

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

January 4, 2026 | The Feast of the Epiphany



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The Feast of the Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church which early on included celebrating Jesus' Birth. By 354 Jesus' Birth was being celebrated in Rome on December 25. Later in the 4th century the Church began celebrating Epiphany separately on January 6. In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Quote of the Week

"When I see the Eternal God wrapped in swaddling clothes, when I hear the poor cry of the Divine Word, O my dearest Mother, I no longer envy the angels, for their Powerful Lord is my dearest Brother!"

-St. Therese of Lisieux

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00am
11:00am (Spanish)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

2:30pm – 5:30pm

Sunday

7:45am–8:45am, 10:00am-11:00am

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OUR MISSION

Catholic Church of the Resurrection is a diverse Christian Community of faith that:

- is centered in the Eucharist and the Word of God
- proclaims the Good News of Jesus
- seeks, welcomes, and serves all in His name

OUR CLERGY

Pastor – Rev. John M. Zimmerman

Parochial Vicar – Rev. Francis Bakongo Mfesao

Parochial Vicar – Rev. Cosmus Wambua

Deacon – Deacon James Collins (843) 902-4833

OUR STAFF

Office – Jean O'Rourke (843) 902-1310

Custodian – Joe Allen (843) 450-4942

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Communion to Homebound, Hospital, Nursing

Dcn. Jim Collins (843) 9024833, Joe Allen (843) 450-4942
or Donna Kennedy (843) 267-7875

Food Closet Sharon Bedard (843) 877-9738

Prayer Network Kat Knowles (843) 877-3592

Children's Faith Formation (Aug-May) Sun: 9:45am

Jean O'Rourke (843) 902-1310

Ladies Guild (Sept-May) 2nd Thursdays: 12:00pm

Sheron Francis (267) 718-3412

Knights of Columbus 3rd Tuesdays: 7:00pm

Victor Cocco (908) 403-1794

Columbiettes 3rd Wednesdays: 12:00pm

Kat Knowles (843) 877-3592

Bautismo, Quinceañeras, Matrimonios

Miriam Schaefer al (843) 663-0091

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 4

09:00am + William Kolmer

11:00am + Deceased Parish Members *(Spanish)*

JANUARY 11

09:00am + Loraine Collins

11:00am + Deceased Parish Members *(Spanish)*

MASS MUSIC

Processional: #459 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Offertory: #463 We Three Kings

Communion: #436 Wood of the Cradle

Recessional: #460 The First Noel (verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Nancy Lanni

Lena Risser

Terry Savino

Jim Carroll

Rose Gizzarelli

Mark Anderson

Risser Family

Contreras Family

Fischer Family

Maureen Harris

Mark Anderson

Bobby McQueen

David Nelson

Victor Cocco

Estelle Cashion

Dorothy Smith

Danielle Dargue

Joan Monaghan

Eugene Gransky

Ron Reimer

Jack Rafferty

Adam Berkheimer

Kim Ciasto

Fr. Mark Moore

John Donohue

Peggy Bunn

Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

PASTOR'S LETTER

Merry Christmas and Happy Epiphany!

We continue to celebrate the Nativity or infancy of Jesus Christ. Today's celebration not only commemorates the additional arrival of (3) wise men or kings, their presence and inclusion into the revelation of Jesus' Incarnation signifies that the Gentiles have been included in the good news of salvation.

These royal dignitaries recognized the universe announcing the Birth of God's Son by the star's journey and positioning over Bethlehem & the manger. They acted upon cosmic signs and went themselves to pay homage to the Christ-child. They set the example for all the human race, especially Christians.

We should always pay attention to the signs that God provides to reveal His Will for us. Many things compete for our attention to get us to do something. We have our own desires; temptations arise; and, of course, what the Holy Spirit tries to inspire us to do. The other voices tend to be louder &, all the more reason, we need to silence ourselves, pay attention to what is happening around us. As we begin the new year of 2026, let's try to be intentional about discerning God's Will in how He tries to communicate with us.

Have a blessed Feast of the Epiphany and continued holy Christmas Season! +

Father John



Courage International, a Catholic apostolate and support group serving men and women who experience same-sex attractions, who freely choose to live a chaste life in accordance with Roman Catholic Church teaching will be meeting soon.

For more information,
please contact Bill at 201-849-5409.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

Answer: The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Feast of the Lord's Baptism

In next weekend's readings we hear Jesus arriving at the Jordan River for John the Baptist to baptize Him. John resisted, thinking that Jesus, as the Messiah, should baptize him. Jesus asserted that this is the plan; stick to it. How often do we question what we are told, instead of humbly and faithfully obeying? There is a big difference if the request is something morally wrong, but if it falls in line with Scripture and the Judeo-Christian faith, we should trust that God has a plan.

STEWARDSHIP

When the Magi came to worship the Christ-child, they came bearing gifts of gold, myrrh & frankincense. While the gold would have been quite useful to the Holy Family, they may not have seen the benefit of the other gifts. These were the gifts that the Magi had to offer & believed to be significant. God has gifted us with diverse talents & blessings for us to use whether we recognize their usefulness or not. We can choose to discern how something is a gift, something we can use for our own benefit or how to bless others with it. Not only is sharing the gift stewardship, taking the time to discern & pray how to use these gifts to bless others is also stewardship & a deeper step into our discipleship & relationship with God & His Church.



**JOIN US FOR THE LIFE MARCH AND RALLY, Columbia, SC
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026**

Grand Strand Citizens for Life will again provide buses to the State March for Life and Rally in Columbia on

Saturday, January 10, 2025

Pick-up times and locations are as follows:

St Michael's Church parking lot, 542 Cyprus Drive, Garden City
6:15 AM

St Andrews Community Life Center 37th Ave N. near Kings Hwy N., Myrtle Beach at **7:00 AM**

Belk's Mall on Hwy 501 in Conway - **7:45 am**

Your cost to take the bus is only \$25 per person and reservations are required. Please do not let the cost deter you from joining us. If you need assistance covering the cost, please let us know.

You must make reservations by calling Andrew Voitko at H 843-734-0137 or M 302-981-1528. Your seat will be reserved when payment is received.

Make checks payable to: GSCL and mail them to 154 Woodlyn Ave. Little River, SC 29566.

EPIPHANY



December 21 Offertory

| Mass | Offertory | Weekly Budget | Variance | Attendance |
|----------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------|
| 9:00 am | \$1,958.78 | \$2,788.46 | -(\$189.68) | 9am - 153 |
| 11:00 am | \$ 640.00 | | | 11am - 171 |

| YTD Offertory | YTD Budget | YTD Variance |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| \$ 65,422.80 | \$ 66,923.04 | -(\$1,500.24) |

| Second/Other Collections | Dec 21 | Dec Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Building Fund-9am | \$ 24.41 | \$ 629.23 |
| Building Fund-11am | \$ 0.00 | \$ 348.00 |
| Holy Trinity Catholic Sch -9am | \$ 0.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Retirement for Religious-9am | \$ 20.00 | \$ 422.65 |
| Retirement for Religious-11am | \$ 0.00 | \$ 287.00 |
| Seton Catholic High Sch-9am | \$ 396.65 | \$ 396.65 |
| Seton Catholic High Sch-11am | \$ 423.00 | \$ 423.00 |

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the **Capital Reserve Fund (Building Fund)**.