

WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

THE STAR

Official Newsletter of Church of the Epiphany-Tempe

Pictured above: Roofing Crew finishing up the Nursery Roof



Ordination of Tamara Nicole Noel

This Saturday, January 24
10am at Trinity Cathedral

The Cathedral is located at 100 West Roosevelt St., Phoenix, AZ 85003. Join us there and show

Tamara your support on her big day! If you can't make it in person, the service will be live streamed and you can watch it here.

Celebration of Tamara's Ordination

This Sunday, January 25 at Epiphany



Congratulations to Tamara Noel!

Help celebrate Tamara's hard work and devotion to sharing God's love at the completion of her four-year long discernment and training process to become an ordained deacon.

You are invited to bring your favorite brunch dish to a pot-luck style reception following each service on January 25.

Mark your calendars to join in on commemorating Tamara's amazing achievement!

You are also invited to make a financial donation towards an ordination gift for Tamara. Donations received in excess of the cost of the gift will go to kick-start a Deacon's Discretionary Fund. You can give to Tamara's gift online by clicking here, or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Sunday at Epiphany

The Third Sunday
after the Epiphany

Celebrant:

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:

Andrea Stewart

Reader:

Andrea Stewart

Acolyte:

Carol Dalton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rita Liddy

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:

Lynda Woodson, Priscilla DeMoss

Readers:

Mary Harthun, Cece Wilhite

Acolyte:

Jane Konrad

Eucharistic Ministers:

Diane Spillum

Music:

Dr. Miriam Hickman, Matt Fora,
Choir

A/V Ministers:

Join us in-person at 8:00 or 10:00, or
online at 10:00

**Click here
for tickets!**

Church OF THE Epiphany

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Saturday

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

6pm - 8pm

Red beans & rice with sausage (vegan option available), dessert, wine & soft drinks, raffle baskets, music, fellowship

\$20 per adult

(includes 2 drink tickets)

\$10 per child under 12

(childcare for 5 and under available)

More info at: epiphanytempe.org/mardigras

Scan here for tickets



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Epiphany VIP Team Launches Monthly House Meeting Series!

Small Group Conversation Series:
Following the Call to Be Prophetic
Starts Sunday, January 25 @ 12:30pm

The Epiphany VIP Team is launching a monthly house meeting series to help our parish live into its prophetic vocation of working for justice, equity, and love. Inspired by the biblical prophets who acted as "listening posts" for their communities, these small group conversations are designed to help us better understand the challenges facing our members and neighbors in maintaining their health, economic security, safety and general welfare.

- **Dates:** Sunday, January 25, with subsequent meetings in February and March, dates to be determined.
- **Time:** 12:30 PM.
- **Campus Location:** Education Building, Room 3



Epiphany Sock Drive

Socks are starting to come in!

As of last Sunday, we had collected 111 pairs of new socks

to be distributed at Paz de Cristo to those who need them. Men's white tube socks are most requested, but all are welcome. Socks can be placed in the grocery cart near the west Parish Hall doors where Matthew's Crossing food items are collected. It's cold out – clean, dry hole-less socks can be a huge blessing to someone who is homeless or living in a car. Please help. Thanks.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POTLUCK

Join your parish for the Annual Meeting & Potluck! We'll be reviewing the Treasurer's Report for FY2025, the proposed budget and mission plan for FY2026, and voting on Vestry and Jr. Warden candidates.



Sunday, February 1
11:30am

In the parish hall following the 10:00am service.
Bring your favorite dish to share!



2025 Annual Reports

Ministry leaders, please begin sending in your annual reports for your ministry team!

You can email your completed reports, or reach out with any questions, to the church office at office@epiphanytempe.org. We would like to have them no later than this Sunday, January 25.



Vestry Nominations Are Open!

Are you interested in standing for election to the vestry, junior warden, or convention delegate for this year? Click and fill out the form below for the position you are feeling called to, or share this with a member of the parish that you think would be a good candidate!

