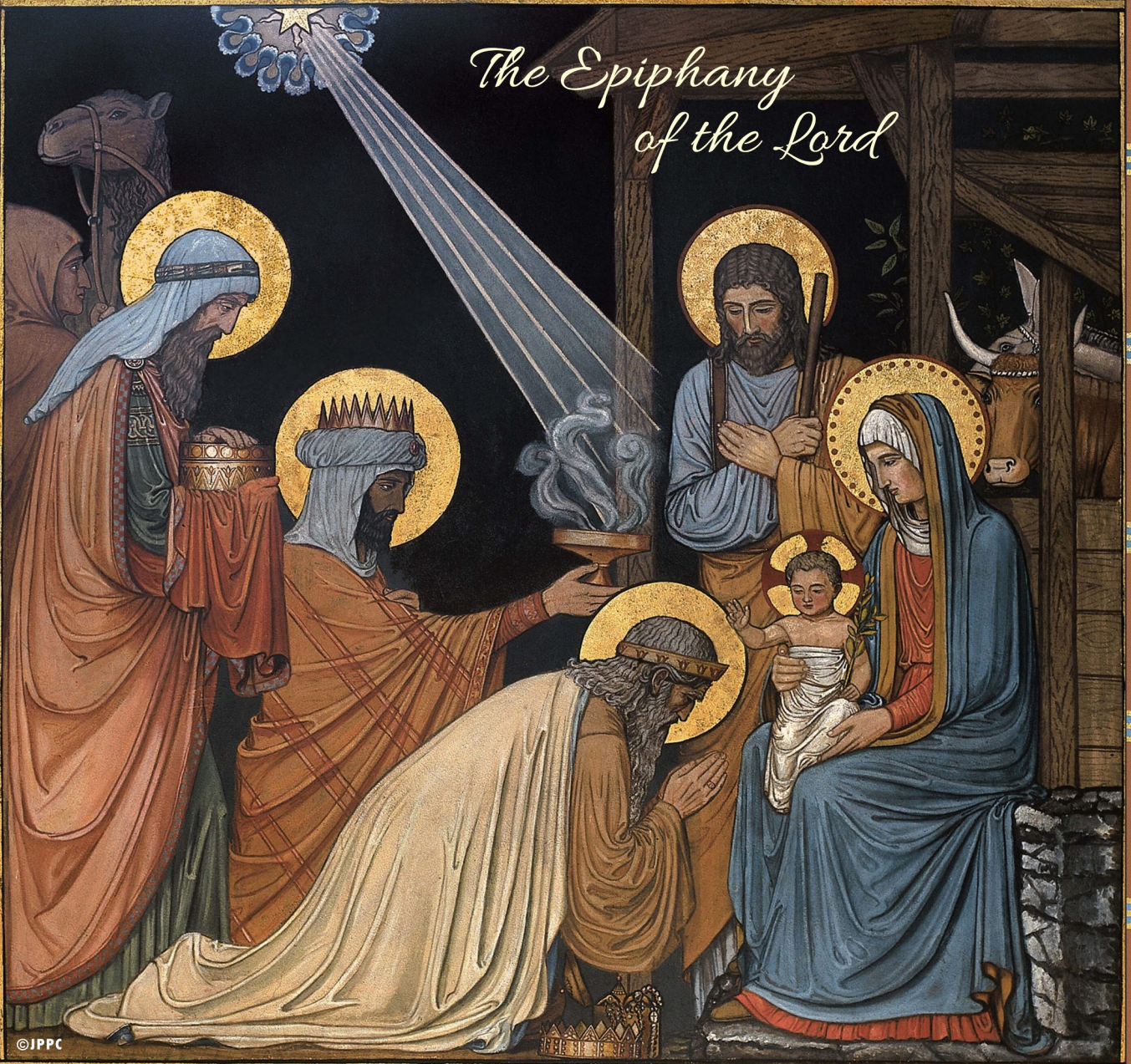
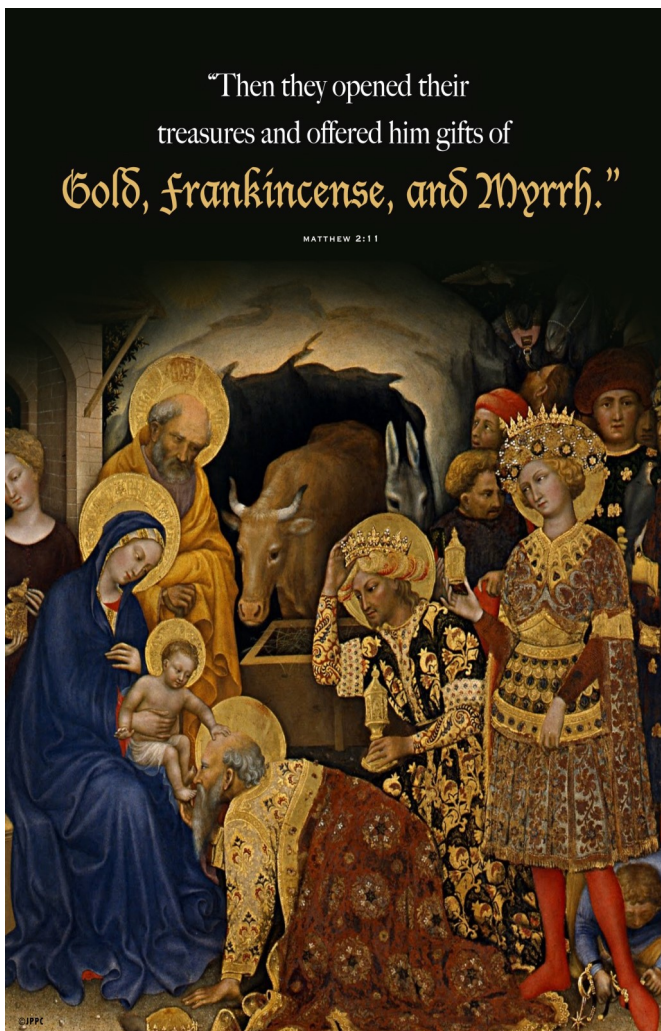


