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January 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday | 7:45 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Saturday | 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:50 pm or by appointment

ROSARY

Monday - Friday after 8:00 am Masses

ADORATION / ADORACION

1st Friday Adoration in English at 8:30 am
Spanish 6:00 pm followed by 7:00 pm Mass

2nd and 4th Friday of the month

6:00 pm, Adoration followed by Mass for the sick at 7:00 pm.

Primer Viernes de cada mes,
comenzamos a las 6:00 pm con la
Adoracion al Santisimo seguido de la
Coronilla y Misa al Sagrado Corazon de
Jesus 7:00 pm.

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Program	Coordinator	Language	Date	Hour	Location
Adult Choir	Eric Keiper	English	Every other Thursday	6:45-8:00 P.M.	
Council of Catholic Women	Joanne Capasso	English	2nd Saturday of every month	8:30 A.M.	Parish Center
Grief Share Support Group	Joanne Capasso	English	Wednesday	10:00-12:Noon	Parish Center
Loving Hands Crocheting &	Joyce Costello	English	Tuesday	10:00 A.M.	Parish Center
Baptismal Registration	Consuelo	English/Spanish	Monday to Friday	8:00 AM-12:Noon 1:00 P.M.-4:00	Parish Office
Baptism Classes	Deacon Dony	English	By Appointment	Call the Office	
Baptism Classes	Ivan & Alexandra Munoz Martin	Spanish	Por Cita	Call the Office	
OCIA	Natalia Brugal	Spanish	Jueves	7:00 P.M.	Clase
Liturgia de la Hora	Dr. Felix Rodriguez	Spanish	Jueves	6:00 P.M.	
OCIA	Fr. Valentine Jamie Wooley	English	Sunday 8/24/25 to 4/5/2026	6:00 P.M.	Office conference room
Bible Study	Fr. Valentine Umoh	English	Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	TBA
Feeding the Hungry	Biddy Labutka	English/Spanish	Monday	8:00 A.M.	Parish Center & Kitchen
Knights of Columbus	Paul Turner	English	2nd Monday of every month	7:30 P.M.	Parish Center
Legion of Mary	Valencia M. Delva	French	Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Legion of Mary
Legión de María	Dania Fernandez	Spanish	Jueves	7:00 P.M.	Salón Parroquial
Grupo de Oracion	Feliciano	Spanish	Miercoles	7:00 P.M.	En el Templo
Children Choir	Clare Ramos	English	Saturday	9:00 A.M.	Classroom 1
Spanish Choir	Alex & Nora Tacoa	Spanish			

Mass Intentions for the Week***RIP Rest in Peace - * S/I Special Intentions**

MON JAN 5	8:00 AM	RIP/ Marilyn Hogan Birthday in heaven by family RIP/ Lidia Pinero by Family RIP/ Donald Emrich by Pat Emrich
TUE JAN 6	8:00 AM	S/I Familia Rodriguez RIP/ Felix Acuna Birthday Anniversary by Zeny Reville RIP Estelita Montallana by her daughter Feli S/I Deacon Andy's fast recovery from the Velazquez Family
WED JAN 7	8:00 AM	RIP/ All Souls in Purgatory RIP/ Salbatore Pilato, by Sister Dorothy
THURS JAN 8	8:00 AM	RIP/ Chiro Ruiz by his wife Nancy RIP/ Ruben Pagan by Marisol Rodriguez
FRI JAN 9	8:00 AM	RIP/ Fernando Velasquez by Sister Dorothy S/I Alex & Mini Jolicoeur Wedding Anniversary
	7:00 PM	RIP/ Cecilia Diaz RIP/ Camelo Romero
SAT JAN 10	8:00 AM	S/I Thanksgiving for Abigail James on her wedding by Ann S/I Thanksgiving for Austin Lee on his birthday by Ann
	4:00 PM	RIP/ Lottie Pazden RIP/ Jean & Terry Murphy Rest by Janet Prainito S/I O'Neill Family Special Intentions by Coleen Diamond RIP/ Natalie Navarro Reese by Susan Collins RIP/ Rose Guerdy Clermont in Thanksgiving
	7:00 PM	S/I John Bill por salud, bajo la intercección de San José, por Nelby RIP/ Carlos Aguilar por la familia Cetero RIP/ Demetro Bazan por la familia Lescano Bason
SUN JAN 11	7:45 AM	RIP/ Maria Trenh Thi Hue by Celine
	9:00 AM	S/I For the intentions of Shaina and Michael Waldron S/I Clarisse & Jason Elyselle, Thanksgiving by Freda Estreernal RIP/ Jimmy Amadola by Hugh & Mary Fitzpatrick
	10:30 AM	S/I Vinod Family RIP Irene Espinosa by Gomez Family
	12:NOON	RIP/ Katherine Filippi by Joseph Berchielli



WE HAVE A **BLOOD DRIVE** ON **JANUARY 11, 2026**
AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS
10:30 AM MASS
12 NOON MASS
PLEASE REGISTER AT ANY OF THE EXIT DOORS OF THE MCB

READING I ISAIAH 60:1-6

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. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, For the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. 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.

