

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026 – Year A



MASSES OF THE WEEK

8:00am Tuesday, January 6, 2026

† Larry Lobsinger

8:00am Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Intentions of the Pastor & Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

8:00am Thursday, January 8, 2026

Healing Intentions of Robert Czarnik

8:00am Friday, January 9, 2026

† Natalie Crosby

5:00pm Saturday, January 10, 2026

† Barbara Pautler

Intentions of Margaret & Eddie Brennan

9:00am Sunday, January 11, 2026

† Bronislawa & Stanislaw Golonka

† Larry Lobsinger

Intentions of Patrick & Mera Couture

Intentions of Patricia & Bruce Kelly

11:30am Sunday, January 11, 2026

People of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

MASS INTENTIONS are available for **2026**. Masses can be offered for various reasons such as in loving memory of someone who has passed, for the personal intentions of people, for healing, for special occasions and for many others. Intentions remain \$10, and Mass Intention cards are \$2.00.

Thank You Message from Fr. Francis

Thank you for the thoughtful cards and generous Christmas gifts. Your kindness, love, and generosity touched my heart more than words can express. I feel blessed to serve such a caring and faith-filled parish community. Please know that I keep each of you in my prayers. May God continue to bless you abundantly in the New Year with good health, peace, joy, and every grace.

With gratitude and prayers, **Fr. Francis**

Dear beloved Parishioners,

As we step into this New Year, I thank God for each of you and for the gift of our **faith-filled, vibrant, active, and lovely parish**. A new year is a sacred invitation—a time of hope, renewal, and new beginnings in God's grace.



The life of our parish is a blessing, made beautiful by your faith, your prayers, and your generous spirit. As we begin this year together, I warmly invite each of you to take an active role in our parish community. Listen to where God may be calling you to serve, and consider joining a ministry—whatever you feel called to do. There is a place for everyone, and every gift shared strengthens the Body of Christ.

The past year has had its joys and its challenges, yet through it all, God has remained faithful. With trust in His promises, we move forward with hope and confidence, knowing that God continues to make all things new.

Let this New Year be a time of renewed faith, deeper prayer, and greater love for one another. May our parish continue to be a welcoming home where faith grows, hearts are lifted, and lives are transformed.

May the Lord bless you and your families with peace, good health, and abundant grace throughout the year ahead.

Happy and Blessed New Year!

With prayers and blessings, **Fr. Francis Noronha, C.S.C**

Downsizing? Have too much? CONSIDER DONATING YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS for the 2026 BAZAAR- CHRISTMAS ROOM

This year we are again requesting that parishioners keep us in mind when going through their Christmas items. **We will be collecting items for our Christmas Room for the parish bazaar throughout January**. Should you have any Christmas items such as decorations, lights, etc., that you no longer want please consider donating them to the parish for the Bazaar. Maybe if you are boxing day shopping and see some good deals on decorations, etc., please consider buying some of these for the Christmas Room.

All donations can be left in the Narthex after any of the Masses in January.

The Baptism of the Lord – January 11, 2026 – Year A



8:00am Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Intentions of Fr. Kenneth Le Blanc, LC

8:00am Wednesday, January 14, 2026
† Jodi Zimmerman

8:00am Thursday, January 15, 2026
† Antonio Morgan

8:00am Friday, January 16, 2026
† Josephine Micallef

8:00am Saturday, January 17, 2026
† Armand Deschaine

5:00pm Saturday, January 17, 2026
† Eva Smith

9:00am Sunday, January 18, 2026
† Maria Szot

† Bronislawa & Kazimierz Oblak

9:00am Sunday, January 18, 2026
† Otto, Elisabeth & Mark Werner

† Larry Lobsinger

Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby

Intentions of Denise Ryan

11:30am Sunday, January 18, 2026
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Parish Notice from Fr. Francis

Re: Travel

I will be away from the parish from **January 12 to January 28, 2026**, visiting my family in India.

During my absence, **Fr. Wilson and Fr. Emmanuel from St. Raphael's parish in Burlington** will be taking care of all the pastoral needs of the parish. I am grateful for their support and generosity in serving our community.

For any assistance or parish-related needs, please contact Luisa in the **parish office**.

Thank you for your understanding, prayers, and continued support.

With prayers and blessings, **Fr. Francis**

OFFERING SUPPORT TO ST. THOMAS PARISH

Thank you very much for your generosity towards St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

I invite you to **consider pre-authorized withdrawal**.

It is an easy and convenient for you to support the parish. If you wish you know more about it kindly contact the parish office. You can also signup for online giving through our website. **Thank you & God bless!**

First Holy Communion – Paperwork, Registration & Fees Due by January 31, 2026

Both schools have emailed the Registration Form in December. Please fill out the **registration form** and submit it to the parish office along with a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate** and the **administration fee of \$60.00**.

Mandatory Parents/Children Information & Preparation Session

Please attend **one** of the following sessions at the church:

Thursday, February 5 at 6:00 PM OR Saturday, February 7 at 10:00 AM

If Your Child Is Not Baptized: If your child is **not yet baptized** and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of Baptism in preparation for First Communion, **please contact the parish office for more information**. We will be happy to guide you through the process.

The Legion of Mary will continue offering their monthly "Journey of Faith" for children in our community, **from grades 2 – 6, at no cost to families**.

The goals are to build knowledge, faith & friendships in a fun and safe environment.

Start Date: **Saturday, January 20th from 9:45- 11:45am**

Where: **Infant Jesus Daycare, located behind the Parish**

Registration & More Info: **Through the parish office or by emailing legionofmary.waterdown@gmail.com**