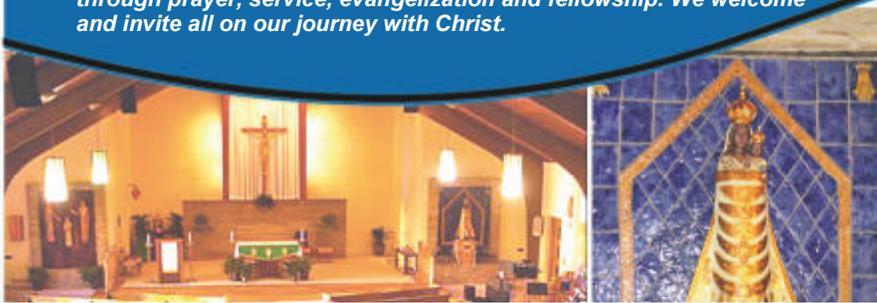


# THE TRAVELER

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

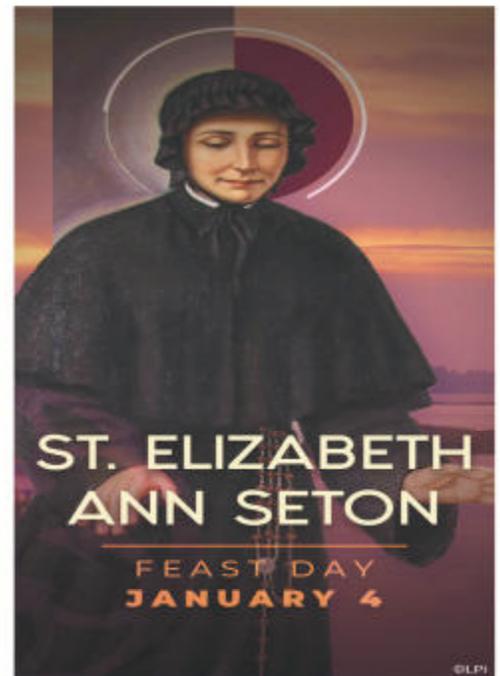
### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- 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

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

## STEWARDSHIP

### RESOLUTIONS & STEWARDSHIP

From: catholicsteward.com

#### "New Year's Resolutions and Stewardship"

The beginning of the year is a time for personal reassessment. The earth has finished one more revolution around the sun. Somehow, when we take down the old calendar and tack up the new, we sense an opportunity to make a fresh start.

To make the best of this opportunity—which, truthfully, exists in June just as January—it is useful to make commitments. It's more useful to write them down. These resolutions, are a 'hard copy' of intentions for improvement. They're signposts that direct our lives towards good, & towards God.

New Year's resolutions are often focused on personal health—losing weight, relaxing more or smoking less. It is important, of course, to take good care of our bodies. Christianity offers us a full concept of self-improvement. St. Paul reminds us both body and soul need exercise. In fact, every aspect—physical, mental, spiritual, emotional—can benefit from a self-audit.

Some people have taken to heart this multifaceted concept of self, & each year make one resolution for each. For instance, one could resolve to join a Rosary group to work on spirituality, or take a continuing ed course to build mental skills. Still, others use the three theological virtues—faith, hope & love—to guide their resolution process.

By now, you may have discerned a similarity between resolutions & stewardship. First, we use a similar method to think about stewardship, breaking it down into more specific concepts—time, talent & treasure. Second, we write down commitments. We record good intentions to clarify what they are and remind us of our commitment when the Rosary group interferes with a bowl game.

Any commitment shares the same components—specific & written. From marriages to mortgages, treaties to trades, resolutions are spelled out literally & figuratively.

But even more important than the methodology of a commitment is the heart of the person who makes it. Even the most eloquent job descriptions are useless unless there is someone to do the job well! Let us pray that this New Year is a time of grace and wisdom for those of us who seek to recommit our lives to our family, our parish and our God."

God bless!



Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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Minnie Armstrong  
Barrett Family  
Patty Baumgardner  
Mildred Beck  
Art Bork  
Tom Borkowski  
Bob Brown  
George Cascos  
Carmen Cassar  
John Dallacqua  
Christopher/Susan  
Davenport  
Margaret David  
Isabella Davis  
John Davis Family  
Mike DeCapua  
Don Devine  
Dorothy  
Andrew Fedor  
Tony Ferro  
Nikole Frederick  
Eileen Graham  
Bob Hanley  
Juan Hernandez  
Lisa Hernandez  
Joan Kelly  
Jim Kilmark  
Jim Kimpton  
Jennifer Koskie  
Joe Kuzniar  
John/Nancy Lengyel

Dee McClain  
McClain Family  
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Debbie MacDonald  
James McDonald  
Harlean McGrath  
David Mallory  
Michelle Martoia  
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John Mueller  
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Grant Racine  
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Mary Rayes  
Liam S-W  
Suzanne Sands  
Tim Simpson  
Angie/Rich Sloan  
Victoria Steakley  
Robin Sunday  
Pat Taylor  
Helen Walker  
Debbie/Pat Weier  
Lynne Wendt  
Williamson Family  
Woodward Family

The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus** celebrated on Monday January 3, 2022

**The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2022:**

**For 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.

### Schedule for the Week 1-2-22

**Monday, January 2, 2022**

8:30a Mass  
6:00p NO Religious Ed  
6:30p Bible Study

**Tuesday, January 3**

8:30a Mass/Adoration  
12 Noon Benediction  
6:30p Mary's Cardio

**Wednesday, January 4**

6:30p N.A.

**Thursday, January 5**

8:30a Mass @ St. Val's  
Fr. Wheeler  
6:30p Mary's Cardio  
6:30p Legion of Mary

**Friday, January 6**

8:30a Mass @ St. Val's  
Fr. Alex Steinmiller

**Saturday, January 7**

4:00p Mass Fr. Pat  
Brennan

**Sunday, January 9**

The Baptism of the Lord  
10:00a Mass  
Fr. Stephen Pullis  
7:00p AA



"Can you not spend one hour with Me?  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Every Tuesday  
After 8:30am Mass until NOON

*ALL Saints*

- 1-3: The Most Holy Name Of Jesus
- 1-4: St. Elizabeth A. Seton
- 1-5: St. John Neumann
- 1-6: St. Andre Bessette
- 1-7: St. Raymond of Penyafort

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen

*Walking with Purpose*

~~by Laura Phelps ~ cont'd 12-26-21

Frank Sheed, a Catholic theologian, said in his book, *Theology and Sanity*, "Seeing what the Church sees means seeing what is there." When we see the world as it really is and interact with it how it actually works, our behavior harmonizes with truth, which brings on peace and guards against anxiety.

The issue is that this is easier said than done. It is not easy to live grounded in reality because we are surrounded by illusion. Our society is a marketing machine that is constantly telling us what should make us happy, sad, or afraid. It sends the message that life is about our comfort, our preferences, and our happiness at the cost of humility and sacrifice. If we do not deliberately hold on to the truth, we will eventually live as though the world revolves around us—even if we don't believe it in our hearts. Meditating on God's promises can break us out of the cultural narrative because it draws us out of our daily grind and into the broader story of God's faithfulness throughout history. It reminds us of our role in the story.

One of these promises does just that. These words remind us of who God is and who we

are in His plan of salvation: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them, light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy" (Isaiah 9:2-3).

Notice where the people are. They are in darkness. Notice that it doesn't say, "The people in darkness have themselves walked out of the darkness and into the light." No, the people were still in darkness, the Light began to shine. The hero in the story is God, the Light, that saved the people. The people themselves did very little. They may have responded to the Light, but it was God who did all of the work.

This season, as I pray through Isaiah 9, I am declaring over and over again that the world does not revolve around me. I am not the point of the story; God is. I don't believe it in my heart, but I often live as though I am the center of the universe. How do I know? Because I am easily inconvenienced and offended. I'm also quick to believe that I am pretty amazing, and if others don't verbally recognize my greatness, I am overcome with discouragement.

What about you? I bet that you know that the world does not revolve around you, but how do you live? What are your knee-jerk reactions? Examine your thought life. What do you think other people owe you? Answer these questions, and you will quickly find out whether you act as though life is about you or God.

