



January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6 ~ Epiphany of the Lord/Vigil
5:30 PM Gift of Faith & Hope,
 Tanino Zingales, Maria Teresa Calendi

Sunday, January 7 ~ Epiphany of the Lord
9:30 AM Robert Motz, Susan B. Poor

Monday, January 8
9:00 AM John Suprenant

Wednesday, January 10
9:00 AM Fr. Christopher Byrnes, O.Carm.,
 Frank Schmaus/intentions

Friday, January 12
9:00 AM Fr. Vincent Ciorciari, O.Carm.

Saturday, January 13 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Vigil
5:30 PM Fr. Joseph Girzone, O.Carm.,
 James Pivenka

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM John Parker,
 Vinny & Phyllis Tulino/healing

GREETERS

Saturday, January 13 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Vigil
5:30 PM

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Mary Donnelly, Rob Brosnan

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 13 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Vigil
5:30 PM Trevor Zupetz & Colby Zupetz

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Paris Cook & Lillian Romer

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, January 13 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Vigil
5:30 PM Beth Texter

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Al Ceriale

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Vigil
5:30 PM Joe Herschel, Ann Clouse,
 *Kathleen Harris

Sunday, January 14 ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM Sue Schmaus, Rosemary Osborn
 *Barbara Ceriale

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Ensign Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*), Chase Bowen (*Navy*),
 Sarah Bowen (*Navy*), Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*),
 Kaila McGowan (*Marines*),
 Warrant Officer 3 Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)
 Joseph Ruize (*Navy*)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Frank Atkins, Hank Bodendorf, Sr. Margaret Ellen
 Burke, S.C., Mary Ann Costa, Bob Cross,
 Brian Cross, Kevin Crowley, Kevin Farmer,
 Helen Ryan Felice, Peyton Forni, Michael Gallo,
 Carla Glass, Karen Griswold, Maggie Horne,
 Johanna Luciano, Mary Ellen Malone, Kevin Manto, Jr.,
 Pam, Corey Rometo, Frank Rometo, Dorothy Forni
 Rusch, Frances Salewski, Kevin Sharpe, Susan Sprague

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Fr. Raymond Bagdonis, O.Carm., Rosella McKane,
 Virginia Steinbeck, Robert Wise

THE CALENDAR - LOOKING AHEAD

Food Pantry
 Call Church Office (733-1477) for a Saturday pick-up

A.A. ~ Sundays 3:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday, January 6 & 7
 Archdiocesan 2nd Collection
 Communications & Catholic University

Monday, January 8
 Parish Council Meeting ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 9
 Religious Education ~ All Levels ~ 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, January 16
 Religious Education ~ All Levels ~ 6:30-8 PM

Wednesday, January 17
 Knights of Columbus Meeting ~ 6:00 PM



Today's Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians
 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Seek Jesus diligently in your daily life.

The Magi in the Gospel sought the newborn King diligently, willing to travel from the East to find Him. We can find Jesus in our daily lives so much more easily, just by being open to the many ways He is present to us. How diligent are we at finding Jesus in our own life?

Mass Attendance & Receipts

December 30 & 31, 2017

Mass Attendance: 152 Weekend Collection: \$2,039.50

Monday, January 1, 2018 ~ Mary, Mother of God
 Mass Attendance: 55 Holy Day Collection: \$441.00

Did You Lose an Earring?

A silver hoop earring for a pierced ear was found on the floor in the Church. If you think it's yours, please call Beth at the office — 733-1477.

Parish Council Meeting

The January Parish Council Meeting is this Monday, January 8th at 7:00 PM in the Library. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

Faith Enough to Seek More

COMMENTARY | Mary McGlone

From "Celebration: A Comprehensive Pastoral Resource"

On this 12th day of Christmas, we can be challenged by the realization that one theme runs through the nativity stories: Jesus came to the lowly as one of their own. We wax romantic about the stable and swaddling clothes, easily ignoring the very real smell of the shepherds and their sheep and the shocking discomfort portrayed in the story of a homeless couple who had to beg for a safe place for their baby to be born.

Luke's Christmas story can startle us into asking the question: What space and time would we give Christ in our crowded and busy lives? No matter how beautifully we sang "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," the truthful answer to Luke's question usually falls short. Instead of opening our hearts and hearth and inviting Christ in, we have too often been like the folks who keep their doors shut in the Mexican celebration of *Las Posadas*; they don't want to be

mean, but it's just not convenient to open their homes to Mary and Joseph when the poor couple arrives at an odd hour seeking a place to stay. In spite of all the verses we sing in "We Three Kings," the only words Matthew quotes from the Magi are, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." A short statement, indeed, but those 22 words call to mind ancient prophecies even as they offer hope and challenge to contemporary Christians.

Prophecies, always easier to interpret in hindsight, predicted that the chosen people would become a light to the nations, that a descendant of David would establish an everlasting kingdom, that caravans of camels would come bearing gold and frankincense, that a star would come from Jacob. People of faith see these prophecies fulfilled in the birth and life of Jesus. These prophecies continue to offer the sort of hope we find in Psalm 72: the hope that justice and peace will reign, that the poor will find rescue and that all nations on earth will come to know God. The Magi tell us that if we don't believe that the promises can be fulfilled, we will never notice that it has begun to happen.

The story of the Magi offers a particular witness to First World people today. The Savior came as a lowly one among the lowly and the Magi were wealthy foreigners who paid attention to the signs of their times. Their reading of the heavens focused on a star that signified something important was happening beyond their borders, and they were willing to displace themselves to discover what it might be. They had enough faith to go seeking more. At the same time, they were humble enough to ask for wisdom from a tradition that was not their own.

The Magi combined their traditions and Jewish wisdom which led to a deeper understanding about God's activity on Earth. Reading their own tradition led them to seek a great king, their open-mindedness allowed them to discover more. When the star led them beyond the great city to a little town, away from wealth to the bosom of a simple family, they believed in their light more than in any preconceived notions about where to find God and greatness. As surprising it must have been to them and Mary, they did homage to a child and gave their treasure to him.

Their star had stopped leading them so an angel appeared in their dreams telling them to go home a different way. While they evaded Herod, the "different way" speaks of the change in them as much as geography. What 22 words might they have used to describe their experience upon return to their own? Did they explain that the journey enlarged their sense of "their own" — their own people, their own perspective, their own faith?

The Magi remind us that the God of the poor and lowly always invites those with abundance to seek more than we have yet found. They invite us to see new things. Whether by following stars or listening to the angels, the Magi remind us to seek God beyond our own preconceptions and expectations, and to always look for God among the poor and lowly.



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