

**SUNDAY BULLETIN JANUARY 5, 2025  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January*

*For the right to an education*

*Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS  
CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS**

**Tuesday, January 7 —St. Raymond of Penafort**

7:30 AM—Miles Bonderer+

**Wednesday, January 8—Christmas Weekday**

8:15 AM—Mary Catherine Damm+

**Thursday, January 9—Christmas Weekday**

7:30 AM—Dorothy Riley+

**Friday, January 10—Christmas Weekday**

8:15 AM—Sarah Phelan

**Saturday, January 11—St. Hyginus**

7:30 AM—Vivian Van Dyke+

5:00 PM—Bill Hinkebein+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Sunday, January 12—The Baptism of The Lord**

8:00 AM— People of the Parish

10:00 AM—John Marshall

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**Scripture Readings  
Feast of The Epiphany**

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

**DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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**“ LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU.”**

## **THIS WEEK'S SAINTS**

### **January 6: St. Andre Bessette**

At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said.

In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!"

When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread.

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew.

The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build.

The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92.

### **January 7: St Raymond Penafort**

Raymond was born into a noble family in a small town near Barcelona, Spain. He was well educated and began teaching philosophy at the age of twenty. In his thirties, he earned a doctorate degree in civil and canon law, becoming a highly regarded teacher in Bologna, Italy. Called back to Spain, Raymond took on the roles of archdeacon, grand vicar, and official in his home diocese.

Raymond entered the Dominican order when he was in his forties. He gained a reputation for being humble, obedient, and fervent in his devotion and service to others, especially the poor. As a penance he wrote a manual for priests to help them become better confessors and became known as an excellent confessor himself.

One legend says that Father Raymond accompanied the King of Aragon on a journey to the Island of Majorca. While there, Father Raymond confronted the king about his weakness of sinning with women. When the king refused to abandon this sin, he also refused to grant Father Raymond permission to return to Barcelona. The saint was said to have placed his cloak on the sea, stepped onto his "ship," and sailed across the water to mainland Spain with lightning speed.

When Father Raymond was in his fifties, Pope Gregory IX summoned him to Rome and asked him to organize the many legal decrees of the Church into a single collection, something which had not been done for eighty years. Three years and five volumes later, Father Raymond's *Decretals* were completed and published by the pope, becoming the basis of the Church's canon law for centuries.

In his sixties, Father Raymond served as the third Superior General of the Dominican Order for two years before retiring and returning to the life he loved as a humble friar. He preached, evangelized, catechized, and heard confessions. He felt especially called to preach to Jews and Muslims and helped establish schools where his fellow friars could learn Hebrew and Arabic to help them better evangelize these non-Christians. When Father Raymond was in his early eighties, he wrote a letter to his Superior General stating that 10,000 Muslims had been converted and baptized through his evangelical efforts.

Royalty visited Father Raymond as he lay dying at age 100. He prayed and fasted continuously, and miracles were attributed to his intercession. He now rests in Heaven while his earthly body lies in the Cathedral of Barcelona, Spain.

**SUNDAY BULLETIN- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

<b>KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES JANUARY 11-12</b>		
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Knight(s)</b>
<b>Sat. 5pm</b>	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Jackson Reeter Sam Brobst
<b>Sun. 8am</b>	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Gunner Brobst Jude Lentz
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Cameron Williams Tanner Kremer Hudson Marcolla Thatcher Rardon Elijah Sensenich Kale Walker Anderson Marcolla

<b>LECTOR SCHEDULE JANUARY 12</b>	
<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>Sun. 8am</b>	Steve Palmer
<b>Sun. 10am</b>	Melanie Warren



*Weekly Offering*

*December 29  
Offerory \$  
Property Maint \$  
Birthright \$*

Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events. Sunday Bulletins are also published on the website [stcolumbanchurch.com](http://stcolumbanchurch.com) [facebook.com/ St.ColumbanChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR THE 2025 CONFIRMATION** are held every Sunday after 10:00 Mass.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREP**

If your child is in second grade, does not attend Bishop Hogan, and is ready to begin classes for first confession and first communion, please contact the parish office as soon as your are able. Classes will begin formally in January but there are resources for us to give you prior to that.

**PARISH POT LUCK**

The third Sunday of every month. Please join us on Sunday, January 19 after the 10:00 am Mass in the Bishop Hogan Cafeteria. Bring a dish to share.

**MITTEN TREE**

Livingston County Health Center  
To give or receive.  
Donations of new or clean used mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to give away to those in need. Please drop off donations at the office located at 800 Adam Drive.  
Business hours 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4:30 pm  
Thank you for your support.

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