

# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
& 6:00 p.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

### Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction  
at 6:30 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass  
(unless noted in bulletin)

### PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed on holidays

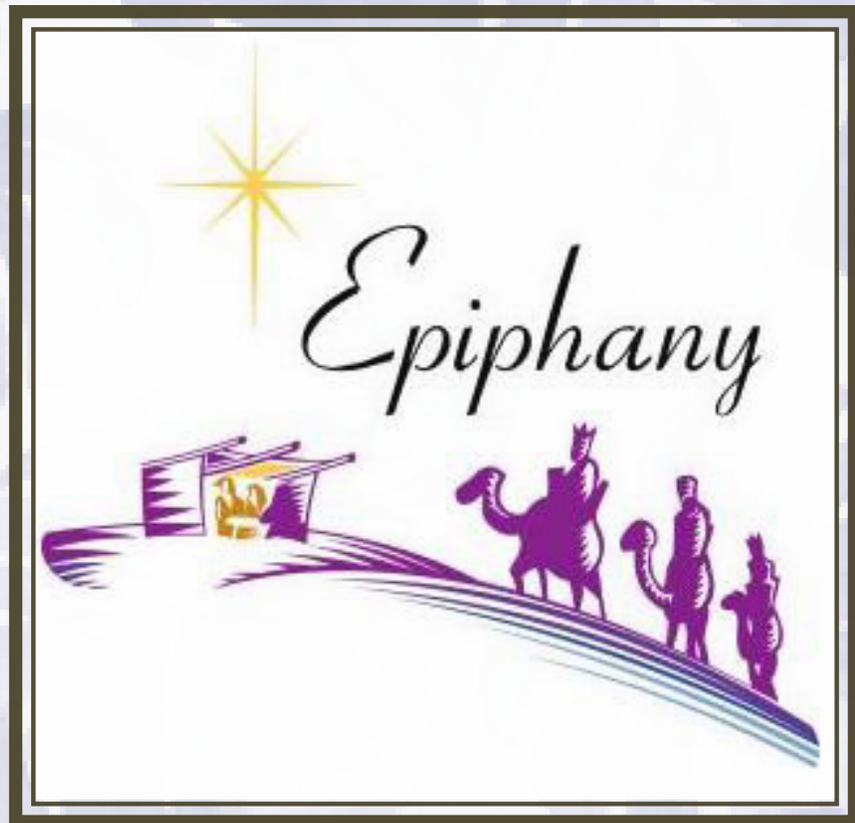
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**This week's Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**Next week's Readings:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

## **“WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE” (MT. 2:2)**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,,

A Blessed Epiphany to all!

How wonderful it is to see many of you coming back to Church to praise and thank our Heavenly Father for giving us the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We are only on our first week of the New Year, 2023. So many things have transpired: joyful Christmas season celebrations and welcoming the New Year with fireworks and resolutions.

Welcoming the New Year was so much fun celebrating it with family and friends. I hope that many, if not all of you, had a wonderful time after two years of not having such a gathering as we have now. God's continued blessings are upon us amidst the many challenges in life, work, health, relationships, and so forth. The best thing we can do is to enlighten our spirits and keep trusting in God's goodness and care as we journey in life this New Year.

As we close our Christmas Season by celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, the light that we saw at the Birth of Jesus is now for us to carry through all the days of the year. It can be dimmed if we allow it to do so, but if we keep it always aflame with His life and love, it will penetrate the darkness of sin and evil to bring light and goodness into the world.

If the Magi saw the star that enlightened their path and led them to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, for us, this light is no longer the star that we see only at night, but it is Jesus. He is the light that shines through day and night. He is the light that penetrates the human soul to bring peace, love, and joy amidst the darkness that can be overwhelming to see and experience wherever we go.

The experience of the Magi at seeing the star can also be ours when we look into Jesus. Whenever they saw the star, they were filled with joy. Gazing our eyes on Jesus can fill us with joy because we know He is Emmanuel, God with us, through thick and thin of our life. He is the light that gives us courage and

inspiration to continue despite our hardships and sufferings. Knowing and believing in Him can spark our weary souls to rise and walk to face the difficulties with hope for a better tomorrow.

