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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day
Saturday
5:15 p.m.
Sunday
10:15 a.m.
Korean Mass
9:15a.m. Children's Mass
12:00 p.m.

Weekdays
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary Follows Mass

Holy Days
As Announced

Confessions
Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. Padre Pio Devotions
1st Friday of each month
7pm Holy Hour with confessions following 8pm Mass

Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
after 9:00am Mass
till 10:30am

January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

After his election in October of 1958, *Pope John XXIII (now Pope Saint John XXIII)*, wanted to visit the inmates at Rome's *Regina Caeli Prison*. This desire of the new pope did not come to fulfillment until December of that year, where he made a Christmas visit. When the Pope arrived at the prison, he told the prisoners that he came as; *"Joseph your brother."* He came to them, since they could not come to him. He also told them not to give up hope and know that they could change their lives after they served their terms. He told them this as he shared with them that he had relatives who had served time, and they came out with no lasting harm. Saint John told the gathered group that he wanted to see the world through their eyes. He truly won over their hearts; in fact, one person came to him, a murderer, fell on his knees and asked the Pope, "*Holy Father, can there be forgiveness for the likes of me?"* The Pope simply stood him up and embraced him as a sign for all to see and said, yes God can and does forgive even murder. All one needs is a desire to receive and be open to the forgiveness that God offers. All were impressed by this visit, not just because he was the Pope, and he came to see them, but because he took the time to minister to them and to share their existence, if only for a while.

Today that is what we remember on the part of Jesus, who comes to the Jordon to be baptized by John alongside those who were seeking repentance and to come closer to God. If only those who were on the riverbank that day knew how close, they were to the presence of God! Our Lord shared with those their existence as He too was baptized even though He was without sin. In short, he did not need baptism because of sin, He chose to do it so that we could freely identify with Him and He could identify with us. This of course, is the whole mystery of the Incarnation, for God truly has become one of us in the person of Jesus. Saint John XXIII, like his Holy Master, did the same; he shared the prisoners' existence, so that they could feel the love and presence of God through His servant the successor of St. Peter, who is Christ's Vicar on Earth. Just as Jesus did 2026 years ago, so He does now for us and with us as He continues to share our lives and we through His great gift allows us to share His life. Through this gift, we are freed from sin and darkness. This is what we celebrate on this special Feast Day. Today we celebrate the Lord's solidarity with us through His baptism by John. Let us recall our entering more closely with Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit as we remember our Baptismal Promises, for each say I Do (even if it only to yourself).

Do you reject Satan? And all of his works? And all of his empty promises? Do you believe in God the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth? Do you believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

And for the last time this year, Merry Christmas!
Fr. Mike

WEEKLY MASSES

Sunday, January 11th, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

The Focus- *Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power at his baptism.* In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies about the servant who will bring justice without breaking *a bruised reed*. In the second reading, Peter proclaims Jesus as the *Lord of all*, recounting the story of his baptism and ministry. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan and the heavens were opened for him.

B y Franciscan Media

Saturday, 1/10/26-Christmas Weekday
5:15pm Rosemary Glover
Lilia Alvarenga-Kmiotek
Ante Morovic

Sunday, 1/11/26-The Baptism of the Lord
10:15am People of the Parish
Julia Elisabeth Corsello (Living)
Michael F. Reali (Living)
Stephen Michael Calascione

Monday 1/12/26-Weekday
Sue Provost (Living)

Tuesday, 1/13/26-Weekday-St. Hillary
Kata Morovic

Wednesday 1/14/26-Weekday
Ida Montuori

Thursday, 1/15/26-Weekday
Michael & Lisa Reali (Living)

