

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

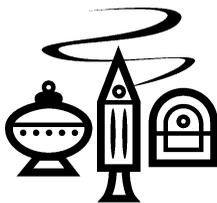
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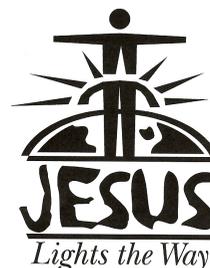
“...they departed for their country by another way.” *Matthew 2:12*

Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the Magi. We celebrate this great event today. Jesus our king being shown to us. Most of the scripture passages for this day tell of the joy of worship of God. No more living under thick clouds. No more living with dull eyes and heavy hearts. The coming of Jesus was foretold seven centuries before. So great is the joy that people and nations from all the world come to do homage. Not everyone was gladden by the prospect of this infant’s birth. Some people looked upon Jesus’ birth as a threat to their status. A new ruler brings new rules. According to the scriptures, this new ruler would look out for the poor. This new ruler would have compassion for the lowly. The wealthy people might have to share with those who had little status when the new ruler came to power. What are our feelings about Jesus and the way he interacts with people. Are we compassionate toward those with heavy burdens. Do we look out for the poor. Do we help people to live as heirs to the Kingdom of God? The Magi followed the star to find the newborn king. They prepared well for their journey. They brought gifts that would be fitting to give. Each Magi brought something that had value and showed the future of this infant. Gold was a gift for a king; frankincense, a gift for deity; myrrh a spice for a person who was going to die. These gifts might have been the resources for the Holy Family to escape to Egypt. Dreams and visions helped the Holy Family and the Magi. Being willing to walk that journey of faith means to surrender one’s present choice in life.

Faith Challenge: Finding Jesus may mean that your life must take a different direction, one that is responsive and obedient to God’s Word. Are you willing to be led a different way? What gift or talent are you using that will help you grow closer to God?



Adult Education



Now is the time to let the Light of God shine in your Heart
Adult Sunday School meets each **Sunday at 9:15am** in the Cry Room. The Sunday Scriptures are explored to help bring light into our daily life experiences. Those who attend the weekly Bible Study Sessions study the Bible to gain knowledge and deepen their faith. Bible Study is **Tuesday 7:30pm** in the Rectory. All are welcome to both sessions.

The Magi found Christ “on entering the house.” We can bless the doorways of our home and mark them as holy places. Using chalk place the first two numbers of the present year +C+M+B+ the last two numbers of the year. This year the marking is **20+C+M+B+16**. The letters stand for the names of the Magi C-Caspar M-Melchior B-Baltasar

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Remember our Shut-ins

Christmas gifts for our Homebound

Members of our parish have prepared X-mas Gifts for our homebound members. We need their names to get them these gifts. Please give this form to an usher or drop this form off at the rectory or give to Sr. Kate.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Contact Person _____

Thank-you for helping us remember those who cannot get to Church.