



R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

10 The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

11 All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

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12 For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

13 He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

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2nd Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

2 You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit,

3A How that, according to revelation, the mystery has been made known to me.

5 Which in other generations was not known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit:

6 That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and co-partners of his promise in Christ Jesus, by the gospel.

Alleluia - Matthew 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

2 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

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Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

1 When Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judah, in the days of king Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,

2 saying: "Where is he who was born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and we have come to adore him."

3 Now king Herod, hearing this, was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the leaders of the priests, and the scribes of the people, he consulted with them as to where the Christ would be born.

5 And they said to him: "In Bethlehem of Judea. For so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah. For from you shall go forth the ruler who shall guide my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod, quietly calling the Magi, diligently learned from them the time when the star appeared to them.

8 And sending them into Bethlehem, he said: "Go and diligently ask questions about the boy. And when you have found him, report back to me, so that I, too, may come and adore him."

9 And when they had heard the king, they went away. And behold, the star that they had seen in the east went before them, even until, arriving, it stood still above the place where the child was.

10 Then, seeing the star, they were gladdened by a very great joy.

11 And entering the home, they found the boy with his mother Mary. And so, falling prostrate, they adored him.

And opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And having received a response in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back by another way to their own region.

Saint(s) Of The Day

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Saint Angela of Foligno
- Saint Manuel González García
- Saint Pharaildis of Ghent
- Blessed Thomas Plumtree
- Saint Oringa of the Cross

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Catholic Sunday Mass Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord, 4th January 2026

1 st Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
2 nd Reading	Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6
Alleluia	Matthew 2:2
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

1st Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

1 Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2 For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon you and his glory shall be seen upon you.

3 And the Gentiles shall walk in your light, and kings in the brightness of your rising.

4 Lift up your eyes all around and see! All these have been gathered together; they have arrived before you. Your sons will arrive from far away, and your daughters will rise up from your side.

5 Then you will see, and you will overflow, and your heart will be amazed and expanded. When the multitude of the sea will have been converted to you, the strength of the nations will approach you.

6 A multitude of camels will inundate you: the dromedaries from Midian and Ephah. All those from Sheba will arrive, carrying gold and frankincense, and announcing praise to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R. (cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1 O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son;

2 He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

7 Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

8 May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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Saint Rigobert of Rheims

St Rigobert of Rheims was also known as Gobert, Rigobertus, or Robert. He was a Benedictine monk and Abbot of Orbais who became the Archbishop of Rheims, France. He was persecuted and exiled by Charles Martel and while he was away, another person was appointed bishop.

Eventually, he returned to his see, but failed to recover his bishopric in order to prevent a scandal and dissention among the faithful. Consequently, he spent the rest of his days as a hermit and was noted for his patience, and as a miracle worker. He died in 750 AD in Rheims, France. On The 14th June we celebrate the translation of relics.

Saint Ferreolus of Uzès

Saint Ferreolus of Uzès (also known as Ferreol or Ferreolo)

Life and Legacy:

Saint Ferreolus was a prominent figure of the 6th century, remembered for his piety, leadership, and dedication to spreading Christianity. He was born in Narbonne, France, into a family with deep religious convictions. His sister, Saint Tarsicia of Rodez, was also venerated for her faith and holiness, indicating a family legacy of Christian devotion. Ferreolus rose to prominence as the Bishop of Uzès, a role in which he demonstrated remarkable zeal and pastoral care. His episcopacy was characterized by a particular commitment to evangelism, focusing on the conversion of Jewish communities to Christianity – a reflection of the ecclesiastical priorities of his time. This mission was pursued with determination, though it often placed him at the centre of religious and social tensions. In addition to his spiritual duties, Ferreolus was a founder and organizer. He established a monastery within his diocese, contributing to the spread of monasticism in the region. This monastery became a centre of religious life, and Ferreolus personally authored its Rule, ensuring that the community would adhere to a disciplined and devout lifestyle. This Rule likely emphasized prayer, work, and study, aligning with the monastic traditions of his era. However, Ferreolus' tenure as bishop was not without challenges. His unwavering stance on political and ecclesiastical issues brought him into conflict with King

Childebert I of Paris.

This clash resulted in his exile for three years, a period of hardship that tested his resolve but did not diminish his commitment to his mission. His eventual return to Uzès underscored his resilience and the respect he commanded among his followers. Death and Veneration: Saint Ferreolus died on January 4, 581, in Uzès, France, succumbing to natural causes. His life and works left a lasting impact on the region, earning him veneration as a saint. His feast day continues to be celebrated, honouring his contributions to the Church and his role as a shepherd of his flock.

Key Achievements:

Bishop of Uzès, recognized for his devout leadership and missionary zeal. Advocate for the conversion of Jewish communities to Christianity during a transformative period in the Church's history. Founder of a monastery in Uzès, where he instituted a monastic Rule.

Endured political exile with steadfast faith, demonstrating resilience in the face of adversity.

Saint Ferreolus remains a figure of inspiration for his dedication to faith, his perseverance in the face of challenges, and his lasting contributions to the Church and monastic tradition.