Friday 1/16/26-Weekday
Joseph Mario Reali

The **9:15 am** & **12 noon Korean Masses** will be celebrated by Fr. Matthew

Saturday, 1/10/25
1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

Sunday, 1/11/26
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

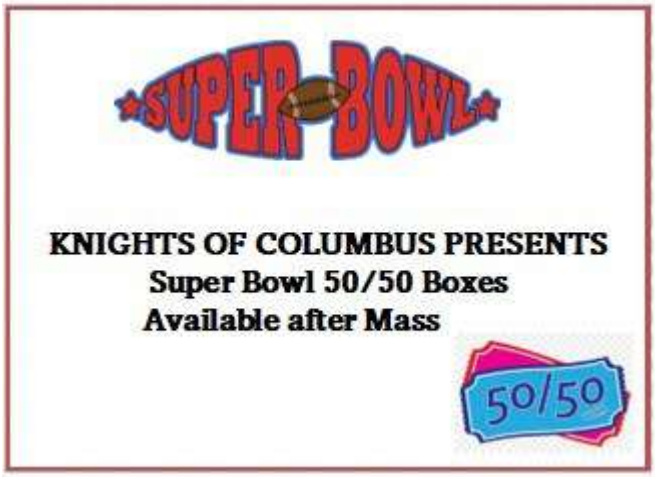
Monday, 1/12/26
1 Samuel 1:1-8 1
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, 1/13/26
1 Samuel 1:9-20
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, 1/14/26
1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, 1/15/26
1 Samuel 4:1-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday, 1/16/26
Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mark 2:1-12



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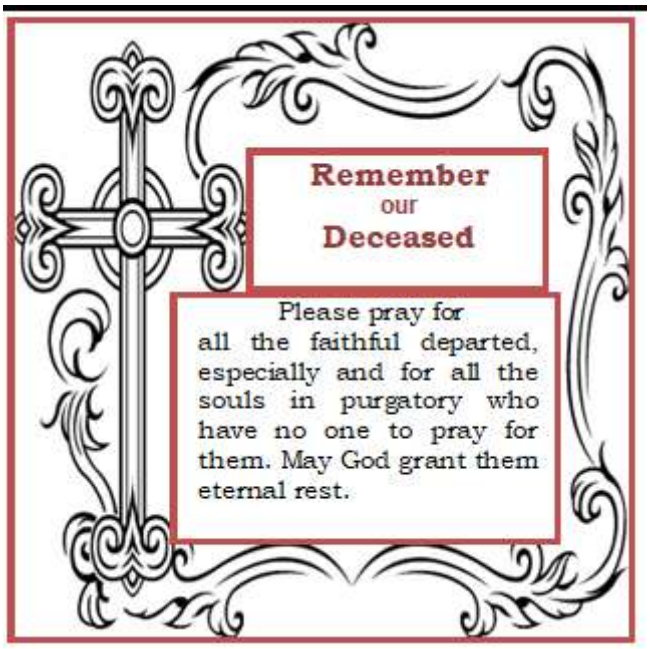
Of January 4, 2026

Saturday Collection $672
Sunday $1,811
Mail-in $895
On line $262.38
Christmas $18,275
Solemnity of Mary $866



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1/10/2026
5:15pm Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Johnston/Quinn
Readers	Sciabarra
Sacristan	Gregorio

1/11/2026
10:15am Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Sweeney/Medina
Readers	Gregorio
Sacristan	Gregorio

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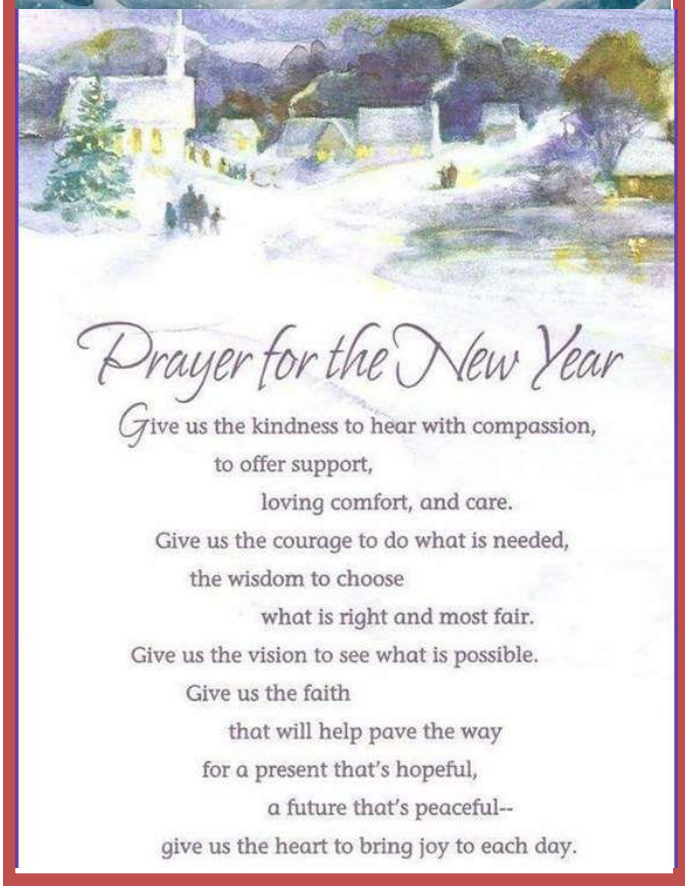
Altar Flower Donations
For Intentions
and
In Memory of
by January 20th

