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**The Epiphany of the Lord \* January 3, 2021**

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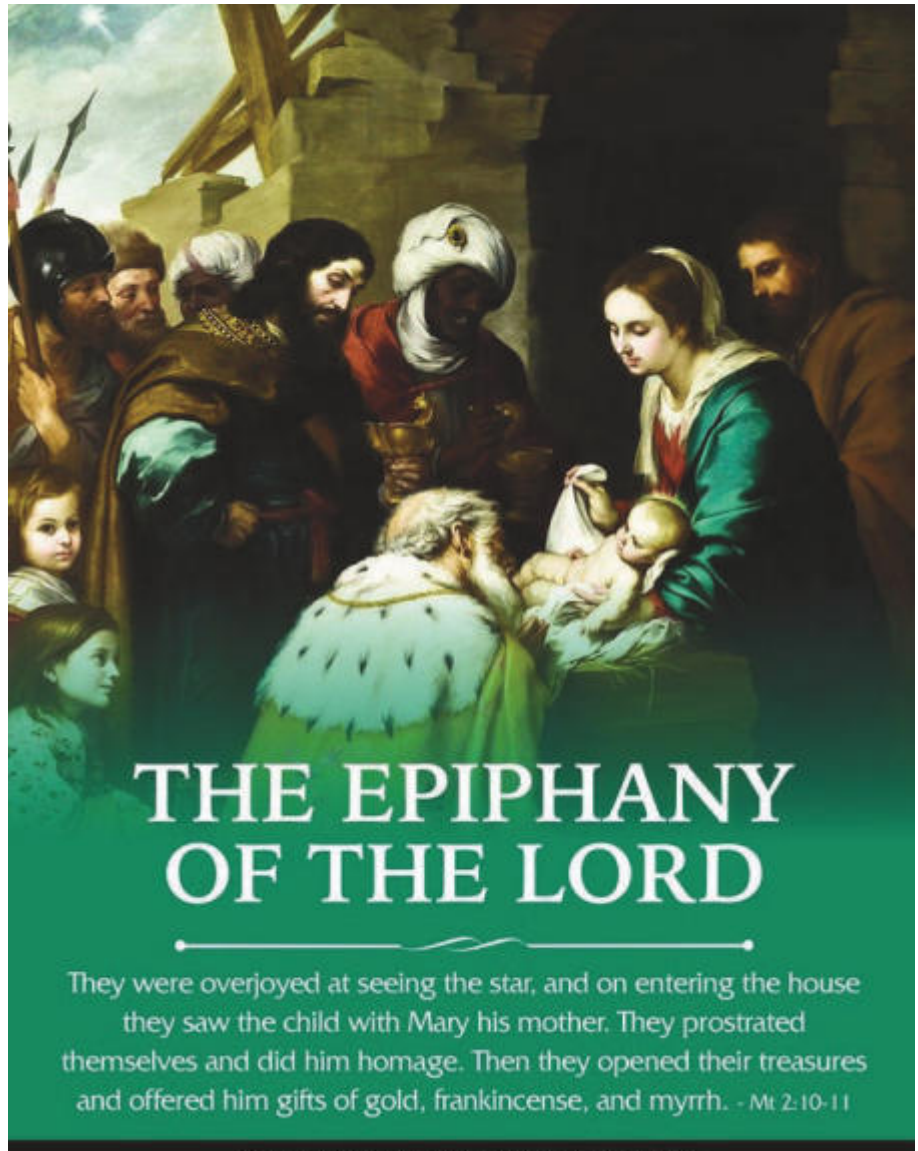
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**Mass Times**

Monday 7:15 am Communion Service St. Martin  
Wednesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. St. Mary  
Saturday, 4:00 p.m. St. Mary  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. St. Martin dePorres  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. St. Mary



**THE EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. or  
by appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Needs to be arranged at least six months in  
advance. Please contact Pastor for appt.

**Vocations**

Interested in Priesthood or Religious Life  
Contact Rev. Tino 409-924-4360

**Devotions and Activities**

Sunday Rosary: 8:15 a.m. St. Martin

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday - January 2, 2021

4:00 p.m. - Sherry Daigle and Carolyn Wilson †

### Sunday - January 3, 2021

9:00 a.m. - Morgan LaVergne †

11:00 a.m. - For all St. Mary/St. Martin Parishioners

### Wednesday - January 6, 2021

8:30 a.m. - L.J. Bergeron †

### Thursday - January 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Wilford Royer †

### Friday - January 8, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Wanda Allen †

### Saturday - January 9, 2021

4:00 p.m. - Paul Kiker †

### Sunday - January 10, 2021

9:00 a.m. - Morgan LaVergne †

11:00 a.m. - For all St. Mary/St. Martin Parishioners



## Readings For the Week...

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6//Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11

## Pray For the Sick

\*Mae Ella Alford \*Sandra Bertrand \*Lon Ray Bianco \*Janice Bivins \*Roland Blanchard \*Yvonne Duhon Brack \*Robert Coleman \*LeaAnn Cossey \*Willie Davis \*Melissa Deshotel \*Mitchel Deshotel \*Samantha Diaz \*Linda Domingue \*Gaspard Family \*Dominic Faraci \*Dixie Ferguson \*Jessie Judice \*Jeybeon Johnson \*Gary Kotz \*Liz Lavergne \*John McGee \*Regan Millican \*Eric Neal \*Jenny Olbrich \*Beth Rach \*Rocky Sewell \*Lucille Allen Smith \*Alzada Stansbury \*Peggy Swafford \*Delton and Margaret Terro \*Sandra Edger Wieder \* David and Drusilla Woods

## From the Pastor ...

### *Receiving and Responding to the Gift of Christ*

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, “they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which symbolize Christ’s kingship, divinity and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God’s house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent and treasure? As Christian disciples, we are called to respond with love, reverence and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ’s many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

## Father Jim



## Activities For the Week...

### Wednesday - January 6, 2021

- Faith Formation Classes for K-5th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Jr/Hs Faith Formation 6th-8th, 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday - January 10, 2021

- Gather the Lambs, 11:00 a.m.

## Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." — Mt 2:1-2*

## 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!

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2nd and 4th Grade Level - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
 5th and 6th Grade Level - 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.



**new** Every Sunday at 11am mass  
 & 1st Sunday of the month at 9am mass  
**Gather the Lambs**  
 2 year old-1st grade



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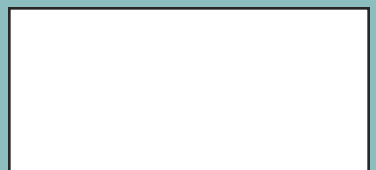
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