

# THE WITNESS

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

January 2, 2022 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## MASS SCHEDULE

## **SUNDAY MASS**

Saturday | 5:00pm Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

## **WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday through Friday | 8:30am

## PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Wednesday | Following Mass

# EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Fridays | Following Mass Benediction | 6:45pm

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:00pm-3:30pm Or by Appointment

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm Closed for lunch 12:00 –1:00pm





## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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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## **OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, through its members, is called to be a sign and sacrament of salvation to the entire Catholic Community. Essential to this Mission is the work of spreading Christian life and teachings.

## **OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL**

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# THIS WEEK AT OLQM

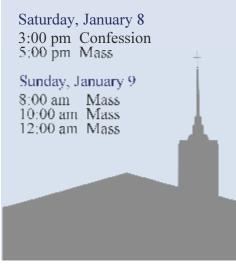
Monday, January 3 NO 8:30 am Mass

Tuesday, January 4
8:30 am Mass
7:15 pm Catholic Biblical
School of Michigan

Wednesday, January 5
8:30 am Mass/Perpetual Help
Devotions
12:30 pm Endow Group
6:30 pm Baptism Class
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 6 8:30 am Mass

Friday, January 7 8:30 am Mass 9:00 am Exposition/Adoration 6:45 pm Benediction



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## RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:30; or by appointment by contacting the Parish Office.

## **MATRIMONY**

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance to schedule your Holy Matrimony preparation.

## **BAPTISM**

Please contact the Parish Office.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

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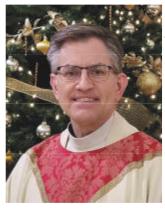
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## **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Copy due by 12:00 pm on Friday of the preceding week.

Deliver to the Parish Office or email copy to: satwell@olqm-parish.org



## A note from the Pastor . . .

## A Happy and Blessed New year to you and your family!!

Each January I like to bring out the following prayer as I open the door to the New Year in anticipation of God's goodness and love. I would like to share the prayer with you.

## **Prayer for the New Year**

Dear Lord, as I close the door on the old year, I ponder on the things I've done, on the things I've said, and the joys I've had, then I wonder, have I lost or won?

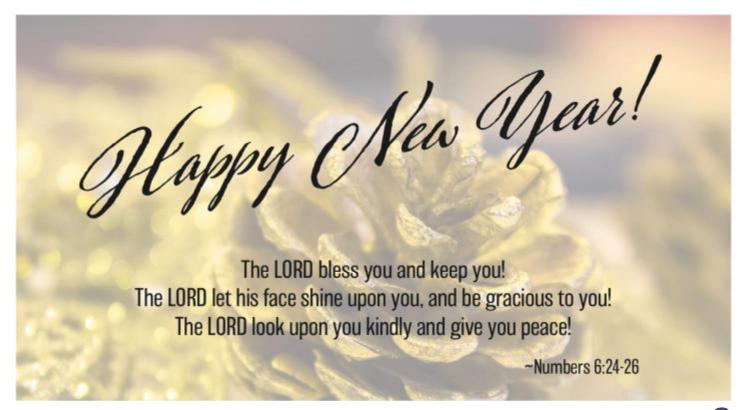
I've thought of the new friends I've made, and the old ones staunch and true, the path of the old year was made easier Lord, because I have walked it with you.

I think of all the many times, when my burdens were so heavy to bear and how my faith slipped away from me but you were always standing there.

Now as I open the door to this New Year and carefully peep inside, I wonder what it holds for me, but I'll throw the door open wide. And whatever it brings to me and mine I'll meet you with a heart so true, I know that, Lord, whatever it may be, you'll be there to carry me through. (author unknown)

I look forward to the year ahead and the many blessings God has planned for OLQM Church and School. Please know if there is anything I can do for you and/or your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at the parish office. I am here to pray with you and for you and to serve the entire parish community.

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Jim Smalarz



## **PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS**



## Deacon Chris's Corner.....

As a deacon, one of the things you need to make sure of right from the beginning is that you do not say yes to too many requests for service. It is so easy to want to do everything and anything because it feels good to help others and you know you are doing things that God asks you to do. However, if it is at the expense of neglect for your family, your occupation, or other significant things in your life, it will not end well.

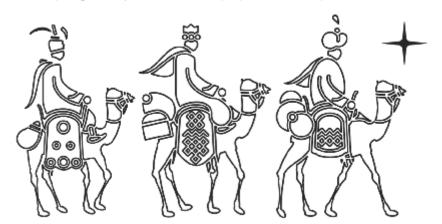
Believe it or not, Satan tries to get you to do just that. Remember that "Lucifer", which is another name for Satan, means "light-bearer". As St. Paul tells us in another place of scripture, Satan disguises himself as an angel of light to make you think you are doing something good, when his motive is for it to backfire on you.