ST. MICHAEL'S PRAYER

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do though, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Please Note: St. Michael's Prayer is on the back cover of the missalette.



Hymnn Corner

O Little Town of Bethlehem

There's something wonderfully reassuring about this carol – from its peaceful lyrics to its soaring descant. Here's the story behind 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'.

'O Little Town of Bethlehem' is one of the most popular **Christmas** carols – and it was the sight of Bethlehem itself that inspired Phillips Brooks, an Episcopal priest, to write it.

On Christmas Eve in 1865, Brooks travelled on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem and visited, according to the story, the spot where Jesus was born. Three years later, he wrote the poem for a Christmas Sunday-school service and asked his organist, Lewis Redner, to set it to music.

In Louis F. Benson's *Studies Of Familiar Hymns*, he quotes Redner saying: "I was roused from sleep late in the night hearing an angel-strain whispering in my ear, and seizing a piece of music paper I jotted down the treble of the tune as we now have it. Neither Mr. Brooks nor I ever thought the carol or the music to it would live beyond that Christmas

Louis F Benson

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NEW YEARS DAY RECTORY CLOSED	2 PADRE PIO 7PM	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 DMII MEETING 6:00PM	15	16	17
8	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING RECTORY CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 KOC CHAPTER MEETING 7PM	28	29	30	31 KOC MEMORIAL MASS 5:15PM

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WOMEN'S GUILD OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS

(formerly Prayer Shawl and Craft Group)

January Meeting: Friday, Jan. 16th at 1 p.m. in the library
We will be discussing activities for 2026
New Members are Welcome

For info.: Call Helene at 631 692-7897

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invites you to the

Annual Family Mass & Reception

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

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4:30 p.m. Rosary

5:15 p.m. Mass

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One Minute Meditations

St. Genevieve of Paris

Born in 422, in Nanterre, France, St. Genevieve consecrated herself to God when she was fifteen. She became known for her charity and gift of prophecy. She predicted Paris would be spared from attack by the Huns and led the people in fasting and prayer. Paris was spared. When King Childeric and his son Clovis I conquered Paris, Genevieve convinced Childeric to release his captives. She became a trusted advisor to Clovis, who converted to Christianity.

The Jesus Prayer

January is dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus, reminding the faithful of the power and reverence due to His Name: *"At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth"* (Phil 2:10). A fitting prayer for this month is the Jesus Prayer, long cherished in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox traditions: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Simple yet profound, this prayer can be repeated throughout the day. Prayed attentively, it deepens love and reverence for Christ, invokes His saving grace, and helps cultivate a steady spirit of prayer, humility, and interior peace.

"The things that we love tell us what we are." St. Thomas Aquinas

Turning our hearts back to God

Converting our hearts back to God begins with an honest pause – not a dramatic moment, but a decision to look at our lives as they really are. What shapes our days? What gets our best energy, our first thoughts, our deepest trust? Whatever holds that place is, in practice, what we put first.

Putting God first starts with intention. We make room for Him by removing what crowds Him out. A few minutes of prayer before reaching for a phone. A short passage of Scripture read slowly instead of rushed. These small choices retrain the heart. They remind us to whom we belong.

Repentance is part of the return, but it is not about shame. It is about direction. To repent means to turn. We admit where we've drifted and choose a better path. God does not demand perfection before welcoming us back. He asks for honesty and willingness.

