

January 3rd, 2021

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Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00AM—3:00PM
Wed.: 9:00AM—12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM
1st Saturday of Month - 9:00
(with Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday (Vigil)

4:00 PM

Sunday

October—May

8 AM & 10:00 AM

June—September

9:00AM

Holy Days

Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM

Confessions

1/2 hour before weekend Masses



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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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays

After 9:00 AM Mass - 11:00 AM

Sacraments

Baptisms

Last Saturday of the Month or by appointment

Weddings

Contact Parish Office

Anointing the Sick & Homebound

Please contact the parish office at least 2 days prior to admission to hospital, if possible.

Altar Flowers

To contribute to the flower fund or to sponsor flowers for Sunday services in memory of a loved one or for any special intention, please fill out a flower fund envelope and place it in the offertory basket. Checks should be made payable to: **CCW of Lake Placid**.



Holy Water

The holy water dispenser is located in the vestibule of the church.

Votive Candles

Votive candles are located in the church and in the chapel.

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Readings for the week of January 3rd

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

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John Degen	Ronald Pekar
June Dessoy	Jose Sierra
Boots Essex	Robert Steele
Claire Essex	Joan Welsh
Henry Hartzell	Jack Westerterp
Jacqueline Hartzell	Lucille Westerterp
Mary Hetrick	MarySue Willeke
Bobbie Hovey	Luka Williams Ortiz
Margo Hughes	Anne Woznicki

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4th, 9:00 AM

†Doris Szybilla, by Patricia Mancuso

Tuesday, January 5th, 9:00 AM

No Intentions

Wednesday, January 6th, 9:00AM

†Paula Moye, by Adele Moye

Thursday, January 7th, 9:00AM

Council of Catholic Women, by the CCW

Friday, January 8th, 9:00AM

No Intentions

Saturday, January 9th, 4:00 PM (Vigil)

†Sharon Klinovich, by Judy & Charlie Smith

Sunday, January 10th 8:00 AM

†Donald Stultz, by Glenda & Michael Brannen

10:00 AM

†Bill Loyer, by John Ott



*We commend to God's Loving Embrace:
Carol Rogers*

My Dear People,

Happy New year to everyone!

The word magi originally described members of the Median and Persian priestly caste who advised the king and interpreted dreams. The term later was used more broadly to denote those who possessed mystical knowledge as priests, astrologers, soothsayers, or sages. Their popular association with kings today may be based on an Old Testament passage that recounts kings bringing gifts to the royal Davidic line (ps. 72:10-11), including gifts of gold and frankincense. (Isa 60:3-6). In the Jewish traditions, magi would bring to mind the opponents of Daniel in Babylon, who were associated with enchanters and sorcerers and claimed to interpret dreams and signs (Dan. 1:20; 2:2; 4:6-7; 5:7). Hence one would not expect magi from the east to be among the first to pay homage to the Jewish messiah. This account thus sets up a theme that will be repeated throughout Matthew's Gospel: Israel's king is welcomed by those one would least expect while Jewish leaders work against him (2:4).

The account of the magi following a star and searching for a king underscores Jesus' kingship by recalling the prophecy of Balaam in Num. 24. In that episode, the Moabite king, Balak, called upon a seer named Balaam to pronounce a curse on Israel. However, each time Balaam tried to curse Israel, God took control of his speech, and words of blessing came out of his mouth instead. In his last attempt to curse Israel, the spirit of God came upon him and he prophesied about a future king arising out of Israel. According to this oracle, a star would be the sign of the great king's arrival (Num. 24:17).

All this foreshadows the events associated with Herod, the magi, and the birth of Jesus. Just as Balak sought to use the pagan seer Balaam to destroy Israel, so Herod seeks to use the pagan magi to destroy the Christ child. And just as Balaam failed to cooperate with the king's plan, uttering blessings instead of curses, so the magi fail to assist Herod in his plot to destroy Jesus, paying the child homage instead of reporting his location to Herod. Balaam prophesied about a star heralding the coming of a great king to Israel; the magi see that star and come to worship the newborn king. Thus, the magi stand as "successors to Balaam" in the sense that they pay homage to the king that Balaam foretold long ago.

