

ST. MARY
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
STAR CITY

33346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

January 3, 2021 • Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sundays, 8:30am, 11:00am

Daily Mass*: Mon. 6:30pm Tue.-Thur. 9:00am *please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

Radio broadcast at 8:30am on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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



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Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday

Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at stmarystarcity.com

For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

Sacraments

Baptism: (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

Reconciliation: 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

Order of Christian Initiation: Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and communally as scheduled

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday@Noon, email or written copy please,
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

Email: stmaryschurch@comcast.net

Subject line: attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Spirituality of the Readings – The Light of Christ



The word Epiphany means “an appearance or manifestation,” especially of a deity. Our celebrations of the Epiphany shows the Magi making their way to the newborn Jesus and his family. The child “showed himself forth” to them, like a candle shows forth in the dark.

The Magi followed light from far away (Persia?), the star which led them through the darkness to the tiny yet powerful light of Christ. It is a sweet story. We rejoice.

But we do remember that darkness is at hand also, the bad kind, the smoldering human rubble found all over the world in so many countries. The Magi speak of it on their journey, as imagined by TS Eliot:*

... Then the camel men cursing and grumbling
And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of
shelters, And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:
A hard time we had of it. At the end we preferred
to travel all night, Sleeping in snatches. ...

And there was deeper darkness to come. The Wise Men moved, weary, into Jerusalem, and then straight into the jaws of the power-hungry, luxury-loving King Herod.

They asked a question to the Jerusalem citizens that shocked Herod greatly when it got back to him. “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Gospel).

Ouch. The question revealed a stunning fact. There is to be a new king instead of Herod!

Herod oiled his way to his chief priests and scribes. He ordered them to scour scripture for hints about this horror—uh, no, this holy birth. In response they announced in a dignified manner that the long-awaited Messiah, King of the Jews, will be born “in Bethlehem of Juda.”

But this is just what Herod and his offspring were: Kings of the Jews. He called the Magi to him, smiled, faked holy interest, then made his plans.

Make no mistake. At this point Herod knew clearly he was dealing with God’s own design for the world, foretold by the scriptures of the very people he was supposed to be leading. Herod made up his mind to commit an atrocity.

You know the story. The Magi had found and worshipped the tiny Christ. Herod, still in the dark, sent out troops to slaughter all boy babies of two years old or less in Bethlehem and surroundings, just to eliminate this so-called “King” (Mt 2:13-16). And, speaking of having “a hard time of it,” in Eliot’s words, Jesus’ parents had to cross the harsh desert into Egypt in order to save him.

This child was like a candle in the wind.

Why do the readings talk so much about dark night on this Epiphany, which is the very feast of the dayspring? It is a complicated question, but here is one answer.

Because God’s light only comes to us thoroughly mingled with the grubby reality of human life. Why else did he come as an infant? The Christ did not arrive to erase our troubles but to join us in them, to be a quiet light in our darkness, not a blinding replacement for the dark.

So we have to be like the Magi. We have to have our own puzzling, sleepless nights, and we have to search and search, and never ever rest until we see the light as God chose to reveal it.

John Foley, SJ

* TS Eliot, “The Journey of the Magi.”

Giving Summary

Due to the holiday bulletin publishing schedule, Last Sunday’s Offering was not available at the time of printing. Please see future publications for this information.

Sunday Offering - 20 Dec.
\$5,182.00

Online Giving
\$1,946.35

Christmas Flowers
\$1535.00

Attendance: 139

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes.

Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

12/13—Retirement Fund for Religious

12/25—Catholic Charities, West Virginia



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by clicking on the image on our website
www.stmarystarcity.com.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, 6:00pm	John Joseph Stolarik, Jr.
Sunday, 8:30am	For the People
Sunday, 11:00am	Intention of Celebrant

<u>Monday 1/4</u>	<u>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</u>
6:00pm	Carl Straub

<u>Tuesday 1/5</u>	<u>St. John Neumann</u>
6:00pm	Bob Wheeler

<u>Wednesday 1/6</u>	<u>Christmas Weekday</u>
6:00pm	Carl Barill

<u>Thursday 1/7</u>	<u>Christmas Weekday</u>
10:00am	Laura Straub

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled

January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, 6:00pm	For the People
Sunday, 8:30am	Michael Aldridge
Sunday, 11:00am	Rosemary Capitoni



The Bread and Tabernacle Candle
the week of January 3rd are
in honor of **Michael Aldridge**.



**St. Ursula Food
Pantry needs:**

**** Soup and Cereal****

**Baby & Toddler
Program needs:**

***Diapers** (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)

***Toddler-sized Winter Clothing**
(Especially 3T, 4T, & 5T. No other children's clothing is being accepted at this time)

**St. Ursula Food Pantry & Outreach
needs volunteers for several jobs
Including:**

***Regular Volunteers to help on first
and third Wednesday** afternoon at St.
Ursula's pantry distribution
(using curbside pickup model).

***Volunteers to help as available** with
sorting donations of baby clothes and toys.

Call (304)599-3822 to speak with Ginny or
Sr. Rachel. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

Sunday, January 3

No Religious Ed.

1:00pm NA Meeting

No Youth Group

Monday, January 4

7:00pm Parish Finance Council Mtg.—L/L

Tuesday, January 5

6:30pm NA Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

7:00pm Catholic Homeschoolers Bible Study

Sunday, January 10

8:30/9:30 Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)

1:00pm NA Meeting

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass
(Mon.-6:00pm, Tue.-Thur.-8:30am)

*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



Thank you to all those who gave to our Christmas Flowers Fund, in memory or in honor of loved ones, which provides for our lovely Christmas display. Please see insert on page 6.



Memorial Donations for Bread and the Tabernacle candle are now being accepted for the year

2021. The requested donation is \$40. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested. 304-599-3747.



Mass intentions are now being accepted for 2021.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.



We have Hearing Assistance Devices available for use during Mass. If you would like one, please ask an Usher.

The Word Among Us



If you are looking for a daily resource with readings and reflections, Fr. John recommends "The Word Among Us"

From their website:

"Daily Mass Readings for every day of the year!

Combines the daily meditations & articles from *The*

Word Among Us with the daily Mass Readings, Responsorial Psalm, and the complete order of the Mass. This edition offers you a convenient and easy to use resource for every day of the year. Through this offer you will receive 10 issues delivered to your door, plus a free book and full Web Edition access."

The cost is \$33.20/year if you order online. You can subscribe at: https://wau.org/subscribe/mass_edition/

A version with reflections only is also available at a slightly lower cost <https://wau.org/subscribe>

If you need help with ordering, you may contact the parish office.



Donations for St. Ursula Food Pantry and Outreach may be placed in the labeled bins in the church, or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Our New Address is:

3346 University Ave
Morgantown, WV 26505

Please direct all correspondence to this new address. We will also be closing our P.O. Box.

The Parish Office has relocated to the Formation Center, room A.

We remain closed to in-person visits, except by appointment. You may still contact us by phone or email.

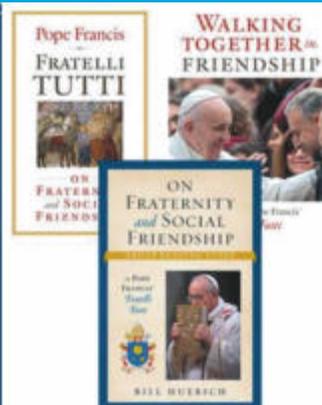
NA Meetings St. Mary Church, Star City
Tuesdays-6:30pm, Sundays-1pm
To find other meetings near you, visit <https://www.na.org/meetingsearch/>

Online Giving Notes

If you are signed up for recurring giving:

- ♦ We recommend checking at least once per quarter to see that your account is active.
- ♦ You should be receiving a thank you note for each donation to the email account you signed up with.
- ♦ Please call the Parish Office if you are still receiving offertory envelopes in the mail.

