

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



**Sunday, January 04, 2026**

## **St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Lakeport & St. Peter Mission , Kelseyville**

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### **Mass Schedules:**

#### **St. Mary Immaculate Church, Lakeport**

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm (English)  
Sunday 10:00 am (English) & 12:00 pm (Spanish)  
Wed, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 am (English)

#### **St. Peter Mission , Kelseyville**

4085 Main St. Kelseyville, 95451  
(Mail and telephone to St Mary's office)  
**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 8:30 am & Tuesday at 9:00 am  
(English)

#### **Reconciliation / Confesiones:**

Saturday/Sabado from 3:30 pm till 4:15 pm

**Parish Registration:** If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered, please fill out the form below and return it during the offertory collection or mail it to the parish office.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord – Year A

### Readings:

• First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 – Nations are drawn to the light of God’s glory.

• Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 – *“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”*

• Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 – The Gentiles are co-heirs of God’s promise in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 – The Magi visit the newborn Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### Reflection:

The Epiphany reminds us that Christ came for all people, not just a few. Like the Magi, we are called to seek Jesus with faith and devotion. Their gifts symbolize honor, worship, and sacrifice—inviting us to offer our time, talents, and hearts to Christ.

Let us also remember to welcome Christ into our homes, our families, and our lives this Epiphany season.

### Blessing of Homes – A Catholic Tradition for the Feast of the Epiphany

The Feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the **Magi to the Christ Child** (Matthew 2:1-12), revealing Jesus to the nations. In many Catholic cultures, families continue this tradition by  **blessing their homes**  to invite God’s presence and protection throughout the year.

#### How it is done:

1. **Family Prayer:** The household gather together.
2. **Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12 is read.
3. **Blessing with Holy Water:** The head of the household sprinkles holy water in each room.

1. **Chalking the Door:**

— The initials of the three Wise Men (**C + M + B**) are written above the door with the year, e.g., **20+C+M+B+26**.

— These letters stand for **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar**, and also the Latin phrase **“Christus Mansionem Benedicat”** (“May Christ bless this house”).

**Prayer for Protection and Grace:** The family prays for peace, health, and God’s blessing in the home throughout the year.

#### Why it matters:

- Brings the  **blessing of Christ into everyday life** .
  - Reminds families of their  **faith and mission** .
- Strengthens family prayer and  **devotion to Christ** .

### Prayer by the Head of Household

**Head of Household:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Family:** Amen.

**Head of House:** Let us pray.

Lord God, as the Magi followed the star to find the Christ Child, may Your light guide all who enter this home.

Bless our home, O Lord, and all who live here.

Fill it with Your peace, love, and joy.

May we honor You in our words, actions, and thoughts.

Protect us from all harm, and help us to grow in faith, hope, and charity.

As we place this chalk above the door—**20 + C + M + B + 26** may it remind us that Christ dwells with us and blesses our home this year. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Family:** Amen.

### Pre-Baptismal Class

Pre-baptismal instruction class will be held on Thursday January 8th, 2026 at 6:00 PM in St. Mary's Hall. For more info, contact the office (707) 263-4401.

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Next Sunday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. Join us for **Mass** as we give thanks for our own baptism and renew our commitment to follow Christ in our daily lives.

### Mass Intentions:

Saturday 4:30 pm Mass: Kathy Ferguson (HBD)

Sunday 8:30 am Mass: +Ray & Marilyn Sommerfield

### This Week Collections:

#### December 24 & 25, 2025

Christmas Collection \$3,938

#### Dec 27/28

Sat/Sunday Collection \$3,486

Next weekend, the second collection will be for Major Restoration of the Projects.

### Parish News:

#### CCD Classes Resume this week Tuesday & Wednesday

We are excited to announce that **CCD (Religious Education) classes will resume this week after Christmas Holiday!** All students are expected to attend classes regularly.

We also remind families that **all students must attend Sunday Mass and Mass on Holy Days of Obligation**, as participation in the Eucharist is the center of our faith and formation.

#### Coffee & Cookies This Sunday!

Join us after the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday at Gleebe’s Hall, St. Peter’s Church, Kelseyville for coffee, cookies, and fellowship. All are welcome!

#### 2026 Church Calendars

The 2026 church calendars will be available from next weekend. They show all Feast Days, Holy Days of Obligation, and Saints’ celebrations. Mass Intentions. There was a shipment problem, they couldn’t be delivered on time. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Sunday Collection Envelopes

The Sunday Collection Envelopes for the year are now available. Parishioners are kindly asked to please pick up their envelopes.

If you are a newly registered parishioner and do not yet have envelopes, please contact the parish office, and we will be happy to assist you. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of our parish.

### Prayers:

For all the people who are suffering from an illness for: Alex, Chris Pokorny, Tom Kalk, and Mary E. Sachse and Lysette Martinez.

**Diocese News:**

**Walk for Life West Coast 2026**

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 24, 2026.

There will be Mass at 9:30 a.m. celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 p.m. in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.

Price per seat is \$40 which will include a light snack and beverage. Register early, as seating on the bus is limited.

**Catholic Men's Conference | Cathedral of St. Eugene March 20-21, 2026**

Join men from across the diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Be encouraged through inspiring reflections, deepen your faith, and strengthen bonds of brotherhood as we seek to follow Christ more fully together. Register today: [www.srcatholicmen.org](http://www.srcatholicmen.org)

**Attention!!!!**

Do you know of a homebound parishioner who would like to receive communion? Please contact Carol Dvorak @ (707) 489-9425

**PURIFIED RETREAT FOR PARENTS AND TEENS**

**Novato, CA / January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Join us for an inspiring retreat for both **teens and parents**, offering an opportunity to address the important and challenging topics facing families today, including:

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**Jesus Christ.**

[Purified and Gender & the Theology of Your Body - Archdiocese of San Francisco](#)

**Prayer for Our Priests This Week**

(as suggested by the Diocese of Santa Rosa)

Sunday: Rev. John Martin, Retired

Monday: Very Rev. Abel Mena, St. Thomas Aquinas, Napa

Tuesday: Rev. Lawrence Mendoza, St. Joseph, Middletown

Wednesday: Rev. Ismael Mora, St. John the Baptist, Napa

Thursday: Rev. Lawrence Mutiso, St. Rose of Lima, Santa Rosa

Friday: Rev. Chinh Nguyen, Vietnamese Martyrs, Santa Rosa

Saturday: Rev. Peter Nwanakezie, Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa

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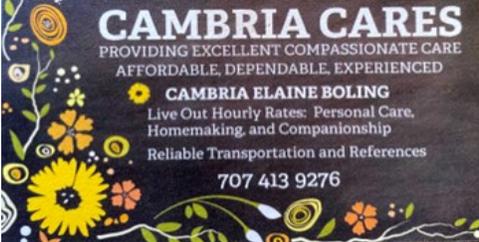
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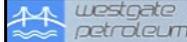
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