The Idea of a star signaling the birth of a great person or king was popular in the ancient world. Various explanations have been offered as to what this star guiding the magi was: (1) it was a



comet, such as Halley's comet that appeared in 12-11 BC; (2) it was a planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which gave appearance of a bright single star in 7 BC (Note this appeared 2 weeks ago on December 21, where Jupiter and Saturn combined to appear to us as one star) or (3) the star was a stellar explosion—a nova—which is reported to have been sighted in 5-4 BC. This is more accurate with the date of the birth of Christ, due to the error of 4 or so years to establish our calendar. One shortcoming of these naturalistic explanations is that the star in Matthew's gospel leads the magi and then comes to rest over the house (2:9)—things ordinary stars do not do. This suggests that—whatever the nature of the star in Matthew 2 might have been—God intervened in an extraordinary way to lead the magi to the messiah. One interesting proposal is that the star guiding the magi represents an angelic figure in the tradition that stars were associated with angels, and the guiding star in Mathew's Gospel recalls the angel God sent to guide the people in the desert on their way to the promised land (Exodus 14:19). Thus, while some natural stellar phenomenon might have initially led the

magi in search of a king, Matthew is telling us that God is providing a supernatural guide to lead the magi to Christ, just as he provided Israel with an angel to lead them through the desert. When the news about the magi's quest spreads around Jerusalem, King Herod becomes greatly troubled. Herod was not born king of the Jews, He was an Idumean, whose family got itself appointed by Rome to rule over the Jews. Magi following a star and seeking the newborn king of the Jews would have been quite alarming to the ethnically non-Jewish Herod, especially in these later years of his life when he was violently paranoid about any potential rival to his throne.

Herod gathers together the chief priests and the scribes who were part of the Jewish leadership in Jerusalem under Herod and inquired of them where the messiah was to be born. Matthew notes that Herod was assembling them, which recalls a passage from Ps 2 foretelling that the rulers of this world will assemble against the Lord's anointed king (Ps 2:2). This word assembling is used often in Matthew's Passion Narrative to describe the chief priests and scribes assembling against Christ to plot his death (26:3, 57; 27:1, 17, 27, 62). By using this same word to describe the chief priests and scribes gathering with Herod, Matthew emphasizes that at the very beginning of Christ's life, the Jewish leaders are already working against the Lord's Messiah, playing the role of wicked rulers in Ps 2. (cont'd on page 4)

The chief priests and scribes tell Herod that the messiah was expected to be born in **Bethlehem**, a city charged with Davidic hopes. This was the place where David was born and, according to the prophet Micah, the new Davidic king was expected to come from this city (Mic. 5:1). The Jewish leaders quote this passage and then go on to say that this ruler will **shepherd my people Israel**—an echo of God's words to David at the beginning of his reign (2 Sam 5:2), for the **star preceded them** and stopped over the house, see 2:2.

The magi's long journey reached a climax as they entered **the house** and saw **the child with Mary, his mother**. This reference to Mary and the child in a house in Bethlehem can stand in complete harmony with Luke's account of the child being laid in a manger (Luke 2:7). Since first-century peasant homes in Palestine often had the lodging place of persons on one level and animals dwelling with a manger on a lower level. (this was like the house I was born and grew up in-- the stable was on the ground floor, and the living quarters were upstairs). The house the magi visit in Matt. 2 might be the same house where Jesus was born in Luke 2. Another possibility is that Jesus was born in a cave near

Bethlehem and that later the holy family moved to a more comfortable dwelling, a house, which is where the magi find them. The magi prostrate themselves (prostration before kings was common in the ancient Near East). Elsewhere in Matthew's Gospel, prostration and giving homage are associated with divine worship. The Gentile magi, therefore, offer Christ the worship that Herod, the chief priests, and scribes failed to offer.