READING II EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's GRACE THAT was given to me for your BENEFIT, NAMELY, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now 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.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, 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." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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Stop by after Mass and take a look at our new arrivals.

BAKE SALE

JANUARY 10 -11

St. Matthew CCW will be offering a **Bake Sale after all Masses** this weekend. Please visit the **Parish Center** after Mass to purchase a delicious assortment of **homemade goodies** prepared with care. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The Epiphany of the Lord



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ as Savior not only of Israel, but of all nations. In the visit of the Magi—wise men from distant lands—we see the fulfillment of God's promise that His salvation would reach to the ends of the earth.

Guided by a star, the Magi set out on a journey of faith. They did not know exactly where the path would lead, but they trusted the light given to them. Their perseverance reminds us that faith often involves seeking, asking, and moving forward even when the way is uncertain. When they finally encounter the Child Jesus, they respond with adoration, humility, and generous gifts.

The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh reveal who Christ truly is:

**Gold for the King of kings,
Frankincense for the Son of God,
Myrrh foreshadowing His saving
sacrifice.**

Epiphany invites us to reflect on our own response to Christ's revelation. Like the Magi, we are called to seek Him earnestly, to recognize Him with faith, and to offer Him the gift of our lives. This feast also reminds us of our mission: having encountered Christ, we are sent forth to reflect His light to others. As we continue this Christmas season, may the light of Christ guide our steps, deepen our faith, and draw all people closer to Him—the Light revealed to the nations. 



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ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart, in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good. I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy

CCD SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Sunday - January 4, 11, 25
Monday - January 5, 12, 26
Tuesday - January 6, 13, 27
Wednesday - January 7, 14, 28
No classes - January 18 - 21

Second-Year Confirmation Retreat

JUL 17
Saturday, January 17, 2026
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation – Second-Year First Holy Communion Students

JUL 17
Saturday, February 28, 2026
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Please keep the children in our CCD program in your prayers, especially those who will be receiving Confirmation and First Holy Communion this year.

Welcome



Bishop-Elect Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, LL.B., J.C.D.
Appointed Sixth Bishop of Palm Beach

It is with great excitement and joyful hearts that we announce the appointment of the **Rev. Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, LL.B., J.C.D.**, as the new Bishop of Palm Beach, succeeding Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito, who has served 22 years as our chief shepherd.

Visit the Diocese of Palm Beach website and social media for information regarding this transition.

May Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, patroness of the diocese, guide us in the footsteps of her Son, Jesus Christ.



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**Que te adoren, Señor,
todos los pueblos**



Acto de contrición

**Dios mío, arrepiento de mis pecados
con todo mi corazón, al elegir hacer el
mal y no hacer el bien, he pecado
contra ti, a quien debería amar sobre
todas las cosas. Tengo la firme
intención, con tu ayuda, de hacer
penitencia, de no pecar más y de
evitar todo lo que me lleve a pecar.
Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo sufrió y
murió por nosotros. En su nombre,
Dios mío, ten piedad**

Los Reyes Magos

Una ilusión, una empresa, una fe. Una sola era la fuerza y uno solo el objetivo: llegar a Belén y encontrar a Jesús

Hacia el final del reinado de Herodes, cierto día llegaron a Jerusalén unos "Magos" provenientes de la región de Persia, preguntando por el lugar donde había nacido el Rey de los Judíos o Mesías, tan anunciado por los profetas Isaías, Jeremías, Ezequiel y Daniel. - ¿Cómo os ha llegado a vosotros, tan lejos, la noticia si todavía no se ha inventado la radio ni la televisión? -dijo Herodes. - Por las estrellas que hemos visto brillar. Por una estrella nueva, misteriosa, brillante más que el sol, que acaba de nacer. Hemos estudiado todas las escrituras: las de los Bedas, los libros antiguos de los Persas, las predicciones de Egipto y las profecías vuestras. Hemos llegado a la conclusión, sin lugar a dudas, que la estrella recientemente descubierta por nosotros es la que está anunciada en el Libro de los Números y el Rey que ha nacido es el que anuncia el profeta Zacarías: humilde y justo. Sin duda que el pueblo judío es el más privilegiado de las naciones, porque ha nacido en él, el Rey que gobernará naciones con justicia y mansedumbre, sin espada, sólo con la sabiduría de su inteligencia. Pero..., no sabemos dónde. - Ese es un asunto fácil para mis letrados y sabios -dijo Herodes a los Magos. Seguro que no lo habéis leído todo. Ya veréis cómo mis doctores de la Ley y los sabios de Israel en poco tiempo nos resuelven el problema.

