

SUNDAY 04TH JANUARY, 2026



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY) (A)

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of prophet
Isaiah 60:1-6

"The glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall walk by your light, and kings in the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round, about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A

multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72:1-2.7-8.10-11.12-13.(R. cf. 11)

R. All nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a King's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. **R.**
2. In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R.**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts, before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**
4. For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint
Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3a.5-6

"It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise."

Brethren: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA Matthew 2:2

V. Alleluia. R. Alleluia.

V. We have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship the Lord.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 2:1-12

"We have come from the East to worship the king."

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this,

he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY, 2026



BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST)

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah
42:1-4.6-7

"Behold my servant, my chosen one, in whom my soul delights."

Thus says the Lord: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the islands wait for his law. "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to

the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 29:1a and 2.3ac-4.3b and 9c-10 (R. 11b)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. **R.**
2. The voice of the LORD upon the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the LORD full of power; the voice of the LORD full of splendor. **R.**
3. The God of glory thunders; in his temple they all cry, "Glory!" The LORD sat enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits as king forever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of Apostles
10:34-38

"God anointed him with the Holy Spirit."

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said, "Truly I perceive that God

shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to the sons of Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA Cf. Mark 9:6

V. Alleluia. R. Alleluia.

V. The heavens opened and the Father's voice was heard: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

"When Jesus was baptised the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him."

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus

answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and behold, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY, 2026



**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)
(SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah 9:1-4

"In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light."

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his

shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 27:1.4.13-14 (R. 1a)

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? **R.**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord, to inquire at his temple. **R.**
3. I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13.17

"I appeal to you, brethren, that there be no dissensions among you."

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA Cf. Matthew 4:23

V. Alleluia. R. Alleluia.

V. Jesus was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every infirmity among the people.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

"He went to Capernaum, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled."

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into

Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali towards the sea, across the Jordan. Galilee of the Gentiles-the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.