY	MAY
MARCH	JUNE
JUNE 1 st	SEPTEMBER 8 th
JULY	OCTOBER
AUGUST	NOVEMBER
SEPTEMBER	DECEMBER
	JANUARY 2027

CALENDARIO

FINES DE SEMANA - SOLO FALLECIDOS
ENTRE SEMANA - CUMPLEAÑOS,
ANIVERSARIOS, INTENCIONES ESPECIALES,
SALUD, MISAS DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS, Y
FALLECIDOS, ETC.

5 de ENERO	2 DE MARZO
ENERO	ABRIL
FEBRERO	MAYO
MARZO	JUNIO
1 DE JUNIO	8 DE SEPTIEMBRE
JULIO	OCTUBRE
AGOSTO	NOVIEMBRE
SEPTIEMBRE	DICIEMBRE
	ENERO DE 2027

"Is anyone among you sick?
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— JAMES 5:14

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"¿Hay algún enfermo entre ustedes?
Lláme a los presbíteros de la Iglesia"
— SANTIAGO 5:14

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