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January 18, 2026 • The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where did the Magi go after visiting the baby Jesus?



Philip Kosloski - published on 01/11/26

After the events of the Epiphany, the Bible gives some details, while tradition tries to fill in the blanks.

The Bible provides some details as to where the Magi traveled after paying homage to the Christ Child:

Going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down

and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. ~ Matthew 2:11-12

All we know definitively is that they left Bethlehem or Nazareth, according to some traditions and returned to their country.

Where would that have been?

What tradition says

Outside of the Bible, there are many different stories, but some that have become the main narrative of where the Magi left.

Fr. Dwight Longenecker explains in an article for *Aleteia* the most common belief when it comes to the location of the Magi's "country":

The story is told in 14th-century John of Hildesheim's *Historia Trium Regum* or "The History of the Three Kings." John says Balthasar, Melchior, and Caspar were from India, Persia and Chaldea (present-day Iran and Iraq). They set off separately, met at the birthplace in Jerusalem and then journeyed together to Bethlehem. After worshiping Christ, they returned together to India, where they built a church, and after another vision that revealed that their earthly life was about to end, they died at the same time and were buried in their

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church in India.

Baptized by an Apostle?

There is even a story that they may have been baptized by St. Thomas the Apostle.

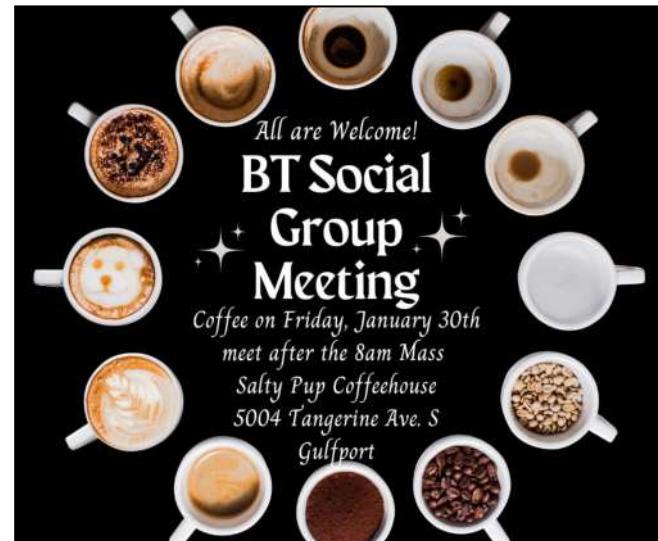
As the years passed they reportedly heard of a disciple of Jesus preaching in India. It was St. Thomas and they went in haste to find him. After relating to St. Thomas the story of their visit to the baby Jesus, Thomas related to them the Gospel message.

The apostle then baptized the three wise men and later ordained them priests and bishops. They lived together in a city called Suwella and later died before Christmas one year.

It's believed that later St. Helena (the mother of Constantine) visited India and recovered the relics of the Magi, initially bringing them back to Constantinople. Eventually their relics were transferred to Cologne, Germany, through a series of events.

What's certain is that the Magi were spiritually changed after their encounter and that wherever their country was, they returned with joyful hearts.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 17, Vigil for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Helene Logue (dec)

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Flossie Delaney (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and Betty Watson (dec)

11:30 a.m. Alice, Norreen, & John Cummins (dec)

Monday, January 19, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Carole and Walter Huff (dec)

Tuesday, January 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Marchese (dec)

Wednesday, January 21, Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 a.m. Lionel & Merlene Roberts Anniversary

Friday, January 23, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Dick McManus (dec)

Saturday, January 24, Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

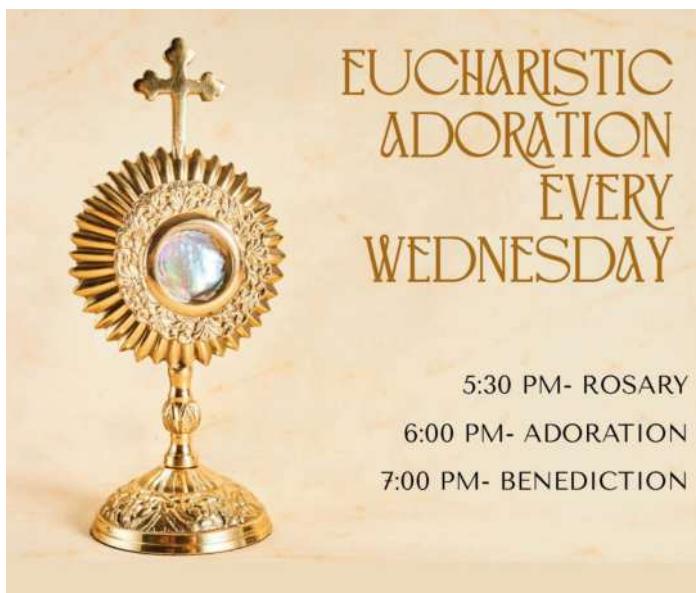
4:00 p.m. Burt Mead (dec)

Sunday, January 25, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Michael Hannafee (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and Carol Forcier (liv)

11:30 a.m. John Patrick Healy (dec)





January 18, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6 | 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Jn 1:29-34