Trust follows close behind. Many of us profess trust in God but still rely on our own control. Putting Him first means surrendering outcomes we cannot manage anyway. It means praying not only for help, but for guidance, even when the answer may change our plans.

Faith moves us to action. When we align our choices with God's teachings, our hearts follow. Faith leads to action. Forgiving when necessary. Serving when it is inconvenient. Giving when it feels risky. These actions reshape our priorities.

"Do not let the past disturb you. Just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Community matters. Worship, shared prayer, and accountability keep our hearts oriented toward God when we are tempted to drift.

Turning back to God is rarely instantaneous. It is daily, deliberate, and deeply personal. Each step taken toward Him strengthens the heart's true center.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

Blessing ourselves with holy water when entering a Catholic church recalls the ritual washings of the Old Testament, through which the Jews purified themselves before approaching God in the Temple. St. John the Baptist built on this tradition by using water as a sign of repentance and conversion.

Today, this gesture reminds us of our Baptism and renews our commitment to live the Faith. As a sacramental, holy water disposes us to receive God's grace, strengthens us against temptation, and, with proper repentance, helps remit venial sins.

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New Year, new habits build change that lasts

Starting and maintaining New Year's resolutions can be difficult for the same reason cultivating virtue is difficult: both require forming new habits. Perseverance rarely comes from sheer willpower alone. Practical strategies, supported by grace, make growth more sustainable.

Begin with achievable goals. Set yourself up for early success by practicing self-denial in small, manageable ways. Learning to say no in minor matters builds the discipline needed to resist greater temptations later.

Replace, rather than simply remove. It is often easier to abandon an unhealthy habit when it is substituted with a better one. Just as swapping potato chips for pretzels can make dietary changes more attainable, uprooting vice is aided by cultivating the opposing virtue. Greed is weakened by generosity.

Seek accountability. A trusted friend, exercise partner, or prayer companion can provide encouragement and consistency for change. Knowing someone is watching makes it more difficult to give up when motivation fades.

Above all, rely on grace. God invites us to call upon Him, especially in moments of weakness, often marked by anger or anxiety, fatigue, hunger, or sadness. In those moments, turn to the Holy Spirit for strength and consolation, trusting the Lord's promise: *"The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still"* (Exodus 14:14).

from Scripture

Matthew 4:12-23, Discipleship is the greatest adventure

This Gospel passage recounts the call of the first disciples. They may not have known Jesus personally at first, but they knew about Him through John the Baptist (John 1:35-42). Hearing the invitation to know Jesus better and follow Him closely, the men dropped what they were doing "at once" and left everything behind.

Under Christ's leadership, the disciples went on to do amazing deeds. They worked miracles, brought the Gospel to distant lands, won countless souls for Heaven, and suffered many hardships, even martyrdom. The secret of their success was their relationship with Christ as their God, Savior, Teacher, and Friend who promised to be with them always (Matthew 28:20).

All of us are called to be saints – friends of God. Jesus Christ invites each of us, in particular, to know and follow Him. While few of us are called to leave everything behind, we can still offer everything we have to God's service. We can still give our "Yes." Pursuing authentic holiness isn't boring but a great adventure!

Feasts & Celebrations

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, but also acknowledge Jesus as true God and true Man. Mary's title highlights God's humility, in that God chose to come to us through Mary, as a vulnerable newborn. This year, it is a holy day of obligation.

January 5 – St. John Neumann (1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1811. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools. He also built more than 89 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.

January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began His public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to *"fulfill all righteousness"* (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as His *"beloved Son"* (Matthew 3:17).

January 13 – St. Hilary of Poitiers (367). St. Hilary converted to Christianity as a young man and was elected bishop around 350. St. Hilary spent most of his office battling the Arian heresy, which denied the Divinity of Christ. He was exiled to Phrygia. He spent his four-year exile writing and teaching against Arianism until the emperor begged him to return home.

Q & A

Why is the feast of the Epiphany important?

The Feast of the Epiphany, celebrated this year on January 4, is important because it celebrates the public revelation of Jesus Christ as Savior of the whole world. The word epiphany means "manifestation" or "revealing."

