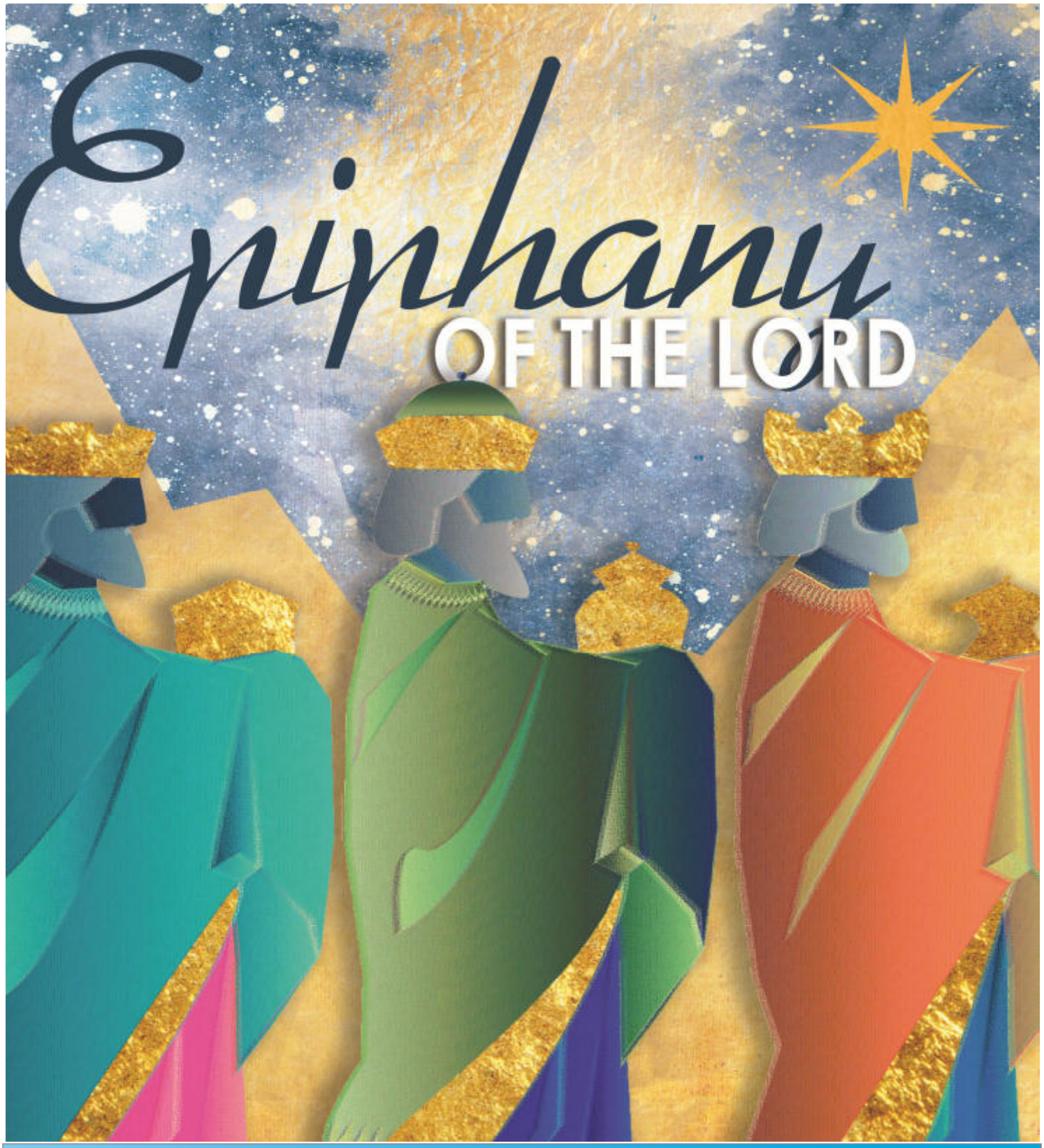

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

December 20	
Envelope Total:	$ 9,259
Electronic Giving:	$ 2,472
Week Total:	**$11,731**
2019— Dec 22	**$15,316**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. GABRIEL….

We stand now at the foot of a new year. 2021 stretches out before us, and we cannot know what lies ahead.

What we know is that the year behind us was, for most of us, the most extraordinary year of our lifetime.

Some of us may have lived through the Vietnam War, and, perhaps, some in our congregation lived through part of World War II. Still, 2020 posed a threat to humankind unlike anything we have known before. It is likely that the threat on some level still remains.

How do we live in days such as this?

We are reminded of a several things in this weekend's text. Paul provides an example of living with courage. The mystery reminds us that *in Christ walls of separation have been broken down*. And the death of Jesus Christ reminds us that, according to the Bible, Christ came so that "he might create in himself one new humanity in place of two." *Is this a vision we are willing to embrace?*

Let's remember now and in 2021 that the strangers and aliens among us are not strangers and aliens to God; that God's redemptive love washes the whole world in righteousness; that the person with the mask (or without) is a child of God; that Jesus came to create "one new humanity"; that, like the apostle Paul, we must have courage to proclaim this new normal, that in Christ Jesus, we're one.