[Vestry nominations](#)

[Jr. Warden nominations](#)

[Convention delegate nominations](#)

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MEN OF EPIPHANY

(MORE FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS “MOE”)

**THE MEN OF EPIPHANY GROUP MEETS
EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 7PM IN THE
ED BUILDING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
FELLOWSHIP.**

**THEIR NEXT MEETING IS:
MONDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 7:00PM!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BILLYWALTERS51@GMAIL.COM**

Capital Project Update: Roofing “Re-foam-ation”

World-class pun courtesy of Jerry Adwell

ProWest Roofing Crews have been working ‘round the clock and were happy to inform us this week that the Church, Nursery, Education Building, and Parish Hall roofs have all received their final touch-ups on replacements and repairs!

The Farmhouse roof is next, pending availability of the roofing crew tasked with maintaining the historic integrity of the building. Depending on the timing of this work, staff may be moving office operations into a different building for the duration of the Farmhouse roofing repairs. The Wednesday Discipleship group, and other meetings regularly scheduled to meet in the Farmhouse, will also be relocated if deemed necessary. More specific details will be shared when we learn more about the Farmhouse roofing schedule!



As many of you know, the roof replacement was made possible through support of the Diocese. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised over \$15,000 so far! [Every contribution—large or small](#)—helps us to continue our ministry in the City of Tempe, and celebrates our shared mission and ministry.

Thank you for your continued generosity, understanding, and care for Epiphany. Please keep the workers, our campus, and one another in your prayers.

Exploring Life and Faith together

Being With is for anyone who’s curious about faith—or wondering if the Christian faith has something meaningful to offer.

No special knowledge needed.
Just what you have learned in life so far.

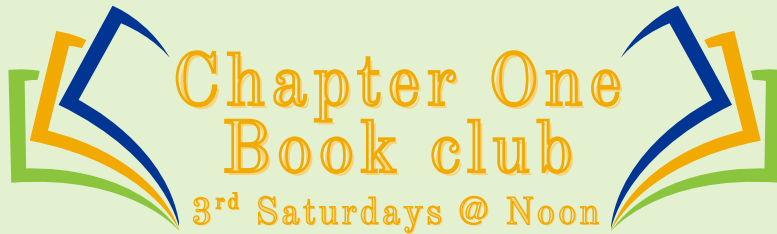


Church OF THE
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Wednesday Evenings
April 8 - June 10, 2026
6:00PM-7:30PM

Church of the Epiphany-Tempe
2222 S Price Rd., Tempe, AZ
<https://www.epiphanytempe.org/BeingWith>

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Start the new year with these book club picks to get ready for the monthly discussions! **February pick is Olive Kitteridge** by Elizabeth Stout. Meeting February 21st at noon on Zoom.

March pick is A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Meeting March 21st at noon on Zoom. If you would like to join the book club, need the Zoom link, or have any questions, contact Gillian Murphy at: (480)907-4933 or gillian@kirkyhomes.com.

Worship Ministry Training

**Continues Sunday, February 8
@ 11:15am in the Ed. Bldg**

Whether you're interested in serving in worship ministry, or want to learn more about the theology and practice of the Book of Common Prayer, you're invited to join us! The class will explore the Daily Office, Holy Eucharist, Holy Baptism, and pastoral offices as the prayer that forms us in Word and Sacrament.

On Sunday, February 15, we will have a practicum at 2pm in the church. If you already serve at the altar on Sundays, you are encouraged to join the practicum session as it is a good way to keep up to date with worship practices.

Hospitality Committee Planning for 2026

The Hospitality Committee will hold a 2026 Planning Committee Meeting on Saturday January 31 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch; beverages and dessert will be provided.

Location: Pam Waterman's house - 2531 S Saratoga, Mesa 85202 (Price/Guadalupe). We will be figuring out details for the Ladies Tea (May 9) and many other events. All are welcome. (Contact Pam Waterman at: 602-686-1249 or watermanpj28@gmail.com)



Thank you Epiphany for your faithful week after week support of this Serve ministry. Your donations of staple food, paper products, and personal care items bring hope along with food to our East Valley neighbors who come to the Food Bank for assistance. The grocery cart is outside the west Parish Hall doors every Sunday for your donations.



2026 YOUTH RETREAT

Who and Whose We Are

What is the true self? Do you know who you are and who you want to be? What does it mean to belong to God and each other?

