

**Shepherd's Thoughts (January 5, 2025)**  
**On the Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord**  
*God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!*

Long before the birth of Jesus Christ, prophet Isaiah already prophesied for the coming of the Messiah. In fact, in the first reading he spoke to us, "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory" (Is 60:1-2). It is also foreshadowed even before that the Epiphany of the Lord will truly happen in God's perfect time and on how the guiding star appeared to the Magi and led them to where the Baby Jesus was born, "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD." (Is 60:6).

Jesus Christ truly manifests Himself to the world as expressed in the responsorial Psalm today, "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." Thus, in a loud voice we also cry out, Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." (Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13). Coming together in this solemnity, how do we pay homage to Jesus? Do we also present Him our gifts of humble presence, great reverence and love?

As baptized Catholics, we do not have the monopoly of truth about Christ's manifestation of Himself because He also revealed Himself even to the pagans and to those who did not yet believe in Him. We heard from the second reading, "It has now also been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6). Indeed, He did not only come to save the lost sheep of Israel but also for the salvation of all that we may become coheirs of His kingdom.

Because of the Gospel, Matthew presents to us how the Epiphany scene took place, for "Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Mt 2:1-12). Remember that when Christ was born, there was no Christianity yet. But these three magi, representing the pagan world, full of enthusiasm came to visit the Baby Jesus, did Him Homage and presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We pray, that on this Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, like the three Magi, may we never stop seeking Jesus despite the challenges that come along our way. Like them, may we pause often to reflect and have our prayerful discernment whether we listen to the hypocrisy of others like King Herod or recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit to truly recognize Jesus to have His special place in our lives. And just like the Magi may we walk courageously to bring Jesus to others, that they too may see His light.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya  
Administrator

**January 5, 2025**  
***Epiphany of The Lord***

**Mass Intentions**

† Deceased

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 4th, Mass**

† Karen Pinchart

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 4th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 5th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 5th, Mass**

† Donna Bredael

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 7th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 8th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 9th, Mass**

† For the People

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 10th, Mass**

† For the People

**Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Jan 11th, Mass**

† Gary & Karen Guelette

**Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Jan 11th, Mass**

**Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Jan 12th, Mass**

**Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 12th, Mass**

† Agnes Fameree, James Fameree, † Andy Barta

**Sunday, 11:15 AM, Lincoln, Jan 12th, Baptism**

of **Franklin Henry Brunette**, son of Alicia & Trevor Brunette

**Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 14th, Mass**

**Wednesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Jan 15th, Mass**

**Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln, Jan 16th, Mass**

† Mel & Arlene Beaurain

**Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Jan 17th, Mass**

† For the People



**Sanctuary Light**

**Dec 29-Jan 4:** In mem. Mel & Arlene Beaurain

**Jan 5-11:** In mem. Sharon Thayse

**Sacrificial Offerings**

Dec 18-23, 2024: \$6,789.00



**St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip**

Dec 23-29 Sales: \$2675.00

Gross profit: \$153.96

FYTD profit: \$3490.49

*For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at [Havel27sm@gmail.com](mailto:Havel27sm@gmail.com).*

## Liturgical Ministers:

### January 4th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Mark Bader

Communion Distributors: Matt Thayse, Volunteer  
Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

### January 5th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Beaurain

Comm Distributors: Mary & Jim Beaurain  
Servers: Vivian & Dominic Barta & Abby Agamaite

### January 11th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Char Everard

Communion Distributors: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer  
Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta & Caleb Everard

### January 12th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Julie Pinchart, Jessica Pinchart  
Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

## Parish News

**Father Rex's Shepherd Hours in Rosiere:** on Thursday & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

**Interested in Sharing your Talents:** We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

### **Cemetery Maintenance – Trimming/Weed**

**Eating:** We have an opening for Trimming/Weed eating at our Lincoln site starting in Spring. This is a paid position. Please contact the parish office with any questions 920-837-2852.

**One By One Campaign:** Your One-by-One donations have gone toward Lincoln entrance LVP flooring, Rosiere entrance pitched roof, interior plastering and painting, Lincoln entrance ramp and extended parking near the garage, and Rosiere's portable microphone for Father. The total for all these projects was \$39,375.76.

**RE Classes:** K-11: Classes on January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025.

**Confirmation:** Next class is Jan. 8, 2025. The retreat is Jan. 11 at Rosiere starting at 8am. Confirmation is **Sunday, Jan 19**, 4:00 pm at St Mary Church, Luxemburg.

**BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!!:** Our next Bingo date is Sunday, January 5 at 1PM in the Lincoln church basement. Please consider joining us. The cost is \$10 for six cards, or \$2 each. Future Bingo dates are: January 26, February 16, March 2 and April 13.

**Poinsettia:** Thank you to everyone who donated money towards Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of someone.

**Scrip:** Also, thank you for using scrip gift cards for some of your Christmas gift giving but don't forget you can also use gift cards for your own everyday expenses.

**Pope Francis' Intention January 2025:** FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**The Wisdom of the Saints:** January 4: "Live simply so that others may simply live." -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
January 5: "It is not he who begins well who is perfect. It is he who ends well who is approved in God's sight." -St. Basil the Great



## Parish Contacts

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## Parish Office

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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
8 – 11 am & 12 – 4 pm**

**Parish email: lincolnrosiere@gmail.com**

### **Gospel Readings for Week of January 5, 2024**

Monday, Jan 6: Matthew 4: 12-17;23-25 (St. Andre Bessette, Religious)

Tuesday, Jan 7: Mark 6: 34-44 (St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest)

Wednesday, Jan 8: Mark 6: 45-52

Thursday, Jan 9: Luke 4: 14-22a

Friday, Jan 10: Luke 5: 12-16

Saturday, Jan 11: John 3: 22-30