

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 4, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump



We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. (The suggested donation is \$50.) Contact Gina in the church office at 310-375-4617 or Gina.McQueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, January 4

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Twelfth Night Epiphany Party

Monday, January 5

- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 7

- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Mid-week Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, January 8

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group Christmas Party

Friday, January 9

- 9:30 am Beaders Group

Sunday, January 11

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck

For more worship opportunities, events, and small groups, visit our website at <https://stfrancispalosverdes.org/>

The Prelude

*Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her
(From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)*

Johann Pachelbel

The Processional Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old..... Hymnal #119



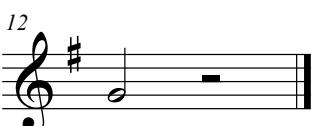
As with glad - ness men of old did the guid-ing star be -
As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger
As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and
Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row



hold; as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on - ward, beam-ing
bed; there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a -
bare; so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al -
way; and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at



bright; so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to
dore; so may we with will-ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy
loy; all our cost - liest trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven-ly
last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry



thee.
seat.
King.
hide.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: "Dix," Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);
arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1899); harm. "The English Hymnal," 1906

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Summary of the Law Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Kyrie Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day Book of Common Prayer p. 325

The First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A 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 Response Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Book of Common Prayer p. 685)

The Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him

homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Sermon.....	The Rev. Jason Shelby
The Nicene Creed	Book of Common Prayer p. 327
The Prayers of the People.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 328
The Confession	Book of Common Prayer p. 331
The Peace	Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving	Book of Common Prayer p. 333
The Post-Communion Prayer.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 339
The Blessing and Sending Forth.....	Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: The First Nowell the Angel Did Say Hymnal #109

The first No - well the an - gel did say was to shin - ing three sing

cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay; in fields as in the east be - yond them far, and to the wise men came from coun - try far; to seek for a prais - es to our heaven - ly Lord; that hath made

they lay keep-ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that earth it gave great light, and so it con - tin - ued both king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher- heaven and earth of nougat, and with his blood our

was so deep. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the day and night. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the ev - er it went. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the life _ hath bought. No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, born is the

King of Is - ra - el. King of Is - ra - el. King of Is - ra - el. King of Is - ra - el.

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 English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901);
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The Postlude

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. James Bierry



CAMP PENDLETON AND FORT MACARTHUR COLLECTION

Saturday, January 10, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Camp Pendleton is home to over 70,000 Marines and 10,000 children under 5. More than 160 babies are born there each month. Most families arrive with only what fits in their car and often lack essentials for newborns and small children, plus furnishings for their housing. The Rotary Clubs of District 5280 are collecting new and gently used items for these families to select from at Camp Pendleton's "Warrior Warehouse" and Fort MacArthur's "Airman's Attic", which is filled with donated items that are free for local military families.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers
- Baby & children's clothes
- Toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs
- Dishes, cookware, meal prep tools
- Bedding
- Gift cards (\$25) to Target/Walmart

DROP OFF

 **Hawthorne High School**
4859 El Segundo Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250

For More Information:
David Henseler
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310-753-0929

Bring items by Friday, January 9, 2026 to the church office or Susie's house (call for address).

Items will be loaded to drop off at Hawthorne High School on Jan. 10. Meet at St. Francis at 8:15 a.m. to load. Leave at 8:45 a.m.

St. Francis Contact:

Susie Zimmerman
susiehzimmerman@gmail.com
or leave text: (310) 316-5941

If you can help drop off items on January 10, please contact Susie.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, and TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble:

Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Cери Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Massey, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, especially Joan Fenske, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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