The gifts of gold, frankincense (an expensive perfume used for incense in worship), and myrrh (an exotic spice) represents luxurious gifts for a king. The gifts also recall prophecies about the nations coming to pay homage to the king of Israel, falling down before him and offering gifts of gold and frankincense (Psalm 72:10-11; Isa 60:1-6). As such, this scene underscores that Jesus is not just king of the Jews (2:2)—he is king of the whole world.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Clemente



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi

find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

May the grace and blessings bring peace to all of you during this new year.

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

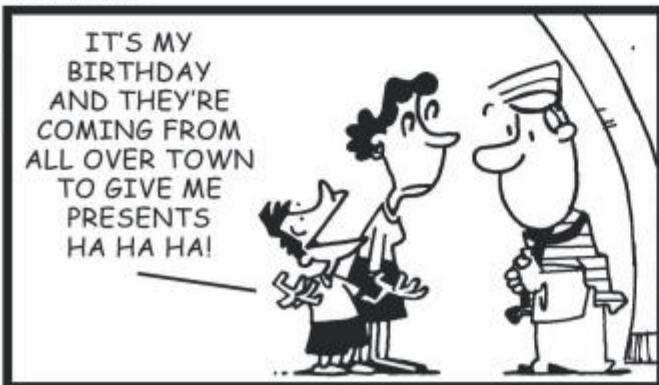


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EPIPHANY



Misión Católica Santiago Apostol

Servidor de la Misión: Padre Félix González

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Hoy celebramos la universalidad del Señor, fiesta conocida como la Epifanía. Celebramos, también la luz de Cristo manifestada en una estrella que guiaba a los Magos de Oriente hasta llegar a su encuentro.

“Al entrar en la casa vieron al niño con María su madre; se arro-

dillaron y le adoraron. Abrieron después sus cofres y le ofrecieron sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra” (Mateo 2:11). Y, nosotros, ¿Qué podemos ofrecerte en este tiempo difícil que estamos pasando? Solo, nos resta decirte: ¡Señor, que tu estrella nos guie y nos ilumine a ser mejores personas, a integrarnos y ayudarnos en este tiempo tan duro que estamos pasando!

Las lecturas nos hablan cómo la luz, de diferentes maneras, nos orienta y marca el camino, que es Cristo. Jesús brilla en todas las personas de

diferentes razas y estatus migratorio. El deseo de Jesús es espaciar su luz a toda persona, esa luz en otras palabras es su gracia, dada también en los Sacramentos. A pesar de todo

lo que estamos viviendo actualmente, la invitación estriba en que el corazón palpite y desborde de alegría en el

Señor. Muchas han sido nuestras experiencias en este tiempo de pandemia. Los momentos han sido difíciles, pero la luz de Cristo ha brillado de mil formas en medio de la oscuridad. Ni la oscuridad de la enfermedad, de perder a un ser querido, de la falta de trabajo, por mencionar algunos, ha matado la esperanza. Esa esperanza que nos hace ir más allá de nosotros mismos para dar ayuda a quien lo necesita. ¿Qué harás hoy para que la luz de Cristo ilumine la oscuridad de otros?