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have struggled when doing work that feels unseen. Has anyone noticed that the floors were mopped today? Do my students care about the feedback I provide on their writing? Does my supervisor notice the extra time I put into my work? In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist announcing Jesus as "the Lamb of God." John has been preparing for the coming of Christ and now that Jesus has arrived, his role is to step aside and encourage his followers to move their gaze toward Christ, the Messiah. Although we know John's name and his faithfulness, it would have been easy for him to assume that his work would have been forgotten — overshadowed by the signs and wonders of Christ himself. But in his humility, this is exactly what John seemingly wanted. His life and words were focused solely on proclaiming the coming of Christ. While I may have been tempted to say, "Please don't forget about what I did," John responded faithfully to God's call to preach and prepare for Christ's coming, without worry of receiving credit for his actions. And in our lives, too, what matters is not whether our work is appreciated or noticed, but whether our actions are in response to God's call to holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite not knowing whether his work would extend for years or decades, John the Baptist continued to lead others toward repentance. He did not know the full scope of his role in the plan of salvation, but he trusted in the voice of God. Like John, we are called to persevere in faithfulness to the work that God has called us to do, right where we are. When we persevere in our faith, living according to the teachings of Christ and our vocation, we give witness to the truth that the God who called us is worthy of our trust.

WITNESS

Consider the countless men and women who have gone before us who remained faithful to God's call. Their lives bear witness to their trust in God, in big and in small ways, sometimes visible, but often hidden. What simple acts of faithfulness are you being called to persevere in today? Recommit to practicing faithfulness in the big — as well as mundane — aspects of daily living.

join the Choir!

- SUPPORT THE SINGING OF THE ASSEMBLY AT THE WEEKLY 9:30 AM MASS
- WEEKLY REHEARSAL THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
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Join the St. Patrick's Day Festival Choir!

Help us Entertain at the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Four 45-minute rehearsals on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. in the Music Room beginning February 19, 2026.

Contact Lisa Sreeton
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Music Instrumental Ensemble

Begins January 25, 2026 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass!

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Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son.

Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us to never see others as burdens.

Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws.

Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice.

We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen

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Faith Community Nursing

The Faith Community Nurse Ministry will be implemented at Blessed Trinity Church. Faith Community Nurses are licensed, registered nurses who practice holistic health for self, individual, and the community using nursing knowledge combined with spiritual care. We will be available for blood pressure screening on Sunday, January 25 after the 800 am, and 930 am Masses in the Parish Center. There will be handouts regarding high blood pressure, stroke, etc. For information contact, Carol Davis at 727 385 2528

Scripture Classes

Blessed Trinity Scripture classes are on Tuesdays, from 10:00-11:30 am. We are studying "The Sacred Heart of Jesus." The books are \$12. Classes are held in Courtyard Hall.

For Further information call Barbara Townsend 727.867.3605

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



Weekly Offering

Weekly Giving 01/11/26

Offertory	\$ 11,723
Other Donations	\$ 172
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 50
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 26,793
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 395

Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Catholic Ministry Appeal Begins!

The 2026 CMA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. This year's theme is : "Children of God." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a commitment to the appeal. Sharing your gifts with the vital ministries funded by the appeal truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese. Make a gift at: SupportMinistry.dosp.org or scan the QR code. Thank you!



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 18

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, January 19

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit

CYH

Tuesday, January 20

10:00 am Scripture Class

CYH

Wednesday, January 21

Adoration

5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation	CH
7:00 pm	Benediction	CH

Thursday, January 22

4:00 pm	SVDP Meeting	CYH-1
5:00 pm	Handbell practice	MR
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR

Saturday, January 24

Fr. Wayne's 75th Birthday Jubilee after the 4:00 pm Mass PC

Sunday, January 25

Faith Community Nursing Event &

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, January 26

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit

CYH

Tuesday, January 27

10:00 am Scripture Class

CYH

Wednesday, January 28

Adoration

5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation	CH
7:00 pm	Benediction	CH

Thursday, January 29

5:00 pm	Handbell practice	MR
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	MR

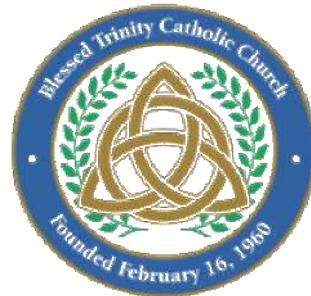
Friday, January 30

BT Social Group Meeting after the 8:00 am Mass

@ The Salty Pup Coffeehouse, 5004 Tangerine Ave S, Gulfport

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church,
 CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room,
 PL=Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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Confessions

Saturdays 2:45-3:45 pm

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Kick Off Weekend



God calls us to be poor in spirit, merciful in heart, and above all, peacemakers. "Blessed are the peacemakers," Our Lord says, "for they will be called Children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

As we learn more in the coming weeks about the good works sustained by the Catholic Ministry Appeal, I invite you to prayerful discern a generous, joyful, and courageous gift to the 2026 Appeal. Your support is an act of peace and hope, a visible sign of faith that joins, heals, and reminds our

community: You are not alone. God is with you.

Your gift brings the Beatitudes to thousands in our communities, some of whom may be sitting next to you at Mass each week. Please pray for your appeal commitment this week and consider how you may support the appeal to the most generous extent you are able.

All parish families will have the opportunity to participate on Commitment Weekend, Feb. 1st.

Thank you and God Bless You!

Together We Pray

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God.

You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through our Catholic Ministry Appeal.

We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today.

Amen.

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