Join the fun as we explore our true selves and discover God with games, prayer, and activity in the beautiful pines at Chapel Rock!

Friday, Feb. 13 - Sunday, Feb 15
\$200 per person



 **REGISTER NOW**

SPRING 2026 AGENCY REVIEW

Help Shape Tempe Funding Decisions

Volunteer with TCC

Make an impact by recommending how your tax dollars are spent for human services in Tempe.

Connect with people who care, work alongside friends, dive into causes you're passionate about, and make a real impact in Tempe.



REVIEW FUNDING REQUESTS



INTERVIEW NONPROFIT LEADERS



GUIDE CITY COUNCIL ON WHERE RESOURCES ARE NEEDED MOST

Decide Where the Money Goes



tempecommunitycouncil.org/agency-review



Volunteer Time Commitment

November & December

Volunteer Recruitment Begins (must live or work in Tempe)

January

Volunteer Orientation & Training

February

Volunteers review funding requests

March

Volunteer-led funding recommendations via Zoom

Approximately 20-30 hours mostly on your own schedule from home.



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Community Council

TELLING OUR STORIES

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ANDREW
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DAY 1 - FEBRUARY 21

**St. Anthony on the Desert,
Scottsdale**

DAY 2 - MARCH 14

**St. Michael & All Angels
Tucson**

DAY 3 - APRIL 25

**St. Luke's Church
Prescott**

Registration for the 2026 Discipleship Days is NOW OPEN!

2026 Discipleship Days are 1-day, in-person gatherings to help you learn, inspire, and connect. The Diocese is hosting 3 days: one in Scottsdale, one in Tucson, and one in Prescott. You can attend one day, or all three days, as the programming is catered to each specific region of the diocese.

Each session is \$30 per person, and lunch will be provided. Childcare is available upon request.

Who should come to the Discipleship Days?

Anyone who wants to grow in their faith and learn. That includes clergy, vestry/bishop committee members, parishioners, church staff and more! Even if you are new to the Episcopal faith, these 1 day sessions are great for you to get to know how our church works, and how to deepen your connection and discipleship with Christ.

What can I expect to learn?

Each day will begin with an opening prayer, followed by Bible study and reflection, then breakout workshops, and finally lunch. During lunch, there will be open tables with Diocesan Staff so you can ask questions and get to know the different ministries of our diocese. In the afternoon, we will gather together to hear from our keynote speaker, Andrew Stravitz, on "Telling our Stories" of faith and love. Following the keynote will be time with Bishop Reddall and a closing prayer.

For more information and to register, visit our website at azdiocese.org/discipleship.

Scholarships are available. Contact the church office if you need one.

This Week's Prayers

We are all invited to pray for these people in our personal prayers throughout the week.

- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Chile
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Saint Christopher's – Sun City
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Susan Laidlaw
- **Parish Prayer List:** Belinda & family, Beth, Carol & Walt, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, David, Fifi, Frances, Jeanne, Jenn, Kathi, Katie, Melinda, Michael, Patrick, Rene & family, Rob, Sara, Spencer, Stuart & family, Susan, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, January 25-** ~Celebration of Tamara's Ordination after each Worship Service in the Parish Hall. ~VIP Meeting at 12:30pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~A.A. at 4pm in the Parish Hall. ~Al-Anon at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Monday, January 26-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men of Epiphany Meeting at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Tuesday, January 27-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church.
- **Wednesday, January 28-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 11am in the Farmhouse. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, January 29-** ~Morning Prayer at 9pm in the Chapel. ~Business Networking International Meeting at 9am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Choir Rehearsal at 7pm in the Church.

Vestry Leadership

Jan Wagner – Senior Warden
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Andrea Stewart – Clerk

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Floyce Chavez

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin – Rector
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The Rev. Martha Seaman – Deacon

The Rev. Canon Steve Schaitberger –
Seasonal Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Corey Meier – Assisting Priest

Dr. Miriam Hickman – Organist, Pianist

Matthew Flora – Choir Director

Jeanne Trembeth – Sexton

Nellie Lichtenstein – Nursery Attendant

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