

WEEK AFTER CHRISTMAS

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MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions of Blanca Fuentes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.,
Followed by Benediction

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions of Blanca Fuentes

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions of Blanca Fuentes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

4:00 p.m. +Evelyn Locke
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
11:00 a.m. VN Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: C. Claycomb
E. Minister: C. Hartman
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, January 11, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: N. Baird
E. Minister: S. Walcher

PARISH PRAYER LINE

Johnny Todd Nguyen +Shirley Mendenhall
Ukraine & its Citizens Julie Munoz Deb Anton
Dee Francis +Bob Walterscheid Jennifer Glass
Manny Godsey Ciara Walsh & her unborn son
Elizabeth Mulhell Bernard and Kay Dette

Good News!

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 /
Matthew 2:1-12

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God’s universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God’s grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—“in the weeds,” so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more “gray” than “black and white.” There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God’s grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God’s will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●

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OFFERING

December 21, 2025

English: \$ 5,374.00

Vietnamese \$ 8,447.00

Total: \$ 13,821.00

JANUARY 4, 2026

Happy New Year!

2026 has arrived!

And what better way to start the New Year than with this month's **Wednesday Adoration** on January 7, which begins at 8:00 a.m. with a VN Mass. Adoration by parishioners will continue throughout the day until Benediction at 6:00 p.m. The church remains open during these Adoration times, and parishioners are most welcome to come and worship their God and Savior for whatever time they have available. There is also a sign-up sheet available in the back of church.

At 7:00 p.m. that same evening (Jan. 7) there will be a **Parish Council meeting** in St. Elizabeth's Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Also on the January parish calendar will be the monthly birthday potluck on Sunday, January 18, immediately following the 9:30 English Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate, and no particular potluck dish is required

It was another beautiful Christmas Eve service this year at St. Anthony's. That service started earlier this time with the choir singing some of the less familiar Christmas carols, with the congregation participating. Next was the children's procession to the crib while carrying the baby Jesus. The entire ceremony was both beautiful and moving. Thanks to the children who participated and to the moms who organized it.

And special thanks to choir member Kathleen Carl, who sang the German version of 'Silent Night.' Tradition has it that it has been sung every year since the founding of the parish.

Another big THANK You to everyone who contributed to the Angel Tree this year. While this was the first year a handful of tags were left on the Tree, it doesn't mean there were fewer donations. For the first time since the Angel Tree project began, numerous gifts were delivered to the parish office instead of being left in the donation box at the back of church. None of those presents---and there were several separate, multi-sack donations---had any gift tags on them. All were then delivered to the Center of Hope.

Don't forget to pick up your Stewardship packet and 2026 envelopes at the back of church! Thank you.

Raffle tickets are on sale for the Vietnamese community's New Year celebration (TET). They are \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be on February 14, 2026. Prizes are as follows:

GRAND PRIZE	\$3,000.00
1 st Place	iPhone 17 ProMax
2 nd Place	\$1,000.00
3 rd Place	\$ 600.00
4 th Place	\$ 500.00
5 th Place	\$ 400.00
6 th Place	\$ 300.00
7 th Place	\$ 200.00
8 th Place	\$ 100.00

Debbie at the Parish Office has tickets to sell. (She'll be happy to take your money. Tee-hee). Better call her first (316) 269-4101 to be sure she is there.

"The Desert"

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied,

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God,
That shall be to you better than light, safer than a known way."

---Minnie Louise Haskins