Originally, the feast commemorated the visit of the Magi, wise men from the East, who followed the star to Bethlehem. In honoring the Magi, the Church proclaims that salvation is universal and that Gentiles are fully included in God's plan.

Traditionally, Epiphany also encompasses two other key moments of revelation: Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan and His first miracle at the wedding at Cana. At His Baptism, the Father's voice and the descent of the Holy Spirit reveal Jesus as God's Son. At Cana, Jesus manifests His divine power publicly for the first time. Together, these events reveal who Jesus truly is.

Epiphany calls us to respond as the Magi did: to seek Christ, to worship Him, and to offer Him our lives. It reminds us that faith is not meant to be hidden, but proclaimed.

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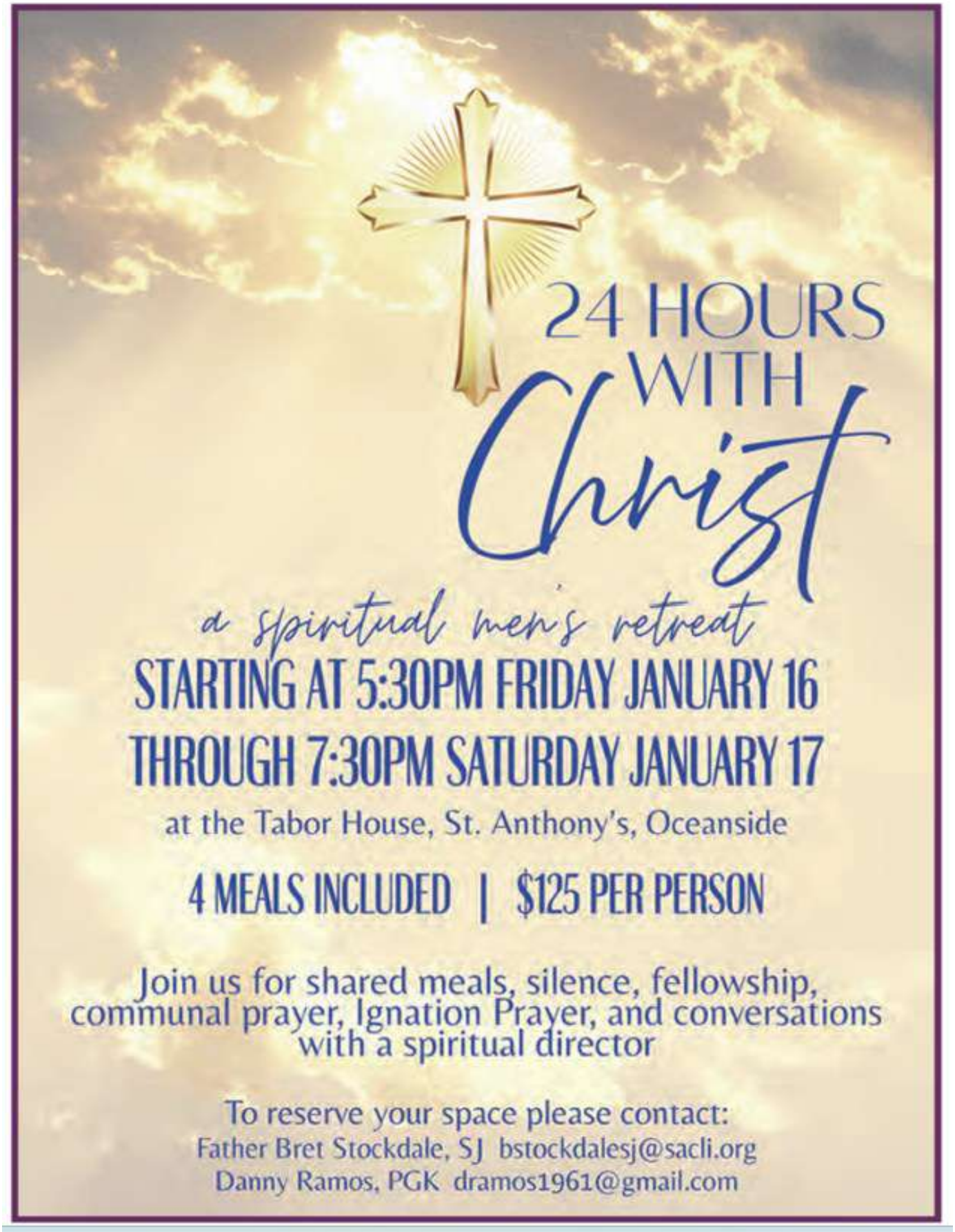
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And a voice came from heavens, saying,
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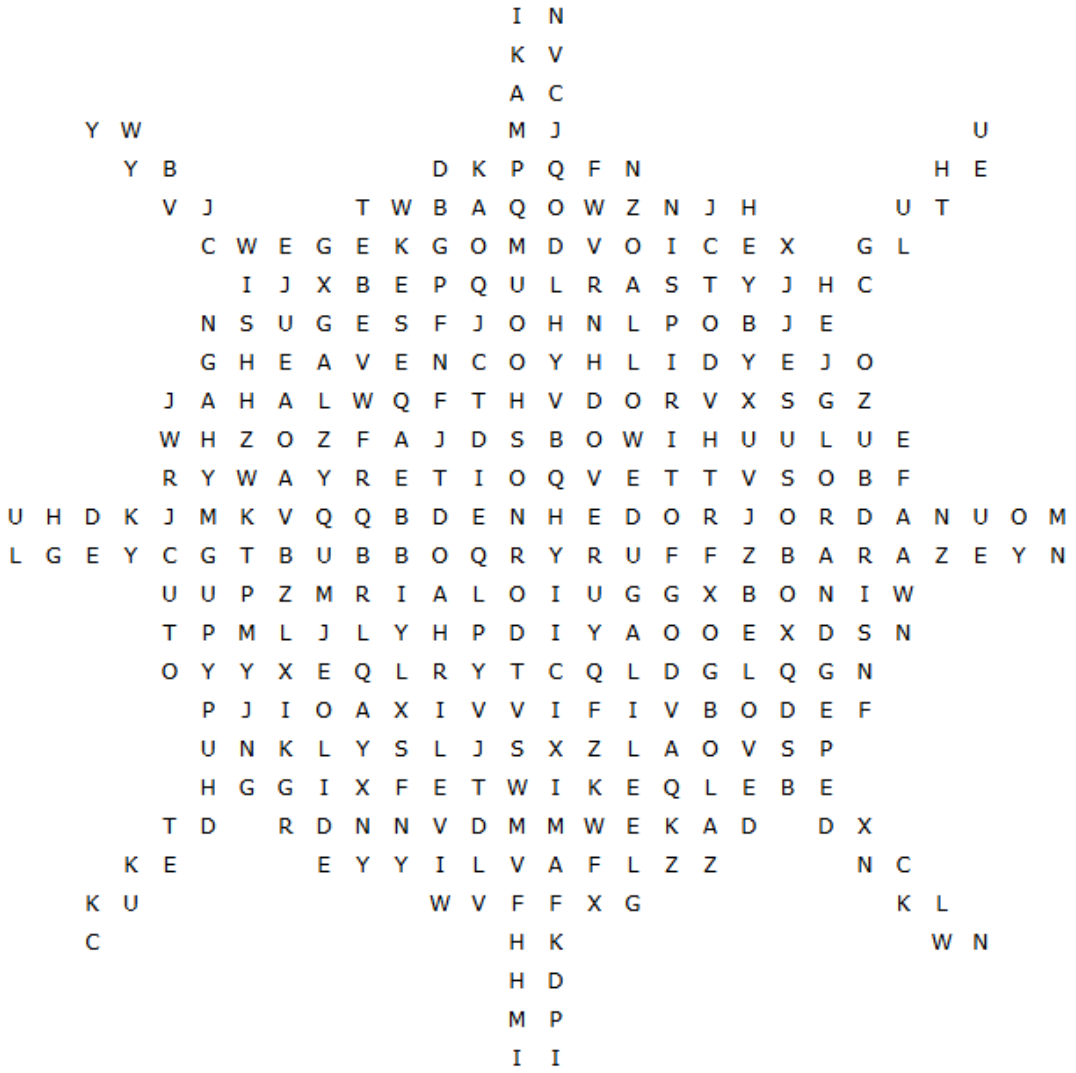

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