Saint John XXIII Parish

*The Epiphany
of the Lord*





Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

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January 6

Rose & James Doyle by the family
Artillia Dumont
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
Mass in Portuguese

January 7 Feast of the Epiphany

John Casey by the family
Douglas Duchesne
by Lori & Doug Fowler

January 9

All Souls Intentions

January 10

All Souls Intentions

January 11

All Souls Intentions

January 12

Ines Garofalo

January 13

Mary & Walter Doyle by the family
Therese Gagne
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
Mass in Portuguese

Jan. 14 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mary Doyle by the family
Sr. Alice Breault CSC
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

NO WEEKDAY MASSES 1/16/24—2/2/24

There will be NO WEEKDAY Masses from January 16th through February 2nd. Weekday Masses will resume Tuesday, February 6th.

INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather: If Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date. The parish office will open once weather conditions improve. However, please call and check before visiting.

Weekly Readings January 8 – 14, 2024

Monday, January 8, 2024 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11, 2024 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12, 2024 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13, 2024 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14, 2024 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42 ,

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$22,232.00** toward our goal of \$33,254.00. If you have not made your gift yet, you can make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. or gift envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ December 23 & 24, 2023

Adult Envelopes (30)	\$1,333.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$388.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,511.00
Christmas Flowers	\$140.00
Christmas Offerings	\$2,708.00

May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

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REFLECTION - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed on January 6, the "Twelfth Day of Christmas." That was my beloved mom's birthday. Added in the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia.

Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance. What it celebrates is captured in the very word "Epiphany" itself. It means a "manifestation" or "showing." It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about "the wideness of God's mercy." His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: "Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?"

Here is a selection from the texts for today's feast found at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in London:

The Magi

*It might have been just someone else's story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.*

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

THANK YOU TERRY

To Terry. Thank you so much for such a generous gift. Deacon Carl & Fr. George..

UNITED WAY CONVERSATIONS FOR SENIORS

United Way of Greater Nashua's next "Coffee and Causes" talk for older adults will focus on "Getting Back to Exercise". Speakers from the YMCA of Greater Nashua and the local Hannaford nutritionist will speak about ways to add fitness and healthy eating to your routine in the new year. The talk will take place at the YMCA of Greater Nashua at 10:30am on Friday, January 5th. This talk is geared toward older adults, but all are welcome! Register at the link below or contact United Way at (603)882-4011 or info@unitedwaynashua.org. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Jan-Coffee>

MARIE LINE MORIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Marie Line Morin will present a Christmas Concert on January 7, 2024, 2 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH. Come experience the meaning of Christmas at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating is presented from a new angle. Free admission—donations will be welcomed. Benefits go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church. Details are available on [Facebook.com @morin.marieline](https://www.facebook.com/morin.marieline).

NEW YEAR NEW SCHOOL?

As we start the new year...is your child ready for a new school? Saint Christopher Academy would love to welcome your child now or in the fall! Saint Chris offers an outstanding education that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values for students in prekindergarten through grade 8. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support the development of students who are well-rounded learners and leaders. Applications are open for both the current year and the fall of 2024. To learn more, visit [SaintChrisAcademy.org](https://www.SaintChrisAcademy.org) or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310.

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Parish Offering Envelopes for 2024 were mailed directly to your home and should have arrived sometime during the past month. If have not used offertory envelopes in the past and would like an envelope booklet, please call the parish office 882-2462 ext. 4. If you don't receive your envelope booklet please call the office and one will be made available to you. **Online Giving is also an option** To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Have you recently lost a spouse or a loved one? Are you struggling to navigate this difficult time? If so, Catholic Charities NH is here to help with our "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again" online support group. The five-session program will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., starting January 24, 2024, and running through February 21. You will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies, and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. To register, visit [//www.cc-nh.org/bereavement](http://www.cc-nh.org/bereavement) or call Louise at 603-752-1325; ext. 4573. There is no cost to attend.

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we celebrate this season of hope, gratitude, and reflection, the need for volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect remains high. For folks who are considering the impact they would like to make in 2024 and beyond, becoming a CASA is a way they can make a lasting impact on a child's life. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire volunteers make a life-changing difference for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Volunteers are urgently needed. . Learn more at www.casanh.org/infosessions.

