



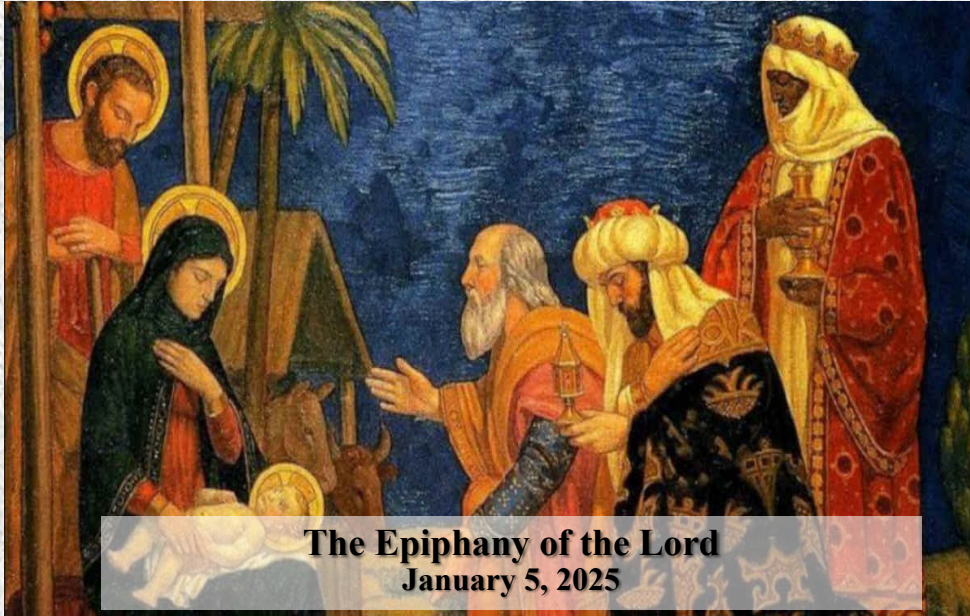
✦ OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ✦

Daly City, CA 94015-3424

Rectory: 1 Elmwood Dr. — Church / Church Hall: 5 Elmwood Dr. — School: 7 Elmwood Dr.
Parish Center / Religious Education Office / Convent: 15 Elmwood Dr.

Established in 1954 — A Member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco

“the Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

RECTORY STAFF — 1 Elmwood Drive:

Rev. Domingo Orimaco	Pastor
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The Rectory office is staffed Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy Rectory office is closed on weekends and holidays.

CURRENT SCHEDULES:

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday: 7:00am & 9:00am

Saturday Mass: 9:00AM & 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon

Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass 6:00pm, 7:00am, 9:00am & 6:00pm

BAPTISM:

1st and 3rd Saturdays at 12pm. Sundays at 1:15pm

Baptismal Preparation Class for the parents' and godparents' Every First Wednesday of the Month the Parish Center at 7:00PM—c/o Deacon Mike Ghiorso

For grades 3-8, sign up for the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC).**

For grades 9 and above, call to learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

MARRIAGE:

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

Be sure to contact the Rectory at least six months before your anticipated wedding date.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION:

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. — or call the Rectory to make an appointment with any priest.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Rectory for one of our priests to come. Our Eucharistic Ministers visit the homebound daily.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Fridays: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., concluding with

Evening Prayer & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

First Fridays: Mass at 6:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS:

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. (Novena & Mass)

COMMUNAL RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Weekdays immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The Epiphany of the Lord:

"A Revelation to All"



The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord is a celebration of God's universal plan of salvation, a divine mystery revealed to the world through the coming of Christ. Both the Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12) and St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians (3:2-3, 5-6) draw our attention to this truth: the revelation of God's love is not limited to a chosen few but is extended to all nations, to every person who seeks Him with an open heart. The Magi from the East, representing the Gentiles, symbolize this universality, as they journey to Bethlehem to worship the newborn King. St. Paul echoes this message, proclaiming that through Christ, the Gentiles are now co-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise of salvation.

In the Gospel account, the Magi's journey is a story of faith, perseverance, and discovery. Leaving behind their familiar surroundings, they followed the star—a symbol of divine guidance—trusting it would lead them to the King of kings. Their journey reminds us that seeking Christ requires stepping out of our comfort zones and embarking on our own spiritual journeys. Faith is often a path filled with challenges and uncertainties, yet the Magi's determination encourages us to persevere, trusting in God's light to guide us through the darkness.

Upon arriving in Bethlehem, the Magi find the Christ child with Mary, His mother. Their response is one of profound worship. Bowing before Him, they present gifts that reveal the identity and mission of Jesus: gold for His kingship, frankincense for His divinity, and myrrh foreshadowing His sacrificial death. These gifts invite us to reflect on what we offer to Christ. Gold represents our resources and talents—are we using them for God's glory? Frankincense symbolizes our prayers—are we faithful in lifting our hearts to God in worship? Myrrh reminds us of sacrifice—are we willing to embrace selflessness for the sake of others and for the Gospel?

In contrast to the Magi's openness to God's revelation, we see the hostility of King Herod. Threatened by the news of a new king, Herod responds with fear and deceit, attempting to protect his earthly power at all costs. This stark contrast invites us to examine our own hearts. Are we like the Magi, seeking Christ with joy and humility? Or are there areas in our lives where we, like Herod, resist Christ's reign because it challenges our comfort, pride, or control?

