

January 8th, 2023

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Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00AM—3:00PM

Mass Schedule

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

Saturday (Vigil)
4:00 PM

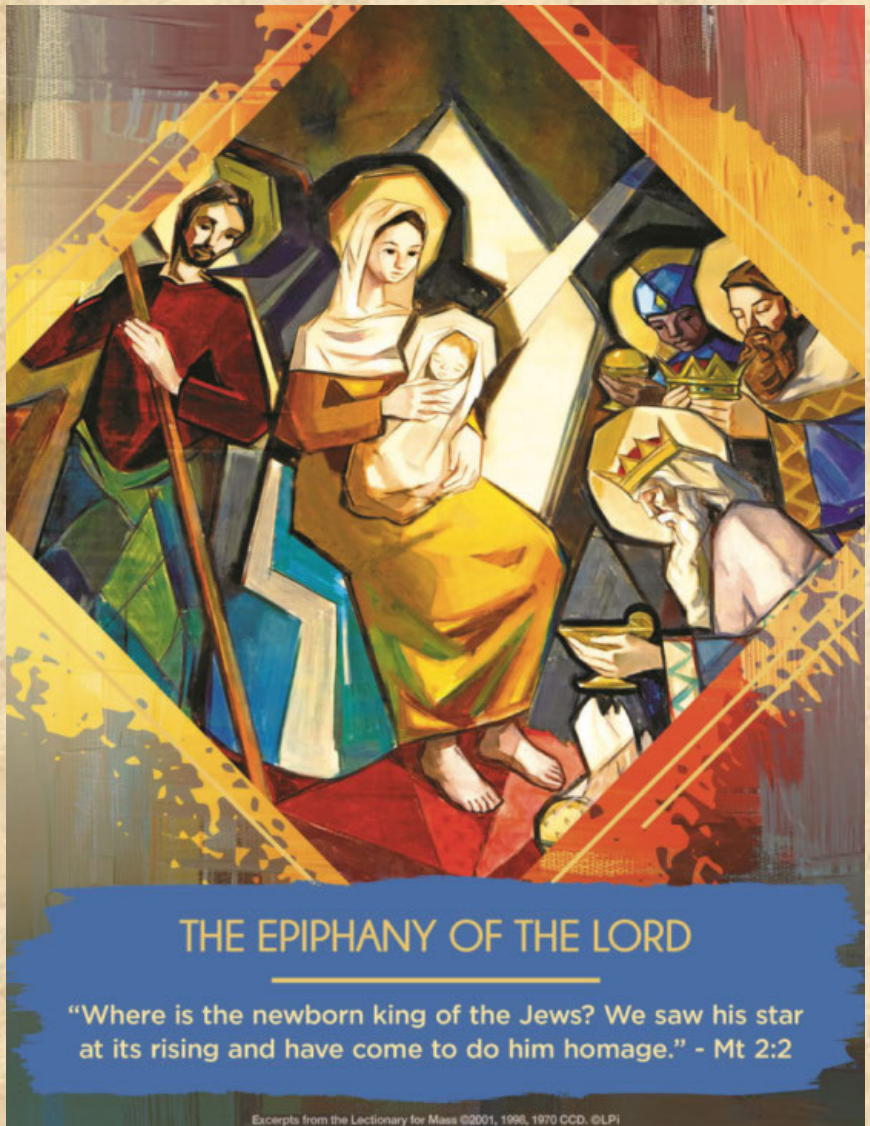
Sunday
October—May
8 AM & 10:00 AM

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

“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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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays

After 9:00 AM Mass - 12:00 PM

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.**

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

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Readings for the week of January 8th

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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Stephanie Darbin

Stella Zhawred

Leilani Grimore

Fr. Robert Glavey & family

Nereida Rios

Linda Drago

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9th, 9:00 AM

†Betty Kerney, by a friend and the CCW

Tuesday, January 10th, 9:00 AM

Special intentions for Elsie Howe,
by a CCW friend

Wednesday, January 11th, 9:00AM

†Dennis Irwin, by Sue Szlosek

Thursday, January 12th, 9:00 AM

†Hermine Scheu, by Elsie Howe

Friday, January 13th, 9:00 AM

†Otto Scheu, by Elsie Howe

Saturday, January 14th,
4:00 PM (Vigil)

†Nancy Pedraza, by Patricia Triggs

Sunday, January 15th,
8:00AM

†Rosalie Sullivan, by Vicki Simons

10:00AM

†Donald Stultz,
by Michael & Glenda Brannen



*We commend to God's
Loving Embrace:*
Ted Brown

My Dear People,

The word **magi** originally described members of the Persian priestly caste and Median who advised kings and interpreted dreams. The term later was used more broadly to denote those who possessed mystical knowledge, including priests, astrologers, soothsayers, or sages. Their popular association with kings today may be based on Old

Testament passages that recount kings bringing gifts to the royal Davidic son (ps. 72:10-11), including gifts of gold and frankincense (Isa. 60:3-6). In the Jewish tradition, 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). Hence, one would not expect ma-

gi 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 whom one would least expect, while Jewish leaders work against Him!" (2:4).

