

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026
Baptisms at 9, 10:30 a.m. Masses

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: We Three Kings G-504

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

Glory to God: New Wine Mass (Jakob)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

CLOW Dismissal @ 9 a.m. Mass: Seek Ye First **G-715**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72: All nations on earth shall fall prostrate, prostrate before you, O Lord.

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Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Homily

Dismissal of Catechumens

Universal Prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Epiphany Carol **G-509**

Ev'ry nation sees the glory of a star that pierced the night.
As we tell the wondrous story we are bathed in radiant light.
Star sent forth from highest heaven, dancing light of God's design,
Shine upon the gift that's given: Word made flesh now born in time.

Ev'ry tongue shall sing the praises of his birth in deepest night.
He is healing for the ages; he is Christ, our God's delight.
He proclaims within his being all our hopes, our great desires.
He shall die to rise redeeming all who follow with their lives.

Once again may we discover Word made flesh sent from above
In our neighbor, sister, brother, in the lonely and unloved.
May we touch him, may we hold him, may we cradle him with care
As we learn to love each other, bringing hope from out despair.

Gather, God, the world together in the brightness of your day.
Fill our hearts with joy forever, help us walk the holy way.
May your justice rule the nations; may all people live as one.
Now we see our true salvation in the glory of your Son.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: Mass of New Wine (Jakob)

Communion Song: Angels We Have Heard on High **G-474**

10:30 a.m. also: *We Have Seen His Star (Jakob)*

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavn'ly song? [Refrain]

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

4. See him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

CONCLUDING RITE

Dismissal Chant: The First Nowell G-507

1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence

their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. [Refrain]

6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. [Refrain]

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