



# Our Lady of Lourdes

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## The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C



“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:2

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2025

**For the right to an Education.**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Welcome ♥

We welcome any new Parishioners

To register please go to

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### On the day of the Epiphany:

They set out...

They traveled together...

Ahead of them went the star...

They lived with questions...

They found the child with Mary, his Mother...

They were overwhelmed with joy...

they offered Him gifts...

They fell in adoration...

They opened their treasure Chests...

They left for their own country

by another route...

**Reflection Question:** What attitude or experience have we shared with the Wise Men on our journey to Bethlehem this season?

## Reflection....

The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us, that like the Magi (Wise Men) we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by the many Herods of this world.

Trusting that God will not mislead us, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. Any time we are confused, or come to the crossroad of life, we must seek and wait until the star of Christ appears to show us the way we must follow.

This is simply what we may refer to as divine guidance and counsel in our lives. Today, we must ask God as the Church prays: Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, and welcome him with love, for He is Lord forever and ever. Amen

## Prayer

Father of light,  
today you reveal to people of faith  
your Word made flesh.  
Your light is strong, your love is sure.  
Draw us beyond the limits of this  
world into your eternal life.  
We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Parish Notices

**Altar server training** for new servers and for anyone who is interested in joining the ministry, will take place on Saturday, 11 January 2025 from 10h00 - 11h00 in the Church.

### Catechism and Confirmation Registration

Catechism Registration and Confirmation Registration on Sunday, 19 January 2025 from 08h30 - 11h00 in St. Mary's Hall.

**Catechism Classes** begin on Sunday, 26 January 2024 at 08h30.

**Confirmation Classes** begin on Monday, 27 January 2025 at 18h00. Please contact the parish office for any further information.

**RCIA** (Adult enquiry class) - classes will resume on the 15th of January 2025. Classes are on Wednesdays in St. Mary's Hall at 18h00.

**Preparation for Marriage.** The next marriage preparation course will be held in January. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Repository:** The Liturgical Calendars and the Springs of Carmel Diaries for 2025 are available in the Repository.

The word **Epiphany** is from Ancient Greek and means “Manifestation or Revealing.” In this feast, we celebrate the coming of God into our world as Man to teach us the way to the Father and, though He came as an infant, much like any other child, He is still God.

MASS TIMES

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday : 08h00

**Tuesday : 06h30**

Wednesday : 08h00

Thursday : 08h00

**Friday : 17h00 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Holy Mass at 18h00**

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday : 17h30

Sunday : 07h30, 09h30, 17h30

### CONFESSION

Saturday : 10h00 - 11h00

### ADORATION CHAPEL TIMES

Daily : 07h00- 18h00