Thank you for your continuing support of St. Mary Church!



Fratelli Tutti

On Fraternity and Social Friendship

On October 4th, Pope Francis issued his latest encyclical Fratelli Tutti, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. This is Pope Francis' "cry from the heart" to all people of earth to see beyond their differences-indeed, to work

with their differences-and begin to grow together to build a new and peaceful world. (23rd Publications)

Beginning in January, we will read and examine the eight chapters (92 pages total) over five weeks via ZOOM (online virtual meetings) using Bill Huebsch's Reading Guide and the document itself. The materials can be purchased at Twenty-third Publications for \$12.95 plus shipping (<http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/fratellitutti.html>), or we can purchase for reimbursement.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office and provide your name, phone number, email address and the day of the week you would prefer to meet. This will be facilitated by Nancy Ferrari. For additional questions, contact Nancy at nickliz@aol.com.



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 Fr. John V. Di Bacco, Jr.
 Harry & Emma Lou Claudio
 Deceased Members of the
 Claudio Family

Sunday, Jan 03, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Bless this new year of grace

Some things are worth taking the time to do. After enduring the manifold burdens of this past year, few of us will need persuading that the annual Epiphany Blessing of the Home is a ritual worth investing in. Gather your housemates if living with others. Download a home blessing ritual or create one yourself, using symbols especially meaningful to your participants. Which household items became especially significant during the pandemic and call for a special blessing? A cloth mask, a bar of soap, and Netflix may be featured as items of peculiar yet holy purpose in this year's rites everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). *"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come."*

Monday, Jan 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

Preserve the legacy

Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first U.S.-born saint, started the country's first Catholic girls' school in Maryland, where she also founded the first American women's religious community, the Sisters of Charity. All those "firsts" multiplied into an incredible legacy of parochial education and religious life benefiting women that ripples to today. At Seton's beatification, Pope John XXIII said, "she sowed a seed in America which by Divine Grace grew into a tree." Perhaps you yourself are a beneficiary of her legacy. In the words of Pope Paul VI at her canonization, "Rejoice for your glorious daughter. Be proud of her. And know how to preserve her fruitful heritage."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 (212). *"He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom."*

Tuesday, Jan 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

Parishes for the people

What would U.S. parishes look like without John Neumann, the first naturalized U.S. citizen and bishop who was canonized? As a seminarian in his native Bohemia, John cherished Saint Paul's missionary epistles from the Bible and longed to serve the United States as a missionary. His wish was granted. After John's 1835 ordination he began to set up parishes and a network of parochial schools in New York. He served Germans and Native Americans and also learned Gaelic and Italian to better serve parishioners in Baltimore and Philadelphia. He introduced the Forty Hours devotion and set up parish missions for Lent. Ask John to pray for your parish today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 (213). *"They were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things."*

Wednesday, Jan 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

Open the door to new life

So many have said that 2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges, marked by a pandemic that has taken lives and so much more, and a national election that challenged the U.S. belief in a united nation with liberty and justice for all. Though a new year is only the turn of a calendar page, it allows and encourages

new life, new perspective, new hope, and new energy. Let the life of the gentle and humble Saint André Bessette—who spent many years as a doorman for his monastic community—be our inspiration. May compassion and love of neighbor guide us into this new year.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 (214). *"If God so loved us, we also must love one another."*

Thursday, Jan 07, 2021

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

And now for an announcement . . .