My dear friends, here we are beginning a new year. Let us all join in prayer, hope and faith, that 2021 will bring us closer to an end to the Covid pandemic. We pray for our good health, both physical and mental, after experiencing the struggles of last year.

Thank you to all who participated in our 24-hour Adoration for life whether you spent time with the Blessed Sacrament, purchased candles or simply did both. Let us continue to pray as a parish community for all God's blessings. A special thanks to Bill Kremer for building our candle boxes. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all involved with our beautiful Christmas celebrations. We were faced with closed Masses due to capacity limits, temperature checks and assigned seating. All went well to ensure the safety of all.

To Deacon Vincent and Deacon Paul, thank you for serving at our Masses, Joanna Kowalska for our beautiful hymns, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and especially our Ushers for your extra service. Thank you to all who joined us in person or via livestream. Looking forward to having everyone celebrating Mass in person.

As the Magi followed the star to the baby Jesus, let us continue to follow Jesus every day in our thoughts and actions.

God Bless,
Fr. Gabriel

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00nn will be held in the **CHAPEL.** The Sunday 6:00pm will be held in the **CHURCH**.

6:30am & 8:00am weekday Mass (Mon-Sat) will be held in the **CHURCH**

YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS ONLY

The mandated guidelines/restrictions which MUST be followed are:

- Facemasks must be worn
- Maximum capacity of building space will be followed
- Sit only in designated spots
- Follow Ushers direction
- Social distancing of 6ft must be maintained
- If you have any symptoms of being sick, please stay home
- Those at high risk may consider staying home

The above guidelines/restrictions will also be enforced for Sunday Masses.

You must PRE-REGISTER for weekend Mass by calling the Parish Center or you can email the following information to mbviviani@optonline.net

Name, Contact Phone Number,
Mass Time & Number of Attendees

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER DURING THE WEEK

ADORATION RESUMES….

Adoration will resume on Monday, November 30. Please note the following:

- Adoration will be held in the Church
- Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- Face coverings MUST be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

Morning Prayers

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

Welcome to Facebook Corpus Christi Parish! Please see our new parish Facebook page and click "Like". Feel free to share the page with friends so they can find out about Corpus Christi.

We welcome into God's family the following children who celebrated Baptism in December.

Clara Sherry Harkins, Kingston Carter Landron, Grace Catherine McGovern, Naomi Isabel Melchior, Livia Angelina Percontino, Kyle David Zellner

May their families be blessed daily and enriched by God's grace.

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic.** We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Your annual pledge helps us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our congregation will offer in the year ahead. It is through the contributions of our members that we are able to carry on our work here at Corpus Christi.

As you consider your weekly contribution, we remind you that we offer Electronic Giving as a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for the church. Collection basket offerings can fluctuate significantly from week to week, but, when contributions are automated, the church receives funds on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, www.corpuschristihh.org, click on Electronic Giving to enroll. If you switch to e-giving and are receiving envelopes, please call the Parish Center to stop the mailings. Thank you for your continued support of Corpus Christi Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

ANTICIPATED MASS, JANUARY 2
5:00 PM Mario Sciancalepore

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
8:00 AM Thomas Miele
10:00 AM Donald Rista
12:00 NN Mary Borelli Fitzgerald
6:00 PM Marian Dafick

MONDAY, JANUARY 4
6:30 AM Camille & Quido Trause
8:00 AM Theodore Kalinowski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5
6:30 AM Jake Hartum
8:00 AM Julia Berhain

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
6:30 AM Walter Pickwood, Sr.
8:00 AM Madeline, Victor Sr. & Victor Jr. Porcaro

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7
8:00 AM Gertrude Kless (Anniv)
5:00 PM Uri Ichilov (Living)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00 AM All Parishioners
12:00 NN All Parishioners

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9
8:00 AM Ed Farley

ANTICIPATED MASS
5:00 PM Edward Wojcik

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
8:00 AM Michael Bagdzinski
10:00 AM Julia Pagliei
12:00 NN Louis Romano
6:00 PM Adrian Bermudez

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Judith Goriscak** from Ginny Senzon & Family.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK

The hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **S. Elena Saavedra** from the Wojciechowski Family.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community.

Bereavement Ministry

The faith community of Corpus Christi offers continued support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are overwhelmed by feelings of sadness and sorrow, please contact Patricia Caulfield at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 138. We will help you find light, warmth and comfort.

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Elizabeth Semenecz, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework and followed the star. When al of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

Prayer

God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the people who help you learn more about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~WISE MEN~~ STAR HEROD MESSIAH WORSHIP EXCITED GIFTS WARNED DREAM

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