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Horario de Misas
Domingo: 10:00am

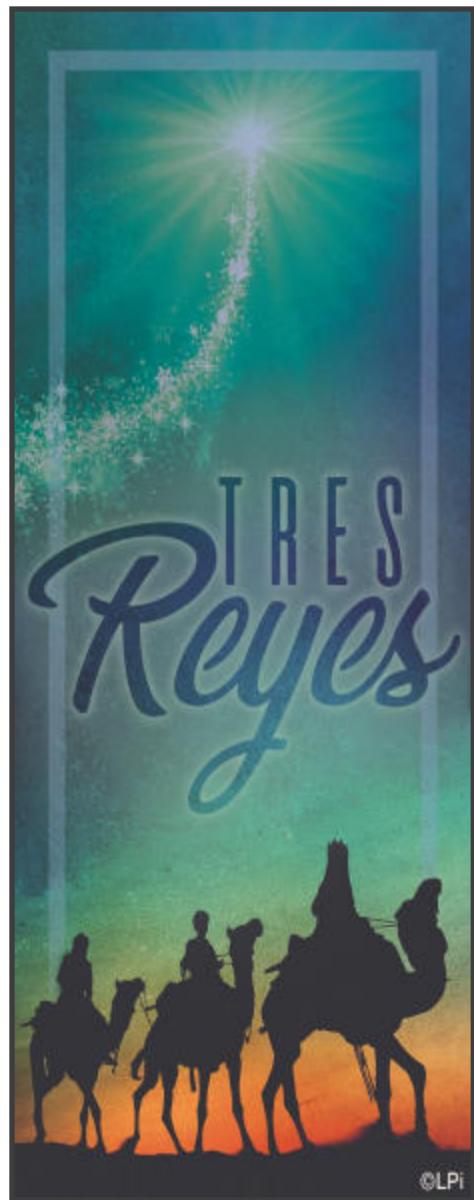
Jueves y Viernes: 7:00PM

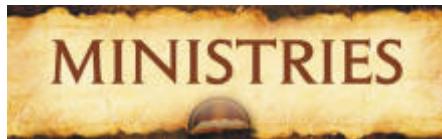
Primer viernes del mes– Misa a las 7:00pm y la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm

Confesiones: 9:30am domingo
Bautismos: 4o sábado del mes a las 4:00 pm

Platicas del bautismo: 3o viernes del mes a las 7:30pm después de la Misa

Quinceañeras: hablar con el sacerdote



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Wed 9:45am – 11:45am

Thurs 7pm-9pm

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BULLETIN

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CATHOLIC INQUIRY (RCIA)

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 10:00 am Mass and Class

Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

CHOIR - All ages

Wednesday 6:30pm

Sally Fernsel/863-465-3215

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COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW), LAKE PLACID

1st Thursday of the Month 10:00am

Carol Smart/863-699-5552

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DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

2nd Friday of the month

3:00 pm, Social Hall

Mary Webb/863-273-4495

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3rd Sunday of the Month

2:00 pm

Bob Muir/863-441-4754

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2nd Sunday of the Month

2:00pm

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GRIEF SUPPORT

2nd Thursday of the Month

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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7:30pm

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1st Monday of the Month 3:00pm

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YOUTH /CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday 6:30 pm/Social Hall

Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

MINISTRY LEADERS: SCAMS CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED AT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS VIA EMAIL OR TEXT FOR MONEY OR GIFT CARDS THAT APPEAR TO COME FROM FR. VINCENT OR ANOTHER PRIEST. FATHER WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO BUY THESE ITEMS. PLEASE IGNORE THE REQUEST AND REPORT IT TO THE OFFICE ASAP.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Daily Mass at 9AM. Weekend Masses: Saturdays at 4PM and Sundays at 8AM & 10AM. Adoration one hour after Mass on Thursdays. Call for an appointment for Confession. If you have a fever or flu like symptoms, please do not enter Church

- You must wear a mask before entering Church

- Please let Ushers take you to your seats
- Please maintain social distancing – Individual or Family Groups space 6 feet apart in pew.
- Please stay behind blue line when receiving Communion
- Communion will be received “in hand” only
- No groups over 10 people outside of Mass.

Faith Formation Resumes

- 6-14 year olds, Sundays after the 10AM Mass. Starting January 10th.
- 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation (9th grade plus), Wednesdays 6:00PM to 7:00PM. Starting January 6th.



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