En efecto, llamó Herodes a los sacerdotes y escribas y les ordenó al punto: - Quiero que investiguéis dónde y cuándo tiene que nacer el Mesías. No me lo digáis ahora. Mantened el "suspense" hasta los postres. ¡Hoy tengo una cena importante! Los letrados se pusieron al punto a investigar en las Escrituras sobre el asunto y no tardaron en encontrarlo en los "rollos" de los profetas Isaías y Miqueas.

Mientras tanto, Herodes dio un banquete suculento a los extraños Magos. Consumieron vinos generosos de ambas riberas del Jordán, en copas romanas de doble asa. Les hizo obsequios y recibió de ellos regalos.

Después de hablar un rato con ellos y de mostrarles todas sus maravillosas reformas, con talante autosuficiente les dijo: - Sepámos ahora lo que dicen mis escribanos sobre las profecías de ese nuevo rey. ¡Quizás pueda ser el Mesías! Aunque yo, en política, soy de la opinión de que hay que pactar con los romanos. Son generosos y bravos. Ellos son el progreso. Así lo aconsejan los tiempos modernos... ¡Veamos! Los escribas se presentaron y con voz altisonante leyeron sus conclusiones:

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Total collection for the weekend of December 28



1st Collection: \$ 11,089

2nd Collection: \$ 6,100



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Parish Loan Journey: 2023–2025 Overview

Starting Balance
\$1,505,849

Loan balance at the beginning of November 2023

Principal Reduced
\$211,398

Amount of the original debt already paid down

Interest Paid
\$102,356

Total interest paid to date

Total Paid So Far

\$313,754

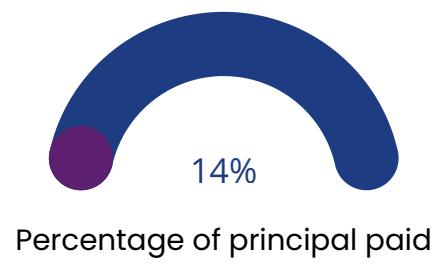
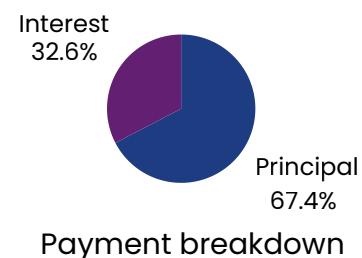
Combined principal and interest from Nov 2023 to Nov 2025

Remaining Balance
\$1,294,452

As of November 2025

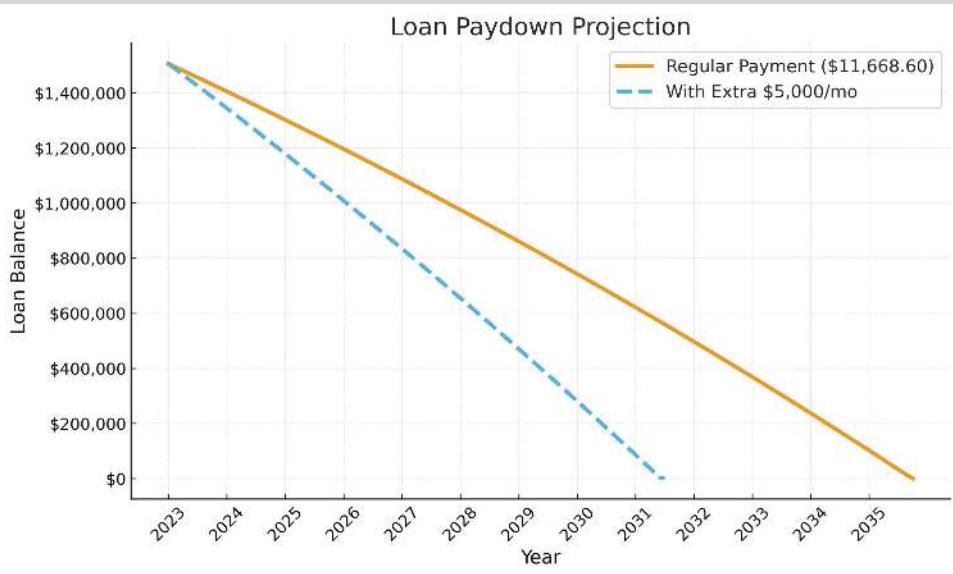
Projected Payoff
January 2037

If we continue at the same pace



Percentage of principal paid

Paying only the monthly mortgage of \$11,668.60 means the loan will take about 11 and a half years to be paid off.



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