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A Vicarious Descent

Throughout the Psalms, we hear of the coming of the Messiah, but one Psalm particularly speaks of the Epiphany of the Messiah. It is Psalm 95 and that may be the reason it is the first Psalm that begins each day in the Office of Readings. If you read it and place that Psalm on the lips of the Magi, you will be surprised at how the Psalm describes their journey following the star, then approaching the manger and the Holy Family, and finally, their returning to their own country by a route that would not cause them to encounter the hardened heart of Herod.

The words speak of the Lord as God over all nations. From the deepest places of the earth to the summits of the mountains—the sea and dry land—places that the Magi likely passed and considered as they followed the star. “O Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.” Even in the allusion to the sin of God’s people in the desert at Meribah and Massah, it is as if the Gentiles admonish those whose fathers hardened their hearts and tempted God. Or the words speak of the hardened heart of Herod who would not enter into God’s rest.

Each generation since then is given a choice and that choice is no less real than the choice made by the shepherds to hear what was told to them and believe. We desire to believe what has been told to us and we desire to make our journey to God through our lives and one day enter into



God’s rest—a place of light, happiness and peace. Let us not choose pride and hardness of heart, but, rather, choose life.

Jesus is acknowledged by the angels—the choirs of heaven, then by the shepherds—the poorest of the poor, then by the Magi, the greatest of the Gentiles. Greatest because they were first to acknowledge the salvation offered to the Gentiles. If Our Lord had been born at the inn, the shepherds might not have been able to enter because of their poverty. But because He chose to be born in a stable, the shepherds had no trouble entering the presence of the newborn King—the stable was quite familiar to them. The humble stable was suitable for both shepherd and Magi.

Epiphany is the last of the twelve days of Christmas. In most countries it is celebrated on January 6. This year, Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday preceding January 6 (today). Other years it may be transferred to the Sunday following January 6.

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation.” In the bible, the word is sometimes used in the sense of a “sudden manifestation” (Liddell-Scott Greek English Lexicon). The last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament, the Book of the prophet Malachi says, “and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?” (Mal 3:1). This suddenness was in the arms of Mary accompanied by St. Joseph when our Lord was presented in the Temple. It was Simeon and Anna who recognized Him. Our Savior, who had been manifested to the shepherds within a rude stable, was now first manifested to Israel in the most holy of places.

Epiphany is a commemoration of Christ being made manifest to the world. It is, as such, the birthday of Christ to the Gentiles. It is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel and savior of the world. It celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men, but also Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

The fact that wise men, perhaps royalty, came to worship the newborn king of the Jews shows the inclusion of the Gentiles in



Monday, January 03, 2022

7:30 a.m. - Christmas Novena Mass

Tuesday, - January 04, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Charles Chase (D)

Wednesday, - January 05, 2022

7:30 a.m. – David Joseph Klemmer (D)

Thursday January 06, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Augie Anetrini (D)

Friday, - January 07, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Phil Perrone (D)

Saturday, -January 08, 2022

7:30 a.m. – Christy Durkee (L)

4:00 p.m. - Mary Margaret Stump (D)

Sunday, January 09, 2022

6:30 a.m. – Margaret Tiano (L)

9:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

12:00 p.m. – Raphael Peters (D)

Holy Father’s Intention for January:

True Human Fraternity

“We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.” (<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-02/pope-francis-monthly-prayer-intentions-2022.html>)

Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Pope Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving kindness, in the way of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. (recite 1 Our Father & 1 Hail Mary).

Mass Servers

Saturday, January 08, 2022

4:00 p.m. D. Bastuba, J. Cline

Sunday, January 09, 2022

6:30 a.m. S. Noji, M. Grado

9:30 a.m. K. Garavaglia, A. Santine, M. Grado, C. Bueche

12:00 p.m. M. Chambers, A. & W. Remski, G. Welsing, J. & D. Berch

Readings for the week of 01-02-22

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Requiescat in Pace

Thomas Michael Reid

December 12, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto him O lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturdays at 4:00; Sundays at 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), & Noon

HOLY DAY MASSES: 6:30, 9:30 (Tridentine), Noon & evening at 7:00 p.m.

