

January 6, 2019 • The Epiphany of the Lord

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's

promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

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THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD
JANUARY 6, 2019

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 5, 2019
5:00 pm †Loretta Long req. by Rick Gallagher & Dee

Sunday, January 6, 2019
9:00 am †Rose Smith req. by Don Smith / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, January 7, 2019
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, January 8, 2019—NO MASS
6:00 pm Adoration until 9 pm

Wednesday, January 9, 2019—NO MASS

Thursday, January 10, 2019
9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, January 11, 2019—NO MASS
9:00 am Adoration until 11 am

Saturday, January 12, 2019
5:45 pm †Bernie Shields req. by Dan & Judy Robbins

Sunday, January 13, 2019
9:00 am †Frank & Julia Donahue req. by Don Smith / Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, January 12 - 5:45 pm
Emily, Andy & David Horath
Sunday, January 13 - 9:00 am
Bridget & Kylee Knowles

Cantor / Lector (Reader):

Saturday, January 12 - 5:45 pm
Linda Cakora / Sue Nugent
Sunday, January 13 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, January 12 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, January 13 - 9:00 am
Paul Engler

Usher:

Saturday, January 12 - 5:45 pm
Eddie Horath, Mark Tillotson
Sunday, January 13 - 9:00 am
Bruce Boyle, Steve Hoehn

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,584.62

Sunday, December 30\$1,542.00

Christmas.....\$525.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(630)639-0563.



The new 2019 Calendars are in the vestibule. Thank you Forsythe Funeral Home for this lovely donation.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

The second collection this weekend is for our Maintenance Fund. To help with the general upkeep of our parish. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

The 2019 Collection Envelope Boxed Sets are available this weekend. If there are any changes in your address or phone number, please contact the parish office. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes please call the office; also if you have decided to use on-line giving and do not wish the boxed sets let us know. With some families using on-line giving we have had to change a few envelope ID numbers.

THE 5:00 PM SATURDAY EVENING MASS

WILL BE CHANGED TO

5:45 PM (Starting on Jan. 12, 2019)

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER *for the
New Year*

Heavenly Father,

**Thank you for the gift of a new year.
You have entrusted us with the coming days,
weeks and months as stewards
of your divine plan;
to live in gratitude,
joy, and an ever growing confidence
in your Kingdom to come.**

**We ask for the humility
to reform our lives;
the courage to commit ourselves
to you no matter the cost;
and the wisdom
to shine the light of faith
on others.**

**Open our hearts,
give us your Spirit
and show us how to
share your love
so that we may bring hope
to a world in need of your
justice and peace.
We pray to be a sign of your
grace in this new year
through your son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.**

Amen

A New Year, New Beginnings for the Christian Steward

Turning the page to a new calendar year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year's resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more and eat healthier; or to spend more time with family. Still others include managing money better and being more organized.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year's resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend Mass more regularly. If you are looking for some helps in your New Year's resolutions, here are a few ideas to get you started:

Practice gratitude – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others.

Encounter the Lord each day – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Resist overwork – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

Nurture friendships – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. Friends need our time and love.

Give more – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

Make a difference in your parish community – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthews Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magis home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Epiphany– a Striking Appearance. This is truly a seven– way amazing day. (1) Easterners fix on a star. (2) Those magi follow yet lose their way. (3) Magi ask for help to get to the right place. (4) They honor God. (5) They give away riches. (6) They pay attention to [God speaking in] dreams. (7) They go a new way.

- For what, for whom am I looking?
- What help do I need? Am I brave enough to ask ?
- What am I willing to give away?



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

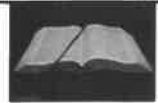
Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Jeanne Kuzmicz, ; Joyce Heffern, Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright; Frank Wahlen; Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-Jones

Beginning the New Year will start a new prayer list. Please call the office to be included on the new list.

**Intention of the Holy Father
MONTH OF JANUARY**

- That young people, especially Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
January 6, 2019**



Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

ROOTEDNESS

The flower does not bear the root. The root bears the flower. The rose is merely evidence of the vitality of the root.
--Woodrow Wilson

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Blessing of the Home; National Migration Week

Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas



**Our Two Week
Candle is burning for a
Special Intention for
Clayton Bromberg
Req. by
Don & Sue Nugent**



JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION

Tradition, poetry, and literature have long reflected upon the story of the magi. The journey of the magi indeed resonates with journeys in our own lives. The journey is a search for a “king,” for what or who is of primary importance in life. The seekers lose direction and encounter obstacles and dangers. Searching for a king, the magi first come upon a false king, Herod. The reappearance of the star shows them the true path and leads to the true king.

For Matthew, the journey culminates in the magi’s worship of Jesus. They discover a king not clothed in grandeur, but wrapped in humility and simplicity. They begin to re-imagine what true royal power really is. Transformed by the journey, they embrace the humble king, Jesus.

INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS

An epiphany is a manifestation, a revelation of what was hidden, and often a challenge to change. For Matthew’s community, the story of the magi challenged these new Christians, from both Jewish and Gentile origin. The insiders, those rooted in the Jewish scriptures and traditions, might be uncomfortable with the magi, and with God working within Gentile culture to draw them toward God. The outsiders, the Gentiles, would rejoice that God calls them from within their own roots. But they knew that they too were called to their own journey of transformation.

Who are insiders and outsiders today? Some might see strangers as threats to accustomed ways of honoring and serving God. Others might believe that they themselves are too distant, concluding that they cannot be accepted in Christian community, and perhaps tune out God’s activity in their lives. Still others might think that belief in Christ serves as another dividing line between people, preventing them from seeing all persons as God’s children. The story of the Epiphany reminds us that classifying insiders and outsiders is an illusion, a falsehood arising from a separation from God. When we are united with God, we can only see others as sisters and brothers.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

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