



# CONSOLATA SHRINE THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026



## FIRST READING

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

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

## A reading from the Book of Isaiah

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 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, 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

**Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8,10-11,12-13**  
(R. see 11)

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

Oh 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.**

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.**

The kings of Tarshish and the islands,  
shall pay him tribute.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve Him. **R.**

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**

**Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6**

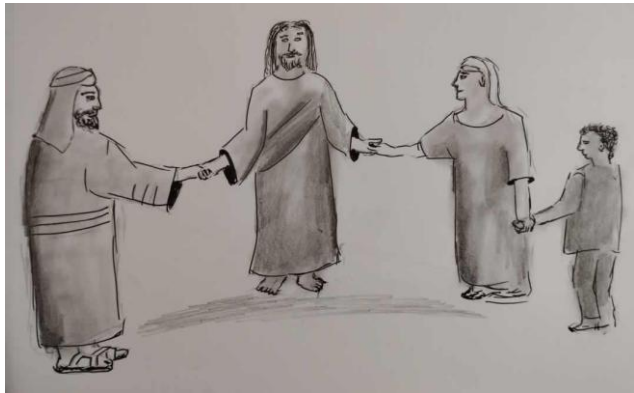
*“It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise”.*

### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians**

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



### Alleluia

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

### Alleluia.

## Mathew 2:2



## GOSPEL

## Matthew 2:1-12

*“We have come from the East to worship the King”*

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

Now when Jesus was born in Bethleem 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 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 born. They told him, “ in Bethlehem of Judea; for 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 them 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.**

#### **Reflection: Newborn King by Dr. Scott Hahn, Ph. D**

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1–3; 2 Samuel 5:2). Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2,25). His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings. Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7, 17). This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God. We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12). As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

## **Announcements**

1. Today Sunday 4/12/2026, is the first Sunday of the month. We will have blessing of our tithe and our families. We will also have second collection for Holy Childhood.
  2. Today Epiphany Sunday, there will be a special children's mass and PMC commissioning at 3pm to celebrate the society of the Holy Childhood. All children are encouraged to attend in traditional dress.
  3. The Catholic Men Association (CMA) will animate the Rosary on Saturday 10/1/2025, after the 5pm mass. All are welcome.
  4. Registration for Catechesis for children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Ages 9 years and above) and confirmation (Ages 11 years and above) is ongoing at the Catechist's office. Adults preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion and confirmation are invited to register. Deadline for registration is 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026.
  5. Couples preparing for marriage in the year 2026 are invited to Register for Premarital sessions at the Catechist's office.
  6. The Catholic Lay Missionaries (CLM) Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 11.00am in Room 3E at the Allamano Centre. Members are encouraged to attend.
  7. The Catholic Men Association (CMA) is recruiting new members. All interested men are invited to register by scanning the QR code on the flyer or posters on the notice board or visit the Parish office during the week.
  8. The 2026 Bible diaries are available for sale at the Church bookshop. Please get yourself a copy.
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