



# PRESENTATION *of the* **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

JANUARY 2ND, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## 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

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**Monday-Friday**

24 hours a day

### DAILY MASS

**MONDAY—SATURDAY**

8am

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**SATURDAY VIGIL**

5:30pm

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8am, 10:30am, 4:30pm

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JANUARY 2ND, 2022

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## LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

12/26/21

N/A

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### Please pray for the sick in our parish:

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### Please pray for the recently deceased in our parish:

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*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

## DEACON LAWRENCE KLIMECKI



Jimmy and Jace are brothers who share the same form of red-green color-blindness. They see as clearly as anyone else, but the colors red and green dissolve into murky shades of yellow. Even the colors they can see, such as blue, are dull and lifeless.

In a touching video, Jimmy's father holds a bunch of brightly colored balloons, points to the orange one, and asks his son to name the color. There is a long pause before Jimmy hesitantly says, "Green?" His father then points to a green balloon and gently tells Jimmy, "this is green." "It looks orange to me," replies the teenager.

Jimmy is then given a pair of glasses designed to correct red-green color blindness. He puts them on and looks up. His mother, holding the camera, can be heard off screen asking him what he sees. But Jimmy can't speak. He is so overwhelmed by the vividness of the colors that tears are rolling down his cheeks. He turns to his brother, Jace, hugs him, and then passes on the glasses. Jace, too, is overwhelmed and only manages to say, "it's so bright." There are more videos like this, of people seeing the vibrant colors of the world around them for the first time. Far and away the most typical responses are tears of joy.

We live in a world surrounded by the beauty of God's creation but we have become so accustomed to it that we are frequently blind to its intensity. It often takes an outside force, a pair of glasses or a person with a different perspective to help us see the world as it truly is. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was a quiet moment, limited to a few people. On the feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of God to the entire world, specifically to the Gentile nations who had received no prophecies and heard no heavenly hymns of praise. But the Gentile astrologers did see a sign. Through an unusual star in the common constellations, God sent them a message they could not ignore. And so they came, nations and kings, to the light of Israel. They did not come to Israel itself. The people had become so used to God's Word they had grown somewhat deaf to it, the nations came to the Light Itself. The Light brings together a new people, gathered from all nations, a people of God, a people chosen.

Let us be wakeful and watchful. Let us be mindful of the manifestations of God that occur around us every day. In particular let us watch for our brothers and sisters who are returning home. We reach out to those who are coming to us with questions, and those who are tired and long for nothing more than to be again counted among God's children. We are blessed with converts and prodigals. These are our brothers and sisters who often reveal to us new and fruitful paths, let us listen to them, and welcome them with joy.

Pax Vobiscum

The Epiphany of the Lord

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As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism. We have all received the call to go and baptize all nations. Pray for those who are considering if they too are ready to renounce Satan and all his works and empty promises.

If there is someone you think would like to explore what Baptism in the Catholic faith means, ask him or her to contact *Sidney at 916.482.8883.*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

- Saint Francis of Assisi



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Wednesday 1/05 - 8am	Ron Lagnado & Family (L) Erin Myers & Family (L)
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Friday 1/07 - 8am	Pauline Runyan (D) Michelle Devincenzi (D)
Saturday 1/08 - 8am	Joan Witry (D)
Saturday 1/08 - 5:30pm	Scott Wilson (L)
Sunday 1/09 - 8am	Pete Garcia (D)
Sunday 1/09 - 10:30am	Gregory & Mildred Lighthouse (D)
Sunday 1/09 - 4:30pm	People of the Parish (L)

## Adult Confirmation 2022

Presentation Parish is offering an Adult Confirmation class for adults age 18 or older who are already Baptized Catholics but missed confirmation.

Our classes will begin in January



If you are interested, please contact Sidney Curry for a registration form and more information.

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916-482-8883



Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change; of closeness to God and distance from him.

Yet God the Father's love is steadfast and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.

If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life contact Sid at 916.482.8883 or [sid@presentationparish.org](mailto:sid@presentationparish.org)

# Benny's Corner



Mree-mew,

I woke up early today to see morning light. Watching it, I thought of feast Pawpa Pastor calls Pifanee. And the guiding Christmas Star. Mruh? Flip-flit. Flip-flit. His feet are coming.

"Awhh," Pawpa yawns pouring himself a cup of black water. "Up early Ben. See something?"

"Mry. Mrih-a-mree," I explain watching the last yellow glint blend into light blue.

He tilts his head and then looks at the sky, too. "I see. Light." He takes a drink from his mug. "And you're remembering E – piphany. I'll share one reflection about the three astronomers or kings."

I dart over to our comfy chair as fast as a shooting star. Pawpa squeezes in beside me.

"First, a divine manifestation occurred. God, in His omnipotence, revealed himself to the world in the humble form of an innocent, helpless infant."

I turn and look at the manger. It's snappy-cat amazing that Baby John recognized Baby Jesus when Holy Mary was only about three days pregnant. Mrowwh. . .

"Ben, are you listening?"

I nod and wiggle closer.

"Next, we identify Christ's world kingship as he revealed himself to three world travelers – and thereby to the world.

"Mrize mreh," I whisper. 'Cuz they were humble and saw Baby Jesus as someone to worship.

"Yes, Benkovski, they were wise men who saw with the heart. Finally, on Christmas, the long-awaited Light of the World illuminated the darkness around the manger with the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph and the shepherds. Then, at Epiphany, the Light radiated – "

"Mru ah mrayshens," I finish, swishing my tail.

Pawpa chuckles. "Yes, Benkovski, to all nations. And we are called to shine Christ's light –"

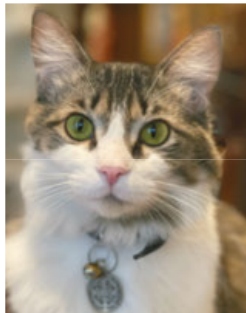
"Mru ah."

"To all," he nods. "Today, there is darkness everywhere, Ben. We must bring Christ's hope, his peace, his joy and his love. Like the Christmas star we can –"

"Mry mrymree ih mruv." I press my paw against Pawpa's hand.

"Shine brightly in love," he repeats with a beam- ing smile.

Pawz up and Happy E-piphany,  
Benny



"The great star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is, as it were, the explosion of God's love, which causes the great white light of his heart to shine upon the world."

The Infancy Narratives, Pope Benedict XVI

# GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## ❄️ PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men  
child  
born

king  
star  
worship

Mary  
gifts  
dream

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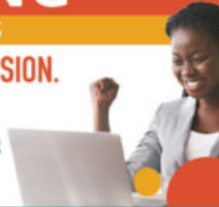
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