Saint Stephen du Bourg

St Stephen du Bourg was born in 1030 AD. He was also known as Stephen Bourg-en-Bresse or Etienne. He was also a canon of St Rufus at Valence, France and a companion of St. Bruno at the foundation of the Grande Chartreuse. He founded the charterhouse at Meyria in 1116 AD. In 1118 AD at Meyriat, France he died of natural causes.

Saint Dafrosa of Acquapendente

St Dafrosa of Acquapendente was also known as Dafrosa of Rome, Aifrosa, Affrosa or Daphrosa.

She was married to St Flavian and was the mother of St Bibiana and St. Demetria. During the persecutions of Julian the Apostate, she was martyred. Her story is included in the Acts of Bibiana. She was beheaded in 362 AD.

Blessed Roger of Ellant

Blessed Roger of Ellant was born in England. He was a Cistercian monk at Lorroyen-Berry, France and the founding abbot of a monastery at Ellent, archdiocese of Rheims, France in 1156 AD. Known for his dedication to the monastic life, and his care for the area sick. He died on January 4 1160 at Ellent, France of natural causes and his relics were enshrined in the chapel of the monastery he founded there.

Saint Rumon of Audierne

St Rumon of Audierne was born in the late 5th century AD in Penmarch, Cornwall, England. He was also known as Druman, Drumé, Raimundus, Raymond, Ruman or Ruvon. He is said to be the son of St Thumette. He was a hermit in the region of Audierne, France, and died in the 6th century AD. Rumon is the patron of Audierne, France.

Saint Neophytos

St Neophytos was among a group of nine young women who were seized and ordered to renounce Christianity. They were even offered bribes to do it and were executed when they refused. Neophytos is the only name that has come down to us. They died as martyrs in the 7th century. Her relics were later translated into Limburg monastery.

Blessed Louis de Halles

Blessed Louis de Halles was a Mercedarian friar. He was imprisoned and tortured by Saracens for preaching Christianity while ransoming Christians enslaved by the Muslims. In 1271, he died of natural causes.

Saint Celsus of Trier

St Celsus of Trier was born to the nobility. He has an additional Memorial on February 23 (discovery of relics). He served as a bishop of Trier, Germany for 14 years having converted many in his diocese. In 146 AD, he died and his relics were rediscovered in 980 AD.

Saint Hermes of Moesia

St Hermes of Moesia was also known as Ermete. He has an additional Memorial on January 28 (Bologna, Italy). He died as a martyr in 300 AD in Moesia (in modern Bulgaria).

Saint Aedh Dubh

Saint Aedh Dubh was born Irish. He was also known as Aedh of Kildare or Aeduus. He was the king of Leinster, Ireland but abdicated in 592 AD to become a monk at Kildare, Ireland. He was also bishop of Kildare in 630 AD. In 639 AD, he died of natural causes.

Saint Theoctistus

St Theoctistus was a monk and he founded the Nicholas Abbey in Cucumo, Sicily, and served as its first abbot.

Saint Gaius of Moesia

St Gaius of Moesia was also known as Caius. He has an additional Memorial on January 28 (Bologna, Italy). He died as a martyr in 300 AD in Moesia (in modern Bulgaria).

Saint Chroman

St Chroman was also known as Ghronan. He lived in the Cunningham district of Ayrshire, Scotland where he was noted for his great personal piety. In 641 AD, he died of natural causes.

Blessed Chiara de Ugarte

Blessed Chiara de Ugarte was a Mercedarian nun in the Monastery of Jesus and Mary in Orozco, Spain.

Saint Mavilus of Adrumetum

St Mavilus of Adrumetum was martyred in the persecutions of Emperor Caracalla for refusing to worship idols. He was thrown to wild animals in 212 AD at Adrumetum, North Africa.

Blessed Palumbus of Subiaco

Blessed Palumbus of Subiaco was a benedictine monk and a priest in the abbey of Subiaco, Italy.

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He lived several years as a hermit near the monastery. In 1070 AD, he died of natural causes.

Saint Rigomero of Meaux

St Rigomero of Meaux was a sixth-century bishop at Meaux, France. A man noted for his Simplicity of life and wound up exiled by Charles Martel more for political reasons than anything spiritual.

Saint Neopista of Rome

St Neopista of Rome died as a martyr in Rome, Italy. His relics were enshrined in the Church of San Martino al Monti by Pope Sergius II.

Saint Aggaeus the Martyr

St Aggaeus the Martyr has an additional Memorial on January 28 (Bologna, Italy). He died as a martyr in 300 AD.

Martyrs of Africa

The Martyrs of Africa were a group of Christians martyred together in the persecutions of the Arian Vandal king Hunneric. St Bede wrote about them. They died in 484 AD in North Africa.

Their names are;

- Aquilinus
- Eugene
- Geminus
- Marcian
- Quintus
- Theodotus
- Tryphon

Martyrs of Rome

The Martyrs of Rome were three Christians martyred together in the persecutions of Julian the Apostate for refusing to renounce Christianity as ordered. They died in 362 AD in Rome, Italy.

Their names are;

- Benedicta
- Priscillianus
- Priscus

Catholic Sunday Mass Readings Homily for The 4th January 2026, The Epiphany of the Lord

4th January 2026 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: The Epiphany of the Lord - Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Times For the weekend

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm
Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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