St. Paul's message to the Ephesians adds depth to this reflection. He reveals that the mystery of Christ, once hidden, has now been made known by the Spirit. This mystery is that all people, Jew and Gentile alike, are united in Christ. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has broken down barriers of division and created one body—a family of faith that transcends ethnicity, culture, and status. This truth calls us to live as witnesses of God's inclusive love, building bridges of unity in a world so often divided by prejudice, fear, and inequality.

The Epiphany challenges us to see ourselves as both seekers and guides. Like the Magi, we are called to seek Christ, to continually journey toward a deeper relationship with Him. At the same time, we are called to be like the star, shining brightly and leading others to encounter the Lord. In a world where many still walk in darkness, our lives can be a beacon of hope, faith, and love that points to Christ's presence.

As we celebrate this feast, let us reflect on what it means to be co-heirs with Christ. Let us recommit ourselves to offering our gifts—our time, talents, and treasures—for the glory of God. Let us seek Christ with sincerity, worship Him with humility, and live as instruments of His peace and unity. And like the Magi, may we rise above the distractions of the world, persevere in faith, and find joy in the presence of the Savior, who is the light for all nations.

Prayer for the Epiphany of the Lord



Lord God,

On this feast of the Epiphany, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude and awe, for You have revealed Your light to all nations through the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Like the Magi, we seek Him with faith, trusting in Your divine guidance to lead us along the path of truth.

Help us, Lord, to offer You the gifts of our lives: Our talents and resources, as gold, to honor Your kingship. Our prayers, as frankincense, to glorify Your divinity. Our sacrifices, as myrrh, to unite with Your love for the world. May we shine like the star that led the Magi, guiding others to encounter the joy and peace of Christ. Break down the barriers in our hearts that resist Your reign, and teach us to embrace all people as co-heirs in

Your promise of salvation. Strengthen us to persevere in faith, even when the journey is uncertain, and fill us with the humility to worship You with our whole being. Let our lives proclaim the mystery of Your love, that through us, the light of Christ may be revealed to a world longing for hope and unity.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29: 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10; Acts 10: 34-38; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

Upcoming Events of Note:

-The **2025 Donation Envelopes** are now available for pick-up located at the right side of the Church. Please find time to get your assigned envelopes.

Reminders:

-The Rectory Office will be closed on **January 12, 2025, Sunday - Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the end of the Christmas Season.**

-Please drop off or mail your Offertory Envelopes to the Rectory Office if you unable to go to Church. Thank you for your continued support to Our Lady of Mercy Church.

Day	Time	Mass Intentions for the Coming Week: January 6—January 12, 2025	
Mon Jan 6	7:00am 9:00am 6:30pm	Agustin Rocillo + Marcelito Ramos + Erlinda Dacanay +	DO AN AN
Tue Jan 7	7:00am 9:00am	John Holley + Walter Marston +	AN AN
Wed Jan 8	7:00am 9:00am	Noah Reyes—Thanksgiving Marcelito Ramos +	AN AN
Thur Jan 9	7:00am 9:00am	Ed Cooper —Thanksgiving Marcelito Ramos +	AN AN
Fri Jan 10	7:00am 9:00am	Ed Cooper —Thanksgiving Marcelito Ramos +	AN AN
Sat Jan 11	9:00am 4:00pm	Marcelito Ramos + Luis V. Diguangco +	AN DO
Sun Jan 12	8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm	Tony, Dennis, Marie Newhoff + Barbara Frankovich —Thanksgiving Carmelita—Tina +	AN DO AN

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: Memorial of St. Andre Bessette,
Religious

Tuesday: Memorial St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Sunday: Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Updates & Support

AAA Update: OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges **\$90,374.00** as of Dec. 17 out of our goal of **\$93, 547.00**.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Dec. 28 and Dec. 29, 2024

FIRST COLLECTION - \$ 8,244.00

SECOND COLLECTION / St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul - \$ 2,380.00

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Rest in Peace Marie Brizuela



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join us!

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!

If you worship with us each week, please fill out this form and become an **official** member of the parish. *Upon completion, you may drop this form at the Rectory or with your donation during offertory collection.*

By registering, you get on our mailing list and let us know if you are interested in supporting your parish through your time, talents and treasure—the privilege of every Catholic.

Baptism & Confirmation of children, weddings & marriage anniversaries, Funeral Services for loved ones, etc.

In addition, all **registered** members of the parish are eligible to celebrate important sacramental events at OLM.

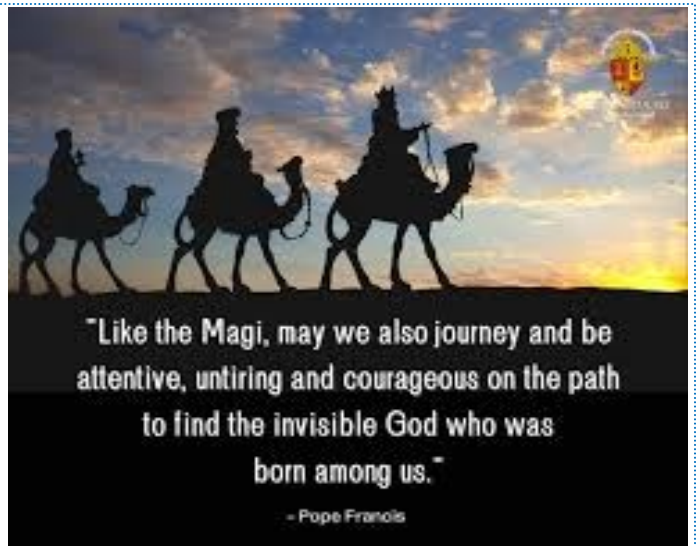
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