If you let Him, God will gently but boldly put you back into your place.

He will remind you of what is real—that all of history is about His goodness. We are the ones in the darkness, and He is the light. We needed a savior, and He did the saving. He is meant to be served and glorified, not us.

Ultimately it is about freedom. God became a man to set us free from sin, and in doing so, saved us from ourselves. He is the center of everything. When we live our lives according to this truth, wonder becomes attainable and joy becomes common. We become free of the burden that comes from trying to be the star on a stage that was never meant to be ours in the first place.

So, as we approach the new year, let this season change you. Let it change how you respond when others upset you or fail to notice you. Let it free you from the tyranny of self-love so that your life reflects the reality that it is all about the One who is Love itself.

Come Lord Jesus, set us free from ourselves so all that is left is love of you.

**Lighter Side**

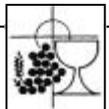
Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

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**MASS INTENTIONS**



- Monday, January 3, 2022  
8:30am + Bill Pfander by the Family
- Tuesday, January 4  
8:30am SI All Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday, January 8  
4:00p + Stephanie Radwan by Mike Radwan  
+ Mario Collado by Mila Collado  
+ Joseph Willim by Richard Tyburski
- Sunday, January 9  
10:00am + Jacques Ahouannagbo by the Dalmeida Family  
+ J.D. & Patricia Wade by Dan & Jeanne Fader

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

## AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER HEART...

At the beginning of each calendar year we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What makes Mary so special?

There are several things about her that are unique. She was betrothed to a man, although they had not yet lived together, when she, a young lady, most likely around 14 or 15 years old, was visited by an angel. Was she frightened? Undoubtedly! Yet when she was told that she was to become the mother of the Savior, she did not hesitate. She told the angel "Be it done unto me according to your word." In consenting to the angel's message, she subjected herself not only to ridicule, but to a possible stoning death as this was the punishment for women pregnant out of wedlock. Thus, her consent was most serious.

She was the first person to bear Jesus in her own body, much as we do when we receive Holy Communion today. She raised Jesus from childhood, teaching Him the ways He was to follow throughout His life. She was there at His crucifixion and death, and was with the apostles when the Holy Spirit descended on them on the first Christian Pentecost.

She was ever virgin, herself sinless, free even from original sin. When Jesus, hanging on the cross, gave her as mother to John on Calvary, He was also giving her as mother to us all. Her relationship with Jesus was and remains unique. She is, indeed, the mother of God. May she intercede for us with Her son now and at the hour of our death. Holy Mary, Mother of God and our mother, pray for us!



Thanks to all who contributed funds to the St. Vincent de Paul conference, at Our Lady of Loretto. Your funds helped to house people, provide food, and Christmas gifts. We welcomed all those who stopped by the Church Office with additional donations and surprises! Thank you for helping us to assist our neighbors in need!



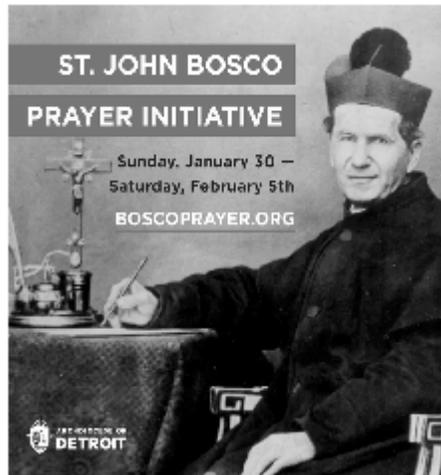
Welcome!

Please welcome the Ebejer Family who are newly registered members to our Parish.

Aprill & Thomas Ebejer  
Aaron, Jordan Thomas,  
and Alyssa



Our Lady of Loretto Parish Family extends their prayers and heart-felt sympathy to the family of Marie Therese Skelly, aunt of the Jacobs Family, who attended OLL's elementary school. May Therese rest in peace and joy with our Lord.