Even in an age when people are bombarded with messages, announcements can have particular cachet. They appear over and over in the gospels, from angels announcing Christ's birth to Jesus' announcement in today's gospel that he came to fulfill the words of Isaiah. The church continues to make plenty of announcements, from the calendar items announced at Mass to "announcements" in the form of pastoral letters and encyclicals about how to live contemporary Christian life. You probably announced your faith in a formal way at your Confirmation. How can you "announce" Christ today through your words and actions?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a (215). *"He said to them, 'Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.'"*

Friday, Jan 08, 2021**Out of stillness, creation**

As the Christmas season draws to a close, some treasure its highlights, others dread the January "blahs," and all of us could do well to follow Jesus' model in the gospel. After he cures a leper, the crowds and the demands on him increase. Many of us would plough into the need, then the adulation. Instead, he withdraws and retreats. This wintry season offers a time to withdraw and reflect. Think, for example, of the solitude necessary to create the kind of sacred art that Giotto was known for. He died on this day in 1337, so perhaps you can bring him to mind as you channel your own inner artist in the winter stillness. Create something new today!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 (216). *"But he would withdraw to deserted places to pray."*

Saturday, Jan 09, 2021

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

Make space for Christ

This is the final day of the Christmas season. But it's always Christmas, every day of the year. Christ comes in our humanity, born into our human flesh. We are always united with Christ in a communion of divinity and humanity, realized in Jesus, shared with us. We celebrate that communion in the central act of our worship: We eat and drink the Real Presence of Christ in us. But like John the Baptist proclaims in today's gospel, that presence of Christ must increase in us as our own egos decrease. This is the way to fulfillment. Let Christ lead you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 (217). *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Announcing the 2021 Diocesan Summer Camping Ministry

Dear parishioners in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston,

As director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, I am pleased to announce the reopening and renewal of summer youth camping ministry in our diocese. Under the new name of Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp, or "Camp Carlo" for short, Catholic youth will have a tremendous opportunity to deepen their faith, experience His creation, and build lasting relationships with Catholic peers from across the state.

I am also pleased to introduce the new Camping Director for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Riley Keaton is a native of Spencer, West Virginia where he attends Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. He has led values-based leadership camps for the last four years – including through the summer of coronavirus – and represents his hometown in the West Virginia House of Delegates. I urge faithful families to get in touch with him, learn more about what we're planning in Huttonsville this summer, and, ultimately, give your children an experience that will "make" their summer at Camp Carlo.

God Bless,

Daniel Maul
Director of Evangelization and Catechesis

Dear fellow Catholics,

It's an exciting time to be a young Catholic in West Virginia! The summer of 2021 – a triumphant return after the pandemic – will be an incredible time to lead young people to Christ and His Church.

The motto chosen by Pope St. Paul VI for his church life perfectly describes the goal of our camping ministry: to be "with Him on the mountain." Camp Carlo provides an exciting opportunity for young people to encounter Christ and His Church, adventure through God's creation, and grow in their Catholic faith alongside peers from all over the state of West Virginia.

I'm looking forward to meeting you and your families as I travel the state, work with your parishes, and, hopefully, welcome your kids to a summer-of-a-lifetime at Camp Carlo 2021.

In Christ Our King,

Riley Keaton
Camping Director

Safe Environment Reporting

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513.

To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504.

Will or Estate Planning

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:

"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK January 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service ReportBishopAbuse.org (800) 276-1562

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops, and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. Where a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential. If you have any other kind of complaint about a bishop—such as parish assignments, church closings, or homily contents—please address those directly to your diocesan or eparchial bishop instead. Sexual abuse by a priest, deacon or a staff member or volunteer of the Church should be reported to the Office of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. So, to be sure you get the help you need, phone numbers and addresses may be found at www.dwc.org under the accountability tab. If you are the victim of sexual abuse (or any other crime), please contact local law enforcement.



DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN.

Always keep your mask up over your nose and mouth and under your chin.



SET IT AND FORGET IT.

Choose a face mask that fits snugly and comfortably without needing frequent adjustment.

The Epiphany of the Lord—Readings and Gospel

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.
It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

A READING FROM THE

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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."
When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:
And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."
Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out. 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.
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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



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