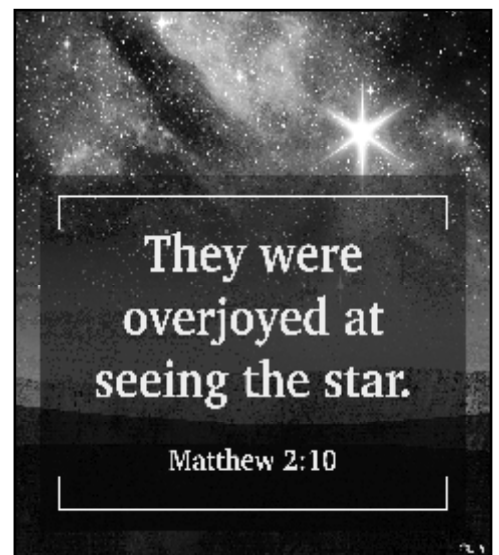
WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday-Saturday 7:30 a.m. (all Tridentine).

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 2:30-3:30, Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

BAPTISMS: Every Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass or Sunday after the Noon Mass. Arrange at the Rectory Office.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: After the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

REGISTRATION: Visit the Rectory or call for a form to be sent out to you.



A Vicarious Descant (continued)

salvation. Salvation comes from the Jews, as Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, but it is offered freely to all nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as the Son of God and Savior of the world—as the Catechism teaches (CCC 528). The Catechism beautifully states, “In Mary, the Holy Spirit manifests the Son of the Father, now become the Son of the Virgin. She is the burning bush of the definitive theophany. Filled with the Holy Spirit she makes the Word visible in the humility of his flesh. It is to the poor and the first representatives of the gentiles that she makes him known” (CCC 724).

The three gifts of the Magi: gold, frankincense and myrrh, are meant to symbolize many things about both the Magi and about our Lord, but they are particularly symbolic of the Kingship of Christ in the gold, the Divinity of Christ in the incense and the suffering of Christ in the myrrh. Myrrh was mixed in with the wine offered to Jesus on the cross by the soldiers, and myrrh was later used in the preparation of Christ’s body for burial after his Passion and death. You likely know what Frankincense smells like—we use it at all the Masses with incense.

Scripture foretold the various events that would accompany the birth of the Messiah. That Jesus would be recognized by the Gentiles, but not his own people, that a star would be seen rising from Jacob as foretold in the Book of Numbers (24:17), that the birth of the Messiah would be in Bethlehem as foretold in Micah 5:1-3 (“But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. (Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, And the rest of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel.) He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the

LORD, his God; And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.”)

What should Epiphany be for us today? A particular time to pause and acknowledge Christ as Lord and Savior of all peoples. A particular time to renew our desire and free choice to offer true and perfect worship of the one God living and true. A particular time to renew our hope in God and our trust in His mercy.

It seems that the Luminous Mysteries should have begun with the visit of the Magi instead of the Baptism of the Lord, since it was the first manifestation to the Gentiles after the Lord had been manifest to the poorest of the poor of Israel—the shepherds. But much scholarship and prayer preceded the choosing of the Luminous meditations—the idea of the Luminous Mysteries came about centuries ago. But perhaps the reason the Magi are not commemorated is because the recitation of and meditation on the Luminous Mysteries places each of us in the place of the Magi to meditate on each of the manifestations of the Lord as Messiah. The Magi could only see the limited manifestation of a child Messiah in a manger. We contemplate the many manifestations Christ made while he walked the earth. We are able to meditate on the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in all five Luminous Mysteries, but more remarkably, we enter into the very mysteries contemplated in the Luminous Mysteries through our baptism, our call to live and proclaim the Kingdom, and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

“Come let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us. Let us approach the Lord with praise and thanksgiving and sing joyful songs to the Lord!” (Psalm 95).

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Christmas Detroit Area Historic Churches Pilgrimage

On Tuesday, January 4, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we visit and tour, with informative talks, the following seven churches specially decorated during Christmas: Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, St. Joseph Shrine, Holy Cross Hungarian Church, St. Florian Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, & Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit with Noon Healing Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickup departures & returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Center in Sterling Heights (8 AM departure, 6:30 PM return) & Our Lady of the Woods Church in Woodhaven (7 AM departure, 7:30 PM return). Cost per person is \$40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or <https://prayerpilgrimages.com/>.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help staff the St. Vincent de Paul office at St. Raymond’s Church. If interested, please contact the office at: 313-372-0437. The office runs Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am and Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm.

Altar Boy Training

There will be no Altar Boy Training in January.



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DIANE M. KORZENIEWSKI

Photos from liturgical events at Grotto;
select topics in Catholicism; useful links

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