



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY — January 5, 2025

"The Mystery Revealed"



The word Epiphany comes from a Greek word which means “manifestation”, “appearance”, or “revelation.” Originally the term was used in ancient culture to describe the appearance or manifestation of a deity to

a worshipper. In the Christian context it has come to signify the manifestation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God to the world.

The Feast of the Epiphany marks a pivotal moment in the Christian calendar—a celebration of God’s light breaking forth into the world through the revelation of Jesus Christ. Traditionally, the arrival of the Magi symbolizes the manifestation of Christ not only to Israel but to all nations. This theme of universal inclusion resonates profoundly in this Sunday’s reading from Ephesians 3:1-12, where St. Paul speaks of the mystery of Christ now revealed to the Gentiles.

St. Paul’s words show forth wonder and gratitude. He proclaims that the mystery of Christ, hidden through the ages, has been made known by the Spirit: “Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel”. This revelation emphasizes that God’s salvation is not confined to one nation, tribe, or ethnicity but extends to all humanity. It is a radical

affirmation of inclusion, shattering barriers and expanding the boundaries of God's covenant to embrace the entire world.

The Magi's journey to Bethlehem prefigures this truth. Their presence, as seekers from distant lands, testifies to the drawing power of Christ's light. The gifts they bring—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—hint at Jesus' identity as King, God, and sacrificial Savior, while their homage affirms the universality of his mission.

Similarly, St. Paul's ministry to the Gentiles fulfills the promise of Epiphany, making known the "boundless riches of Christ" and declaring the wisdom of God to all peoples.

This revelation challenges us as the Church to reflect God's inclusive mission. In our world, where divisions often dominate, we are called to bear witness to the unifying love of Christ. The mystery revealed to St. Paul is the same mystery entrusted to us—that through Christ, all are reconciled into one body. The light of Epiphany shines not only to illumine but also to invite. How do we, as true followers of Christ, embody this invitation? How do we reveal God's boundless grace to those who feel excluded or unseen?

As we gather to celebrate Epiphany, let us remember that we, too, are bearers of this light. The Church's mission is to proclaim and live out the truth of Ephesians 3—to make known the manifold wisdom of God in ways that draw others toward Christ. May we, like St. Paul, steward the mystery of Christ with humility and joy, extending God's love to all, and making visible the unity and hope found in Jesus.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito

Readings for the Epiphany (*celebrating on January 5*)

Isaiah 60:1-9 Ephesians 3:1-12 Psalm: 72:1-2, 10-17 Matthew 2:1-12

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer at 10:00am are held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel

SUNDAY January 5 The Feast of the Epiphany

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Adult Christian Formation Meets next on Sunday, January 12 at noon in the Rector's Office and the Library

TUESDAY January 7th is the "First Tuesday" Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel, which includes the Rosary at 11:15am, and a potluck lunch following the Mass

SUNDAY **January 12, 2025** **The First Sunday after the Epiphany**
celebrating **The Baptism of Jesus**

10:00am Mass in All Saints' Church

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OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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