



## *Transfiguration of Jesus Catholic Church*

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## *Santa Clara Catholic Mission*

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2026

### **On the HORIZON**

January 4, 2026	9:30 AM	First Sunday Breakfast
January 8, 2026	6:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting
January 11, 2026	9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes
January 13, 2026	10:00 AM	Women of Transfiguration Meeting
	6:00 PM	Meeting Knights of Columbus
January 29, 2026	6:00 PM	Liturgical Ministry Workshop (all Greeters/Lectors/EMC)

### **Background of the Gospel**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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## Our Mission

*To love and know more profoundly our Catholic faith, worship the Lord, minister to our members and to further spread our faith in the community.*

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Brian Russell – 317-213-6044

### Finance Council

Mike Orłowski - 910-789-9430

### Hispanic Ministry

Luis Galan - 910-271-4200

### Greeting's Ministry

Pat Shaeffer – 910 – 409 - 3622

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### Mass Intentions and Mass Cards

Donna Schulz - 910-285-0711

### Music Coordinator

Lara Capparuccia - 910-548-0505

### Office Hours

Mon. 9-6 PM (Wallace)

Tue. Day-off

Wed. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

Wed. 2-6 PM (Magnolia)

Thur. 9-12 NN (Wallace)

3-6 PM (Wallace)

Fri. 9-12 PM (Wallace)

Call to make an appointment

### Adoration

Mon. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Wallace)

Wed. 6:00 – 7:00 PM (Magnolia)

Thurs. 9:30-10:30 AM (Wallace)

### Reconciliation

Thur. during Holy Hour

Sat. 4:30 PM or by appointment

### Weekend Mass Schedule

#### Transfiguration of Jesus

Saturday 5:00 PM English

Sunday 8:30 AM English

10:30 AM Spanish

#### Santa Clara Mission

Sunday 1:00 PM Spanish

### Weekday Masses

Mon, Thurs-Fri 9:00 AM (Eng.)

Mon 7:00 PM (Esp.)

Wed (Santa Clara) 7:00 PM (Esp.)

## The Pope's Monthly Intention (January):

### For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

Prayer Tree Requests should be sent to all three committee members. This is to ensure that no prayer request goes unanswered. Also, please make sure that permission is given by the person or family needing prayer, to send out the request.

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Dear Jesus, we turn to You in the time of illness. O dearest Comforter alleviate our worry with your gentle love. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us.

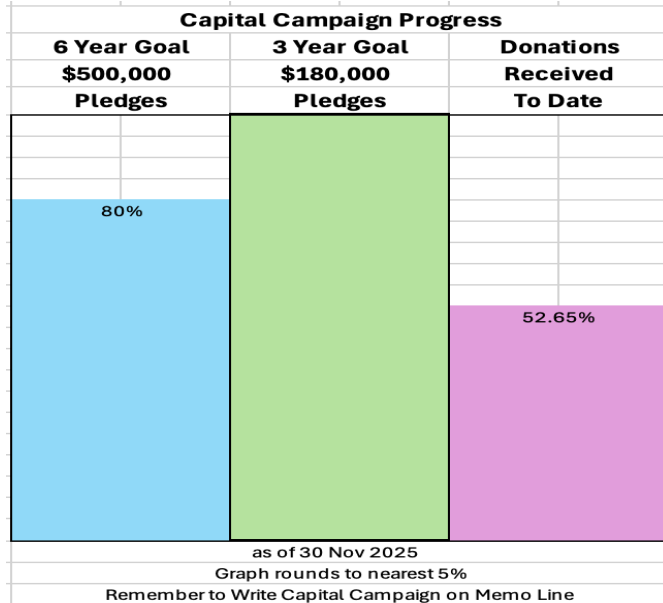


**Women of Transfiguration Advent  
Tea Prayer**



## Parish Ministries & Committees

### Capital Campaign Progress Report



### Finance Committee (Monthly Financials)

	Nov Budget	Nov Actuals	Nov Expense
Offertory	\$17,820	\$20,314	
Maintenance	\$3,475	\$4,853	
Others		\$	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,295</b>	<b>\$25,167</b>	<b>\$19,868</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>			<b>\$5,299</b>

\*Includes the Rectory Loan Payment of \$333.00

Parish First Sunday Breakfast

January 4, 2026

9:30 AM

Please bring a dish to share

See you all!



Access the 2026 Calendar by clicking [here](#)

January	February	March	April
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May	June	July	August
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### A Reflection on the Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of the Lord reveals a God who refuses to remain hidden. In a world searching for meaning, clarity, and direction, Epiphany announces a simple yet powerful truth: **God's light is meant for all.** The star that guided the Magi was not reserved for one people or one place; it shone across borders, cultures, and beliefs, inviting all who were willing to search.

Today's world longs for that same light. We live amid confusion, misinformation, fear, and division. Many walk in darkness—not because they want to, but because truth feels blurred and hope fragile. Epiphany reminds us that God responds to this darkness not with force, but with light. Christ does not overpower the world; He illuminates it.

The Magi represent every person who seeks truth with sincerity. They travel far, ask questions, risk change, and allow themselves to be led. When they finally encounter the Child, they discover that truth is not an idea but a Person—humble, vulnerable, and full of grace. In Jesus, light takes flesh.

Epiphany challenges us not only to recognize the light, but to **reflect it.** Those who encounter Christ are changed and sent back “by another route.” In a world that needs truth and hope, Christians are called to become stars themselves—bearing Christ's light through justice, compassion, humility, and courage.

The light still shines. The question is whether we will follow it—and become it—for others.

### Weekly Schedule (January 3 - 10)

Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Vigil Mass (Eng) +Dan Kusnierz requested by the Women of Transfiguration	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34  B Jaco B Jaco D Conte, C Partyka C Partyka, D Conte, D Schulz M McCarthy
Sunday  8:30 AM   9:00AM 10:30 AM   1:00 PM	Mass <i>For the People of God</i>   First Sunday Breakfast Sunday Mass (Spanish)   Sunday Mass (Santa Clara)	Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers:  Greeters: Transporter: Lectors: EMC: Altar Servers	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 J & B Flatley M Masinick D Davis, K Mackey M Orlowski, P Harran, Deacon Mike Neil, Leah, Isaac  Jorge, Tino, Jorge, Elias, Valentin, Alberto Jorge, Tino, Jorge  Dorian, Sofia, Jairo
Monday 9:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Mass Adoration Online Rosary: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3836517593</a> Mass (Spanish)		1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday			1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Adoration (Santa Clara) Mass (Spanish – Magnolia)		1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Mass (English – Wallace)/Adoration/Morning Prayer Parish Council Meeting		1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday 9:00 AM	Mass/Anointing of the Sick		1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Confession Vigil Mass		1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30





### **Moses Bwalya, CICM**

- Date of Birth: August 12, 1992. Lusaka, Zambia
- Joined CICM: 2014
- 2015 - 2016 sent to Cameroon to learn French
  - 2016 - 2019 sent to Congo Kinshasa for Philosophy
  - 2019 - 2020 novitiate Congo Kinshasa
  - 2020 - 2024 sent to Cameroon for Theology
  - March 12, 2025 arrived in the US
  - May 25, 2025 to August 5, 2025 sent to Guatemala to learn Spanish
  - August 11 to December 1, 2025 sent to San Antonio (Texas) at Oblate School of Theology
  - December 30, 2025 arrived at Transfiguration Catholic Church (NC)

*Welcome Bro. Moses to the parish of  
Transfiguration and Santa Clara Mission!*