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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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1st Reading:
Isaiah 60.1-6

2nd Reading:
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:
Matthew 2.1-12
(*The Visit of the Wise Men*)

Being a Visible Witness

As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means "to make manifest" or "to make known." So, on this feast day we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth.

The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says that "we cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!" We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus.

One way we can evangelize others is by simply living as visible Catholic disciples in our world. In today's secular culture, any act of religiosity is seen as a radical witness of our faith. For example, whenever we are eating in public, we can begin with the sign of the cross and our grace before meals. Moreover, St. John Paul II said that we should not be "ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport." Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world.

Summary

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying "God bless you" when someone sneezes or we say goodbye.

Regular Mass Schedule **Weekday Masses:**

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 noon**

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Mass Intentions for the Week Jan 4 / 5, 2025

Saturday January 4th

5:00 pm + Giuseppina "Josie" Schembri
 + Baldumero Gomes

Sunday January 5th

9:00 am + Andrew D'Cruz
 + Deceased members of the
 Don Paul Family

10:30 am - For All Parishioners

12:00 pm + Elvena Pierre
 - S. I & B'day Blessing for
 Dariane Nitura

Monday January 6th

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday January 7th

8:30 am + Rozario & Giavanna DiFalco and
 George Tidona
 + Vinita Maria Cordeiro

Wednesday January 8th

8:30 am + Teofilo & Maximina Gabon and
 All Deceased Family members

Thursday January 9th

8:30 am - S.I. for Angela Gonsalves

Friday January 10th

8:30 am + Nirmala Gomez



A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.*

*Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame*

*So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*



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Parish Weekly Fact

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning 'manifestation.' In Christian tradition it refers to the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12). Tradition has come to refer to them as kings and to believe that they were three in number because of their rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They probably had a large entourage to travel from the East in safety from robbers and persecution.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.

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