

*The Vigil Mass of the  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD*

*January 6, 2024*



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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MON Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38  
 TUE 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
 Mk 1:21-28  
 WED 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
 Mk 1:29-39  
 THU 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
 Mk 1:40-45  
 FRI 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19  
 Mk 2:1-12  
 SAT 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
 Mk 2:13-17  
 SUN 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



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- would like the **PRAYER WARRIORS** to pray for you; or
- are ill and would like a **PRAYER SHAWL**.



**EPIPHANY** - Epiphany is a Feast Day within the Church’s liturgical celebration of Christmas. In the current Western tradition, we associate it with the “Visit of the Magi,” or visitors from the East recounted in Matthew’s Gospel. (Mt 2:1-12). Epiphany is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, (Twelfth Night).



Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, Bishop of Providence, has officially kicked off the 19th annual **Keep the Heat on Campaign**. Keep the Heat On provides emergency home heating oil delivery and utility bill assistance for Rhode Islanders in

need, who have exhausted other public and private assistance programs and still need help. Keep the Heat On has contributed more than \$4.1 Million in heating assistance to more than 17,200 Rhode Island households (families and individuals). Rhode Islanders in need can receive assistance through the website <https://HeatRI.com/> or by calling 401-421-7833. Donations to the fund are also accepted at HeatRI.com.



**INCENSE** – In liturgy, incense is used to symbolize the act of purification and sanctification. The smell and smoke cloud in the room bring to mind the upper room, a city called Heaven, and all things that take us to a higher ground. It brings to mind the solemnity and mystery of

communing with God Almighty. At Mass, incense may be used during the entrance procession, at the Gospel procession and acclamation, at the offertory to incense our gifts, to incense the altar, the priest, and the people. Use of incense is at the discretion of the Celebrant. It may be used at any Mass; there is no requirement to limit its use to solemnities and/or special occasions.

*Bing & Fr. David Jones*





The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of

Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 6 **Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat 4:00 pm In Memory of Arthur J. Houle, Sr. (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his Wife & Family  
&  
In Memory of Weston Wicklund (13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his Wife & Family

Jan 9 For the Relief & Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Tue 7:45 am

Jan 10 For the Relief & Release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Wed 7:45 am

Jan 13 **Vigil Mass of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sat 4:00 pm In Memory of George F. Hoppe (30<sup>th</sup> Ann.), John P. Hoppe, Sr. (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) & Robert G. Brunette, Sr. (18<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by their Family  
&  
In Memory of Joseph Daniel White (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.) by his Family



**SANCTUARY LAMP** – The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Loving Memory of Arthur Houle, Sr. (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his Wife & Family.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

	12/26/23
Weekly	\$1,198.00
Mail-Ins	\$740.00
Electronic Giving	\$185.00
Monthly	\$185.00
Fuel	\$182.00
Mass Stipends	\$80.00
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Christmas Flowers	\$145.00
Christmas	\$1,181.00
Annual Appeal	\$25.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$50.00
Donation	\$260.00
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$4,311.00</b>
Retired Religious	\$35.00

### Upcoming Special/Second Collections

Jan 7 (Today)	Monthly Parish Collection
Jan 14	Fuel Offering
Jan 21	Catholic University
Jan 28	Latin America



### BINGO SAVE THE DATES:

Save the dates for our upcoming Bingos, to be held January 26 and April 26, 2024. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 20-WEEK CLUB

Tickets are available for St. Joseph's 20-Week Club. **The first of 20 weekly drawings will take place during the week of February 4, 2024.**



**The meal will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, in the Church Hall, following the 4 pm Mass.**

Still planning to meet family & friends for a post-Christmas and/or New Year's get-together? We are confident your favorite hairdresser, caretaker, barber, mailperson, housekeeper and family member will thank you for the chance to win prizes and enjoy a terrific meal! Ticket prices remain \$50.00 with 20 weekly drawings and prizes on the night of the banquet. **What a great gift to give or to receive!**

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