



Epiphany falls on Saturday Jan. 6 and marks the official end of Christmas for worshipers across the world.



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On the accountability beat, we ran this story a couple weeks back: the Archdiocese of Agaña on Guam is facing lawsuits from more than 100 men and women alleging abuse by priests between the 1950s and 1980. [Guam's day of reckoning after decades of sex abuse.](#) The reporter, Anita Hofschneider of Honolulu Civil Beat, now has a podcast: [Confronting Faith.](#) (It's the podcast at the top of the list, release date Dec. 28.)

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