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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

In October 1989, a new star was added to the 1900 stars on the famed sidewalk on Hollywood Boulevard. The new star was placed near the stars of Julie Andrews and Wayne Newton. The new star, as curious as it seems, was the late evangelist Billy Graham, (died February 21, 2018), who preached the Gospel to more than 100 million people around the world. Forty years earlier, he refused to have his name on a star, but he reconsidered in 1989. He said, "I hope it will identify me with the Gospel that I preach." At the unveiling he added, "We should put our eyes on the Star, which is the Lord."

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) verses 10-11 picture kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (today's second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: "*the Gentiles are...co-heirs ...co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.*"

Today's Gospel reminds us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus.

Life Messages: (1) Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: a) by actively worshiping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility, and the frankincense of our adoration; b) by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust, and impure thoughts, words, and actions, evil habits, and selfish behavior; c) by becoming stars leading others to Jesus as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating the light of Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care.

(2) Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus our gifts on this feast of Epiphany and every day: (a) the Gift of our life by offering it on the altar during the Holy Mass and every morning as soon as we get up, asking for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit to do good and avoid evil during the course of the day. b) the Gift of responsive relationship with God by talking to Him in personal and family prayers and by listening to Him through reading the Holy Bible every day. c) the Gift of friendship with God by recognizing Jesus' presence in, and offering loving, humble service to, everyone we encounter, and by getting reconciled to God every night, asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins and failures during the day.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday

Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon

12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English

7:30 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Jan 03	5:00 p.m.	Leland Barnes+
Sun	Jan 04	10:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
Sun	Jan 04	12:30 p.m.	Bertha and Josef Rossler+
Sat	Jan 10	5:00 p.m.	Mario Catania+

Fr. Luke will offer weekday Mass intentions during his Masses while he is away.

Parish Giving

December 28, 2025

Collection information was unavailable at the time of printing.

2nd Collection	Jan 04	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Jan 04	Lawn Care/Maintenance
2nd Collection	Jan 11	Helpers in Ministry

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance was not available at the time of printing.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.

Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock

Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo

Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez

Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham

Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano

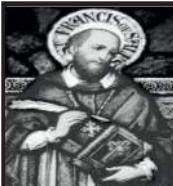
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Live wholly according to the Spirit,
live quietly in peace, have perfect
confidence that God will help you.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Father Luke is in India

Father Luke is in India, and will return on February 4. While he is away, there will be no weekday Masses at Prince of Peace. Visiting priests will celebrate Saturday and Sunday's Masses at the regular times. Fr. Luke will offer all scheduled weekday Mass intentions during his Masses in India. Let us pray for Fr. Luke's safety and good health.

2026 Collection Envelopes and Calendars

Collection envelopes and calendars are in the church foyer and are ready to be picked up.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus at Prince of Peace are pleased to announce the winners of the 5th Annual *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest for students in grades K - 8 who attend Prince of Peace Catholic Church. It is interesting to see how each student reveals the unique beauty of Christ's birth during this Christmas season. Thank you to ALL those students who participated in this contest!

Grades 1-2: Natalia Gutierrez, 1st Place; Matias Gutierrez, 2nd Place; Josiah Gregg, 3rd Place; **Grades 3-4:** Alonso Gutierrez, 1st Place; Victoria Gutierrez, 2nd Place; Amy Briones, 3rd Place; Gabby Gregg, 4th Place; **Grades 5-6:** Emily Briones, 1st Place; Moises Zolorzano, 2nd Place.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will resume on Wednesday January 7, 2026.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner is paused while Father Luke is away.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner December 14 Answers

Kids: a. Unblemished lamb
b. At Elim

Answered correctly by: David Gutierrez, Vicky Gutierrez, Steven Rocha, Emily, Ismael, and Isabella Briones.

Adults: a. By seeing the blood on the doorpost.
b. So that God would receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army and the Egyptians will know that "I am the Lord."

Answered correctly by: Bacilia Velazquez, Andrea Gustafson, Neri Gutierrez, Leo Rossler, Linda Rossler, and Mimi Plumb.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Summary of December 9, 2025, Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Springfest 2026 is in the preliminary stage of exploration. Guest parishioner Jerry Jordan provided the council with insights regarding purpose and theme. The tentative date is May 2nd. Coordinators and committee members will be needed. Jerry Jordan also voiced concerns about the lack of security monitoring of parish grounds and during parish functions and offering ways security could be improved in the parish, including cameras, security teams, and security training. Faith formation will resume on January 7th. The Altar Society has been busy with fund raisers and providing for the needs of the Altar, as well as supporting foster children through CASA with blankets made by Altar Society members. The Knights of Columbus has also been active with pork loin sales, essay contests, and the Christmas poster contest. During Lent, the Knights will have two fish fries and a night for crawfish etouffee. Disbursements included donations to the flood victims in Kerrville and Texas charities. The upcoming Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration was discussed. The parish Christmas carols and luncheon on December 7th was deemed a success. Father Luke provided Christmas Mass schedule. Fr. Luke will be in India from December 30 to February 4. A visiting priest will hear confessions and celebrate Masses on the weekends. There will be no weekday Masses. Holy Hour on January 1st will be in the evening only from 6 to 7 p.m. Maintenance needs include the A/C units, kneeler covers and pads, the parking lot, and replacements of light bulbs with LED lights. The parish is growing and the gathering space in the parish hall and classrooms are no longer adequate. Parishioners will be asked on input regarding the need to enlarge the parish hall and classrooms in February 2026.

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