I bring this up today because we see King Herod, in today's Gospel, pretending to the Magi (the three kings who visited Jesus with gifts) that he wants them to bring word of Jesus's whereabouts so he can bring homage to the newborn King. His real intention, as we find out, is to have the Messiah murdered. The magi are ultimately warned in a dream not to go back to King Herod, which saves them from making a huge mistake.

It is important to remember to think and pray about all things you are considering engaging in, for sure the tempting things you know are sinful, but also the other things that may be disguised as good but will bring harm to someone or something if you overdo it. An example might be a celebration in which you have good intentions, but you end up drinking too much. Another example might be that you are working really hard and spending a lot of time at your job, thinking it will bring in a bunch of money for your family, but you have forgotten about your family being the first priority. These things and many more can have a negative impact that Satan thrives on.

With great gratitude to God,

## Deacon Chris



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

## The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.





## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day: January 4

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."

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# Discovering Your Gifts Charism Workshop

# Does Life Seem Overwhelming? Lacking Meaning?

Join us for Discovering Your Gifts and find ways to uncover the joy God has for you.

Tuesdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15 & 22 7:00-8:30 PM

St. Mary Fellowship Center, 730 S. Lafayette Ave., Royal Oak

This workshop is for those:

- · Seeking to learn more about themselves and their relationship with God
- Considering life transitions, career moves, or ministry opportunities
- Seeking a deeper prayer life
- · Desiring to know their gifts and how to find happiness through them



In these five sessions you will uncover how God has uniquely gifted you to find true happiness, live out your call to holiness, lead a fulfilling life, and go deeper in your relationship with Jesus. During the sessions, you will learn how both your spiritual gifts given in baptism (charisms) and natural talents are discerned, activated and exercised through ministry, career, volunteer opportunities, and relationships with others. We will also delve into learning how to pray deeply to be able discern wisely.

The workshops will be presented by Judy Maten and Mary Garlow.

OLQM members interested in attending can contact Mary at mgarlow@olqm-parish.org. Funds are available to cover the \$25 registration and materials fee.





# The Holy Name of Jesus January 3, 2022

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was promoted in a special manner by St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistrano (founder of Sister Francesca's order - The Bernardine Francsican Sisters) and by the Franciscan Order. It was extended to the whole Church in 1727 during the pontificate of Innocent XIII. The month of January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

Today we celebrate The Memorial of The Holy Name of Jesus on the January 3.

## Power of The Holy Name of Jesus

Scripture says: He was called Jesus (Luke 2:21). This is the most sacred of all names. It was foretold by the prophets, announced by an Angel, proclaimed by the Apostles and desired by all the saints. O powerful name! O grace-filled and joyous name! O delightful and glorious name! This name is powerful because it brings down our enemies, restores our strengh and renews our mind. It is grace-filled because in that are contained the foundation of faith, the ground of hope and the fulfilment of Holiness. It is joyous because it is gladness to the heart, music to the ear, honey to the tongue and splendour to the mind. It is delightful because it nourishes when it is recalled, soothes when it is uttered, anoints when it is invoked, refreshes when it is written and instructs when it is read. It is a truly glorious name because it gives sight to the blind, makes the lame walk, brings hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute and life to the dead. O blessed name endowed with such powers! JESUS!

Bonaventure, The Five Feasts of the Child Jesus

Thank you for your love of Jesus and of OLQM. Thank you for all you are and all you do to make OLQM the amazing, faith-filled, loving, serving parish family that we are today! Together we are making a difference in the life and spirit of our community.



## Christian Service Connection

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16



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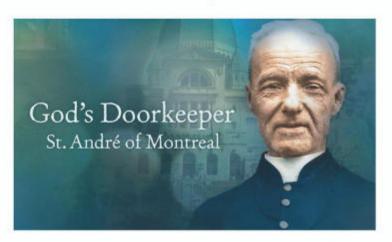
# PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

# WATCH

## GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



# **FORMED**° Now! How to Pray with Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Elizabeth Klein

## FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

# LEARN

# LISTEN

## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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# WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer: This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

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## Priestly Vocations: Discernment Day, Saturday, Jan 29, 2022

A Discernment Day offers a single high school man (freshman – senior) from the Archdiocese of Detroit a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. High school students will meet new friends and grow in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

If you know any men who are interested and would like more information, please contact us: <a href="https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discern-the-priesthood/high-school-discernment-day/">https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discern-the-priesthood/high-school-discernment-day/</a>.

Those interested must have a phone conversation with Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, before they are allowed to register.



