

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, January 4

7:00 am + Nicolas Guadalupe Avila Santos
9:00 am + Antonia Moreno
11:00 am + Yolanda Belman
1:00 pm + Consuelo Ramirez Tapia
7:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Dios

Monday, January 5

12:10 pm + Jesus Hernandez
7:00 pm + Luis Soto

Tuesday, January 6

12:10 pm Birthday of Rocio Perez

Wednesday, January 7

12:10 pm For the Healing of Laura Felix

Thursday, January 8

12:10 pm All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 9

12:10 pm For the Healing of Ramon Salinas
7:00 pm Intenciones de la Familia Gonzalez

Saturday, January 10

5:00 pm + Lauri Mitchell
7:00 pm Por las Almas del Purgatorio

Sunday, January 11

7:00 am + Nicolas Guadalupe Avila Santos
9:00 am For the Healing of Jose Reynoso
11:00 am + Hermelinda Gutierrez
1:00 pm + Daniel y Maria Alvarado
7:00 pm Por el Pueblo de Dios



Prayers ... Oraciones

Intentions of Brenda Calvillo, Jasmine Calvillo,
& Abel Gomez
Intenciones de la Familia Chavez
Cumpleaños de Rocio Perez
Aniversario de Bodas de Eduardo y Virginia Torres
Aniversario de Bodas de Franklin y Stephanie Trujillo

For the sick ... Por los enfermos

Luisa Gil, Jose Reynoso, Laura Felix,
Ramon Salinas, Aurora Bautista, Goya Estrada,
Maria de Jesus Perez, Magda Pinedo,
Salvador Torres, Steve Baur, Andres Sierra,
Catalina Corral, Maria Delgado

For the deceased... Por los difuntos

+ Juan Carlos Hernandez, + Jesus Hernandez,
+ Jose Villalobos, + Carmen Olmedo,
+ Leslie Lopez, + Carlos Olivas, + Ramon Gonzalez,
+ Walter Pineda, + Salvador Orozco, + Felix Barron,
+ Javier Tivera, + Margarita Alvarado,
+ Salvador Alvarado

The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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January 4, 2026



Mass Schedule / Horario De Misas

Monday – Friday : 12:10 PM (English)
Lunes & Viernes : 7:00 PM (Español)

Vigil / Vigilia (Saturday / Sabado)
5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday / Domingo
7:00 am , 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Español)
9:00 am , 11:00 am (English)

Confessions / Confesiones
Saturdays/ Sabados : 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Adoration / Adoracion

Thursdays / Jueves
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Baptisms / Bautismos

2º Domingo (Español)
3rd Sunday (English)
2:30 pm

Marriages/ Matrimonio

Must register 6 months in advanced
Necesitan registrarse con 6 meses de anticipacion

Quinceañeras

Call office for information (6 months in advance)
Llame a la oficina para informacion (6 meses de anticipacion)

Funerals/ Funerales

Call our office/ llame a la oficina

Mass Intentions / Intenciones de Misa

In-person at office / En persona en la oficina

Parochial Administrator

Fr. Ruben Ruiz

Deacon Alfredo Rios



Parochial Vicar

Fr. Ramon Cisneros

Deacon Stan Necikowski



PARISH OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday - Friday / Lunes a Viernes
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM , 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday / Domingo
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(714) 542-4411

email: receptionist@stjosephsa.org

Gospel Reflection ... Reflexion del Evangelio

4 de enero de 2026
La Epifanía del Señor

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Epifanía, y el evangelio narra la presencia de tres reyes magos que buscaban a Jesús para adorarlo y llevarle regalos. “Al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con María, su madre; se arrodillaron y lo adoraron. Abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron regalos de oro, incienso y mirra” (Mateo 2:11). Los magos representan a todos los pueblos y razas. La misericordia de Dios queda manifestada en su Hijo. “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...” (Oración colecta).

El evangelio nos dice también que los magos, al ver la estrella de nuevo, se llenaron de alegría. ¿Qué estrella seguimos nosotros? ¿Quién nos orienta? Cabe reflexionar un poco sobre la misión de la Iglesia, que es llevar la luz del Evangelio a todos y a todas las culturas. Entonces, ¿cuál es mi misión específicamente? Será favorecer la Epifanía, es decir, manifestar a Dios desde nuestro entorno y vocación con sencillez y humildad. Vivimos en un mundo de retos y de mucha violencia, donde los derechos y la dignidad humana son pisoteados por los Herodes de nuestro tiempo. Nuestra tarea es seguir luchando para que tu Luz brille en las tinieblas y la esperanza siga viva en cada hijo e hija tuya que te busca con fe para adorarte. Porque Tú eres para todos.

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I’d wager it’s not when you’re most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it’s when your life is aimed at something great; when you’re on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That’s the image the Magi give us in today’s Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We’re meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

Saints and Observances

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

St Joseph / San Jose			
Collection Report / Reporte de Colectas			
Collection	December		Year to Date
Sundays	\$	28,563	\$ 171,954
Christmas	\$	5,202	\$ 5,202
On-line Giving	\$	2,621	\$ 13,845
Parish Building Fund	\$	11,787	\$ 44,389
Total Mass Collections	\$	48,173	\$ 235,390



Fr. Chris Heath

What's a nice priest like me doing in a place like Archives?

The surprising connections between my personal story and the Diocese of Orange.

Join us as Fr. Chris shares, through photographs and his quick wit, ties in diocesan history, his family story, and his vocation, as well as an explanation of the archives department. This faith filled and fun event is not to be missed!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Irvine

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

10:00 am (check in 9:45)

12:00 pm Lunch

\$30 includes lunch

RSVP by January 16. Mail checks payable to ODCCW

c/o Susan Navarrete, 14245 Utrillo Dr., Irvine, CA 92606

or contact Susan at 949-345-9130

or by email at snavarrete150@gmail.com

St. John Neumann | January 5

St. John Neumann, patron saint of educators, immigrants, and sick children, was the first male saint to be canonized from the USA. An immigrant himself, he expanded Catholic education in his region from 2 schools to 100 & ministered in 6 different languages!

San Juan Neumann | 5 de enero

San Juan Neumann, patrón de educadores, inmigrantes y niños enfermos, fue el primer santo varón canonizado desde Estados Unidos. Él mismo inmigrante, amplió la educación católica en su región de 2 a 100 escuelas y ministró en 6 idiomas diferentes.





SUPER SATURDAY
MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 31, 2026

DIVINE INTIMACY WITH JESUS:
"BE ANXIOUS ABOUT NOTHING"

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Christ Cathedral Arboretum
13280 Chapman Ave.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

"HAVE NO ANXIETY ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD. AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR MINDS IN CHRIST JESUS."
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

EMCEE


30-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department, and one of the early founders of CMF.

OUR SPEAKERS



Speaker, author, and evangelist. Founder of World Ablaze.



Parochial administrator of St. Edward the Confessor in Dana Point, CA.



President of Southern California Renewal Communities. (SCRC)

SPECIAL APPEARANCE


Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann



More information / register at catholicmen.org



BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 8, 2026

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

As we enter into Year A of the Liturgical cycle, come and join Deacon Stan and your fellow parishioners for a Bible Study on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Classes will be in the school and will run from 7 to 9 pm starting with an introduction on **Thursday Jan 8 and continuing every Thursday through Mar 12.**

If you have any questions, email Deacon Stan at snechowski@cox.net or call him at 714-768-4092.

