

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

12:05 p.m. Intentions of Sr. Josie Mendoza

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

12:05 p.m. VN Mass

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

12:05 pm. Intentions of the Chris Gorges Family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

12:05 p.m. +Alfred & Leoba Dinkel

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:00 p.m. +Jim Garcia

5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Vietnamese Mass

#### **Liturgical Roles for Saturday, January 11, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Lector: C. Claycomb

E. Minister: R. Hartman

Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

#### **Liturgical Roles for Sunday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m.:**

Lector: D. Anton

E. Minister: S. Walcher

#### **PARISH PRAYER LINE**

Jerry Warrell Kathy Hunter Tony Magdalino  
Ukraine and its Citizens Johnny Julie Munoz  
Michelle Houchin Lori Born Phu Nguyen  
Grace Dana Corina Nancy Parish  
+Derek Parish Wayne Gottshine Karla Bennett

# Good News!

January 5, 2025

*The Epiphany of the Lord (C)*

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 /

Matthew 2:1-12

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, “When you die, do you think you’re going to see God?” Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, “Well, you won’t, because God doesn’t have a body. There isn’t something to see.”

The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn’t sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

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#### **OFFERING**

December 29, 2024

English: \$ 3,071.00

Vietnamese \$ 6,436.00

Total: \$ 9,507.00

Every year Fr. Ben orders the booklet "The Word Among Us" for parishioners to read during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. Its daily meditations are both profound and uplifting. It is worth repeating a portion of the December 31 Meditation:

"It's true that we don't know what this new year will hold. But it is equally true that we know the One who holds the new year in His hands. He is in our corner, and we can trust in His love and fidelity.

"So lift up your heart and walk boldly into the new year.

"Thank you, Jesus, that I can trust you completely."

The picture below was taken on December 23 at the Center of Hope (1100 East First Street North) which is just one block south and then west to the corner building. That day the last group of presents were taken to the COH for the youngsters of clients who would not have Christmas presents due to their parents' financial circumstances.

This was the third and final contingent of Christmas gifts from St. Anthony's. It is too bad the picture cannot be in color, as was the original photograph, as the table is overflowing with gifts and very colorful with all the Christmas wrappings. The previous two weeks saw the same level of donations. Amazing!

Every single gift label had been taken off the Angel Tree in earlier December. The spirit of giving and sharing with those less



fortunate is so impressive! Thank you to every parishioner, both English and Vietnamese, for their giving pocketbooks and compassionate hearts.

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

The most recent Campaign total as of this week was a total of \$454,170.00 pledged. The goal for St. Anthony's is \$455,000 making this 99.82 percent of our goal. Participation is now at 39.91%. Thank you, thank you! to parishioners for stepping forward so generously.

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From the Diocese:

**WE'RE HIRING**  
**ANSWER THE CALL.**

- **Prgm. Coordinator for Totus Tuus**  
Office of Faith Formation
- **Sidewalk Advocate for Life Prgm. Coord.**  
Respect Life and Social Justice Office
- **Part-Time Evening Staff and Truck Driver**  
The Lord's Diner - ICT
- **Part-Time Administrative Assistant**  
Office of Hispanic Ministry
- **IT Specialist (Level 1/2)**  
Chancery

Interested applicants may submit resumes, references and salary requirements to Tina Hallacy at: [hallacyt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org](mailto:hallacyt@catholicdioceseofwichita.org).

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Our Vietnamese community is selling raffle tickets for their TET (New Year) celebration January 18. A \$5 donation buys one ticket, which can be purchased at the Parish Office. Prizes are:

- GRAND PRIZE: \$3,000
- Prize #1: iPhone 16 Pro Max
- Prize #2: \$1,000    Prize #3: \$600
- Prize #4: \$ 500    Prize #5: \$400
- Prize #6 \$ 300    Prize #7 \$200
- Prize #8 \$ 100

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