All the festivities we celebrate are moments of grace to see things in the light of our Lord. Our future is uncertain. The only certain thing that we know is that Jesus is with us always. Entrusting our faith, hope, and love to Him can bring much goodness into our life that this world cannot offer.

I pray for you all and your families. We journey together in the light of Christ and through the inspiration and intercession of our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Marianne, and St. Damien.

Your friend in Jesus,



**Reverend Pascual Abaya IV**  
**Rector**

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## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 9  
The Baptism of the Lord  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, January 10  
Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, January 11  
Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, January 12  
Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, January 13  
Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, January 14  
Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 15  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

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## SCRIPTURE

*January 8, 2023*

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals a central theme of Epiphany: the light of God's salvation extends beyond anyone's imagining. Emmanuel, God with us, comes for all. Paul says the mystery of God's grace has far-reaching consequences for the world. God's promise is that diverse people, Jews and Gentiles, who have often viewed each other with suspicion, can be unified by the promise of God's grace and salvation. In their unity, this Church, this community they are creating, can bring the Good News to the world.

Why does Matthew want his community to know this story of the Messiah and the magi? Hearing that foreigners or enemies are named by God as coheirs and copartners in his plan for salvation is one thing. To live, pray, worship, and love alongside one another in community is something else. Yet that is the Messiah's call to disciples. Their witness will be light for the world and bring about a new creation. Matthew's community must be a living light to attract all to the ways of God.

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## SHARING FAITH

What does it mean to be a partner or coheir with someone? How does it affect your thinking if that person is someone with whom you don't get along or don't like?

How do you think God's grace works in the world?

Who are the magi in your life, the people who might surprise you with their gift of life and witness?

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## LIVING THE LITURGY

In a group or with your family, name some people who have given witness to God's grace and salvation in the world. How does the journey the magi had to make compare to the life journey of these witnesses? Find out something about their life and witness.

Read the Isaiah reading for today. You might read it in conjunction with the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 72). Discuss your observations or responses to these questions with another person or group. What images do you hear in these passages? What is Isaiah's message to Jerusalem? What does the psalmist say about God? How does the Isaiah passage give the people of Jerusalem hope? What does God promise to do for justice, for peace, for the poor? What does that mean for us today? How are we called to act so that others see God's message in us?

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## REFLECTION

Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:6).

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**COUNCIL 5000 ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are pleased to announce the resumption of the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 29, 2023. We will be joining efforts with the Senior Adult Ministry to raise funds for the Cathedral Basilica.

**Date:** January 29, 2023

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - Noon

**Location:** Outside the Cathedral Gift Shop

**Menu:**

- Pancakes w/butter & Syrup
- Breakfast Sausages
- Fruits
- Coffee, juice, water

**Suggested Donation:** \$7/plate

\*Additional donation/tips appreciated

\*\*Please make any checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 5000"

**Pre-sale tickets now on sale!**

**Please see:**

- Ron Gochenouer
- John Fielding
- Kevin Saito

**Please join us!**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

December 26 - January 1, 2022

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,335.08
Christmas Offering	\$ 3,468.00
Weekday Offering	\$ 1,632.21
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 777.00
Online Giving	\$ 9,945.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 24,157.29</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 62.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 396.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 2,049.98
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 418.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,083.27</b>

**POPE BENEDICT XVI**

The entire Church mourns the death of our Emeritus Holy Father, Benedict XVI. In cathedrals, basilicas, parish churches, shrines, and chapels the Holy Eucharist will be offered for the repose of his soul. Communities and individuals will ask God to bestow his infinite mercy on the man who served the Church as Bishop of Rome.



**TEACHING MASS**

On Epiphany Sunday, January 8th, the Diocese of Honolulu will give out a bulletin insert titled "Teaching Mass" as we celebrate the story of the three wise men who, following a star, left the comfort of their homes and came together to follow an invitation from God to a humble stable in the town of Bethlehem. To continue reading this bulletin insert, please visit our website at [honolulucathedral.org](http://honolulucathedral.org).