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### MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening..... 4:00 pm

Sunday..... 10:00am

Mon. & Tues..... 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

**BAPTISMS:** Family must be an active registered parishioner. Class held as arranged. Baptism by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of OLL.

**SICK & COMMUNION CALLS:** We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

**REGISTRATION:** All new members are asked to register in person.

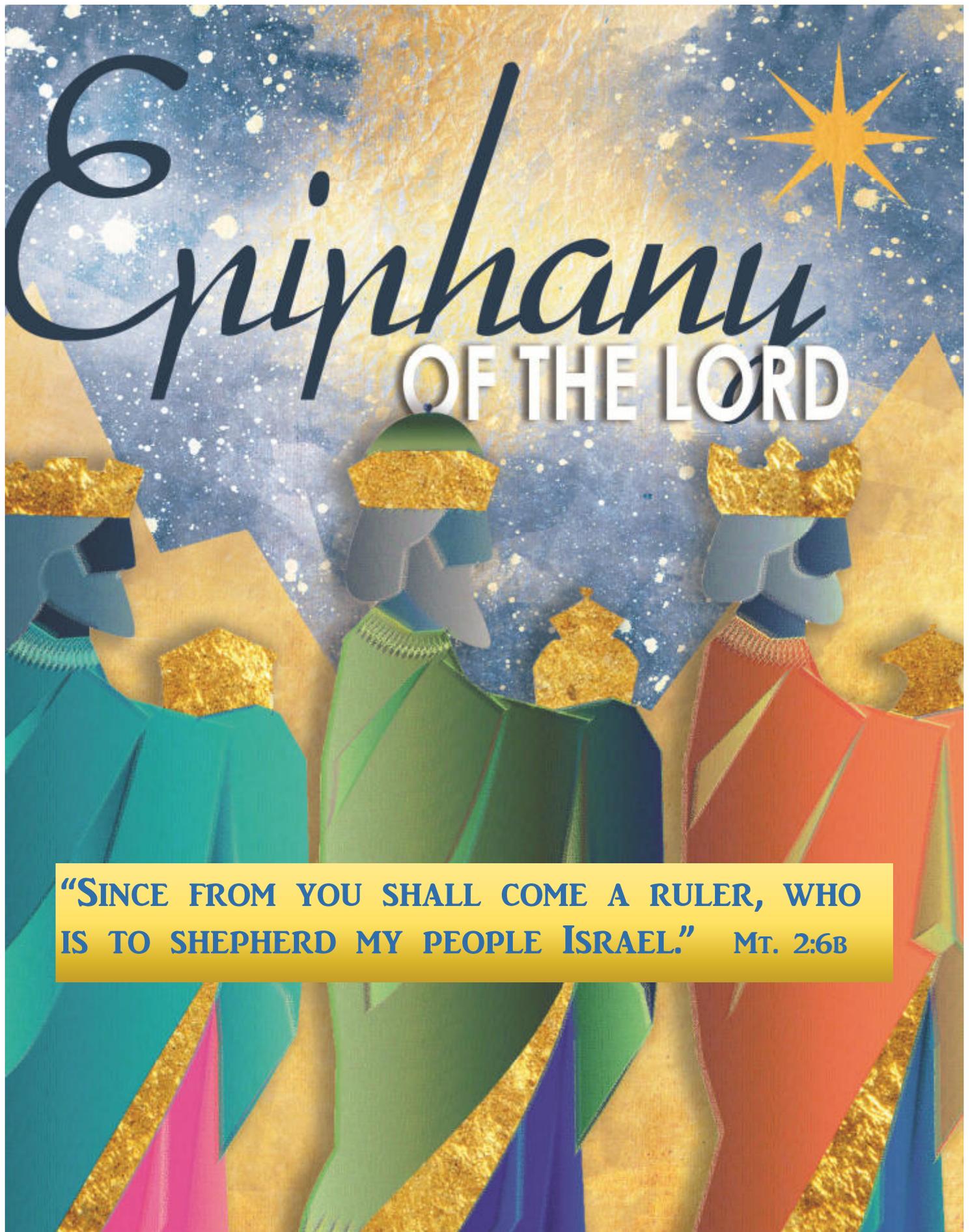
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