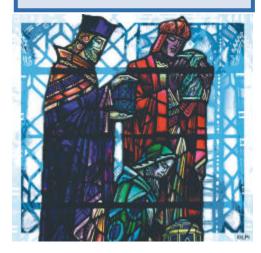


First Friday Adoration Friday, January 7

9:00 am to 6:45 pm

Benediction 6:45 pm

Please sign up for prayer times in the vestibule!





## PLEASE REMEMBER **IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Dennis Bachellar Wendy Bachellar Giannna Baracos Charles Barron Charlie Blank Judy Cancro Isabella Cichoski Janet Chrzanowski Gerri Compton Nicholas Cornfield Bill Donnelly Michael Drellas **Marion Easton** Darren Eisenberg Nancy Finnell Katherine Fletcher Lia Geftos Carol Gilhuly Benicio Goulding Steve Gucciardo Ian Haezebrouck Jeff Haezebrouck Brian Hall David Harrison Richard Harrison Joel Holland Lisa Janes Larry Jonas Susan Karwacki Carol Keller William Kibbe Ken Koller Dennis Lacelle **Dolores Lowe** Richard Lowe Joanne MacDonald Monica Madigan

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## **Prayer for Vocations**

O Virgin Mary, we commend to you those who seek to follow your son as priests, brothers and sisters. You know the difficulties, struggles and obstacles they face. Assist them to utter their "yes" to the divine call as vou did at the invitation of the angel. Draw them near to your heart so that they may understand the joy and beauty that awaits when the Lord calls them. Make them witness the Lord's love. Enable them to inspire the church with their consecration. May your all powerful intercession touch the hearts of many that they may respond to the Lord's call. Repeat to them in the depths of their hearts what you said to the waiters at Cana: "Do whatever Jesus asks." Amen. Pope John Paul II

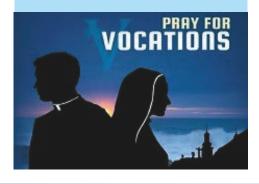
Please pray for our OLQM parishioners who are currently in formation:

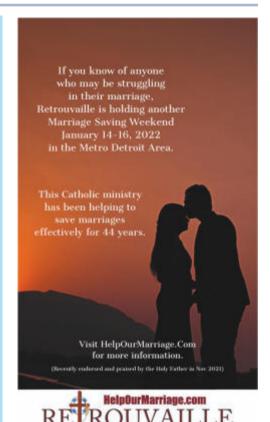
Josh Burcroff **Archdiocese of Detroit** 

> Dan Dixon **Society of Jesus**

Sr. Solanus Mary (Mary Margaret Payne) Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

Kevin Zaporski **Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter** 







Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



## OLOM CSA UPDATE

Goal: \$121,379 Pledged: \$119,572

Paid: \$107,368

Pledge Balance: \$12,204



# Pray for the Sick!



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

for the week of January 3 to January 9

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 3**

**NO Morning Mass** 

## **MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

8:30 am †Alice Schlegel

Deceased members of

OLQM Family & Friends

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

8:30 am †Rosalind Ann Desmet

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

8:30 am Deceased members of the UAW Local 160

## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**

8:30 am Deceased members of the Emmons Family

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

5:00 pm Marian Day

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**

8:00 am †Rev. Edward Mitchell For the People of the Parish

10:00 am †Janice Kirchgessner †David A. Simmons

12:00 pm Deceased members of the Snapp Family

†Bob Brinton

## **MASS READINGS**

for the week of January 2 to January 9

# **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2** The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

# MONDAY, JANUARY 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 John 3:22—4:6 Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 John 4:7-10 Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44

# **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 4:11-18 Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52

# **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**St. André Bessette, Religious

1 John 4:19—5:4 Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 John 5:5-13 Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**

1 John 5:14-21 Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b John 3:22-30

# **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalms 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



## **CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

JUST FOR FUN

#### **Ouestion:**

Which sacraments can only be received once?

#### Last Week's Answer:

What does "Alleluia" mean?

Praise the Lord

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# Christmas Poinsettia. Memorials, Tributes & Donations

## Mr. & Mrs. Mark Melendy

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The deceased members of the

Drake and Brinkman Families

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Sity

Grandma & Grampa Vogt

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Anna & Rodolfo Marsan

Maria & Sisto Meneghel

## Sue Lang

Paul & Dororthy Lang

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Sanders

**Antoinette Ozdych** 

Lynne Brimer

Mr. & Mrs. Carl J. Schoeninger

**Daniel Wilensky** 

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ide

## SUNDAY'S READINGS

## **First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

## Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

## **Second Reading:**

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.

(Eph 3:5-6)

## Gospel:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
(Mt 2:2)

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## LIVE THE LITURGY

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 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.

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