

The Epiphany of the Lord



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January 5, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY · JANUARY 4

4:30 PM

Helen & George Steinecke • June Hankel

SUNDAY · JANUARY 5

8:00 AM

Irene Cummings • Diane & Ray Cullmann

10:00 AM

Rosa & Ernesto Andrade • Andrade Family

11:30 AM

Jose B. Martinez Sr. • Anna & John Williams

MONDAY · JANUARY 6

9:00 AM

Fred Julao • Ted & Ninfa Gonzales

TUESDAY · JANUARY 7

9:00 AM

Rev. Adam Kearns

THURSDAY · JANUARY 9

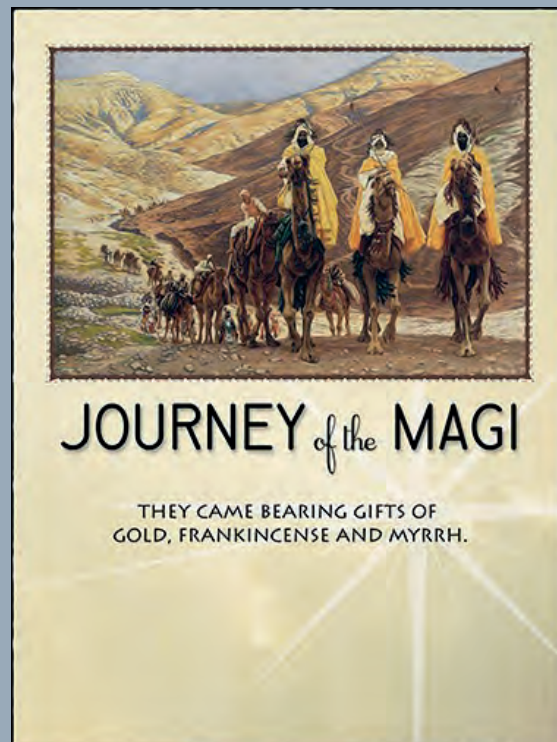
9:00 AM

Tony Giannattasio • Cathy McKee

FRIDAY · JANUARY 10

9:00 AM

Triga Camaj • John & Cathy Keegan



Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

Please Pray for the Sick and All Those Who Have Asked for Our Prayers

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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

It is interesting to note that we have all gotten a year older, and there are plenty of funny stories about aging. Allow me to share with you one little story to entertain you. A man was telling his friend: "I've sure gotten old! I have had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought with diabetes, and I am half-blind. I take forty different kinds of medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, poor circulations, and can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. I cannot even remember if I am 85 or 92. I have lost all of my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license." Always remember this in the New Year: "You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing."

Today's Gospel is one of the most popular stories in the Bible as it recognizes the essence of the Gospel. In this story, God has made himself present to us in the person of Jesus; God's only Son, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, one in Being with the Father. Matthew told us that another name for Jesus would be Emmanuel, meaning "God with us."

The revelation that Jesus was Son of God is offensive to some, a contradiction to others. Still, it is salvation for those who believe in Jesus. The magi are the forerunners of those who would come to believe in Jesus, the first of those people foreseen by the prophet 500 years before Christ, who would come to Jerusalem seeking the light of God's glory. The magi are the first of those who would do homage to Jesus, who would, in a few short years, be made known to all nations through the preaching of the apostles.

The magi must have paid close attention to see a new star. Nowadays, city lights blind us to the lights of heaven. When I was a young boy, we sat on our porch and paid attention to the sky, pointing out shooting stars, falling stars, or lights that seemed brighter or new. We didn't leave that porch to follow new stars like the magi. Still, the experience taught me to pay attention to God's glory above, below, and around me, like the magi, act upon what I discovered.

Their message troubled Herod. He did not want competition, so he sought to destroy, rather than honor the child. The magi paid attention to God's word in a dream and did not return to Herod. They were changed by their encounter with Jesus and departed another way. When we pay attention to the Lord, we are often not the same. We are transformed and live another way. We use our gifts to pay homage to God.

One of the great dangers of thinking about Christmas stories is that of sentimentality. We can look at the crib and think how beautiful it is and how lovely the Christ child appears. The question is: Do we reflect, though, that the actual Christ child, the baby Jesus, had the features and coloring of an infant from the Middle East? Whatever Jesus actually looked like, we can be sure that he did not have blue eyes, fair hair, and light skin: Mary and Joseph likewise.

One of the beautiful lessons of the Feast of Epiphany is that God does not discriminate among people. Epiphany celebrates God's complete inclusivity. God is the Lord of the chosen people, Jew, and Gentile. All the people of God become a light for others to see, know, and adore. God's promise to rescue the poor, help the afflicted, govern with justice, and have compassion for everyone is made flesh in Jesus and in us. At baptism, we promise to keep the light of Christ burning brightly. We promised to pay attention to Christ whenever his light shines. Do we welcome strangers who come to our Eucharistic celebrations? Do we make distinctions or think that we have a privileged place in God's sight? The Gospel message challenges us to examine how we think and to see the world and the Church as God does. In this feast, Christ is shown as the light of the nations. That light should shine out today through the people of God to everyone in welcome, acceptance, and love. Irrespective of what nationality they are, what their gender or their personal circumstances may be.

May Christ our Light help us to be the star of wonder that shines with Jesus' compassionate love so that all people may know your presence, justice, peace and love. Amen.

May God bless you,

Father Angelito

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We hope our parishioners, their families and friends, and the many visitors to St. Catherine of Siena parish had a holy, happy and blessed Christmas. We are thankful for all who attended our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

A special note of gratitude, thanks, and appreciation to all who made our Christmas at St. Catherine's a beautiful, and welcoming house of prayer, praise and worship during the joyful season of Christmas.



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