

January 5, 2025

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.— *Isaiah 60:1*



FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38

MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

January 4-10

Saturday/4:30pm/Maria Spannuth+,
John Melhaff+

6:30pm/Juana Ochoa+, Luis R. Ochoa+

Sunday/8:00am/Senon & Maria Franco+,

Alicia Andest+, Allan Wallace+, Jose

Toledo & All deceased members of the
Toledo family+

10:00am/Tony Mello+

11:30am/Eugene Nunez+

Monday/NO DAILY MASS

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Wednesday/NO DAILY MASS

Thursday NO DAILY MASS

Friday/NO DAILY MASS

Let us welcome Father Patrick Henry, who will assist with our weekend masses, while Father Miguel is away the month of January.

Attention: No daily mass celebrated during the month of January.

NO Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation celebrated the month of January.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our St. Christopher Parish families, for your continuous and ongoing support this past year. Not only in spirit and action, but also financially. It is through the generous spirit of giving by you, our parishioners, that we are able to support our pastoral programs and be able to serve those in our community who are less fortunate than we are. Our Christmas collection this year was; \$9,405.00. On a personal note, I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the generous gifts received along with Christmas cards and kind words. It is greatly appreciated.
-Father Miguel.

Mini Nativity Play Thank You!

Big thanks to all our little stable animals, shepherds, angels, star and cake presenter who participated in the Christmas Eve Mass Mini Nativity Play. Special thank you to Cristian & Erika Lopez and little Julian who portrayed our Holy Family. Deepest thanks to our helpers: Grandma Guild members: Rhonda Smith and helpers: Anna Mathews, Suzane Souigny, Melissa Krebill, Jaimie Smith, Betty Lou Woodhall, Mike Reese and to Joyce Skeen our narrator. Thanks also for the cookies from Lori Smith. A Sincere thank you to our musicians who lead the music, Matt & Esther.

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast **Saturday-Jan. 11, 2025 - 8:00AM-Noon**
Catholic Community Center (CCC.)
526 3rd St, Galt. Proceeds for Galt Chiefs Sports Team Athletic Equipment.



Sunday-January 19

Take home Burritos-Available after 8 & 10am Masses.
Take home Tacos-Available after 11:30am Mass.

La Epifanía del Señor **5 de enero de 2025**

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti— *Isaías 60:1*



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén, porque sobre ti se levanta (Isaías 60:1-6).

Salmo — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — El misterio se ha dado a conocer, que los no judíos han de compartir en Cristo Jesús la misma herencia (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Evangelio — Vinieron unos Magos de Oriente preguntando: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?” (Mateo 2:1-12).

ENCUENTRO CON DIOS

Los espléndidos Reyes Magos –destellantes, majestuoso y solemnes–, salen hoy de las páginas de Mateo y van rumbo a nuestra iglesia. Solamente Mateo nos habla de esta grande e interesante historia para que podamos ver la luz y saber que el niño que visitaron los Reyes Magos era el cumplimiento de la profecía, el rey cuyo mensaje llega hasta la tierra natal de estos magos y mucho más allá, hasta nuestra época. Nosotros también nuevamente podemos ver y entender. Al igual que estos magos, nuestros santos patronos en este día, vemos en el niño recién nacido al rey del universo y la luz del mundo. Como los Reyes Magos, encontramos dentro de nosotros una nueva fe y una nueva vida. Como ellos, regresamos a casa por una nueva ruta. Se nos pide terminemos esta temporada festiva renovados y consientes de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros. Se nos pide encontrar a Dios donde se le puede encontrar, que estemos atentos y listos para, con asombro, inclinarnos en adoración y ofrecer nuestras ofrendas.

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Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4, 3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Hch 10:34-38

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

La Epifanía del Señor

Señor Dios, que en este día manifestaste a tu Unigénito a las naciones, guiándolas por la estrella, concede a los que ya te conocemos por la fe, que lleguemos a contemplar la hermosura de tu excelsa gloria. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.