The event of the magi following a star and searching for a king underscores Jesus' kingship by recalling the prophecy of Balaam in Num. 24. Balak, the Moabite king called upon a seer named Balaam to pronounce a curse on Israel; but, each time Balaam tried to curse Israel, God took control of his speech and words of blessings, instead, came out of his mouth. 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 for the great kings' 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 too, the magi failed to assist Herod in his plot to destroy Jesus, by paying homage to the child instead of

reporting His location to Herod. Balaam prophesied about a star heralding the coming of a great king to Israel; the magi followed that star and came to worship the newborn king.

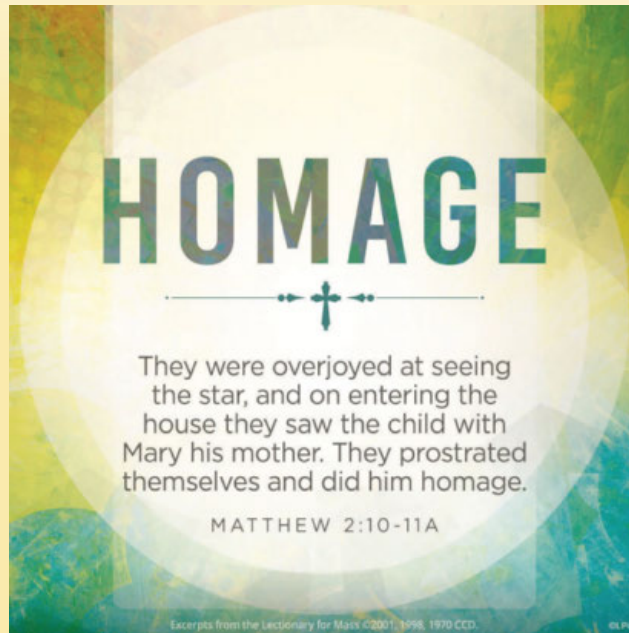
Thus, the magi stand as "successors to Balaam" in the sense that they pay homage to the king that Balaam foretold.

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 truly was that guided the magi:

- (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 the appearance of a bright, single star in 7 BC;
- (3) **the star was a stellar explosion**—a nova—which is reported to have been sighted in 5-4 BC.

One shortcoming of these naturalistic explanations is that the star in Matthew's Gospel leading the magi comes to rest over a house (2:9). This suggests that—whatever the nature of the star in Matt. 2:—**God intervened in an extraordinary way to lead the magi to the messiah.**

Another interesting proposal is that the star guiding the magi represents an angelic figure. In the Jewish tradition, (cont'd on p 5)





At the CCW February 2nd meeting at 10AM in the social hall, we will have a guest speaker from Advent Health Heart and Vascular Center presenting a cardiology care update. All women of the parish are invited to attend this informative meeting. The theme for the meeting is "Heart" your heart.
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Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany,

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

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 9TH

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stars were associated with angels! The guiding star in Matthew’s Gospel recalls the angel, whom God sent, to guide the people in the desert on their way to the promised land (Exod. 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 news about the magi’s quest is revealed 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. The Magi following a star and seeking the **new-born king of the Jews** would have been quite alarming to the ethnically non-Jewish Herod, who, in his later years, was violently paranoid

about any potential rival to his throne.

Herod’s reaction was to gather the **chief priests and scribes**, who were part of the Jewish leadership in Jerusalem, to inquire where this messiah was to be born. The chief priests and scribes told Herod that the messiah was expected to be born in **Bethlehem**, a city charged with Davidic hopes.

Bethlehem 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 quoted this passage and then went on to say that this ruler would “shepherd my people Israel”—an echo of God’s words to David at the beginning of his reign (2 Sam.5:2).

Yours in Christ,

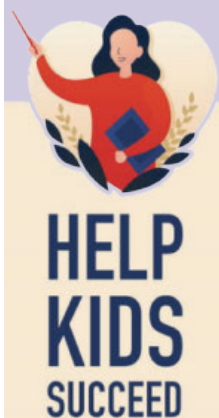
Fr. Vincent Clemente



Our RCIA program meets Mondays at 6 PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend one or all of the evening teachings. The following topics will be presented:

- Jan. 9.** Sacrament of Confirmation
- Jan. 16.** Sacrament of Eucharist
- Jan. 23.** Sacrament of Penance
- Jan. 30.** Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Feb. 6.** Sacrament of Matrimony/ Holy Orders
- Feb. 13.** Election: Saying Yes to Jesus
- Feb. 20.** Living Lent

Please give us a call if you have questions. Elsie 863-633-8142 or Lynda at 863-655-2370.



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St. Catherine Catholic School is hiring for the following positions starting in January, 2023:

- Teacher Assistant – part time (20-25 hours/week)
- Substitute Teacher – as needed

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Existe un refrán popular que dice así: “No hay peor sordo que el que no quiere oír”. Y le agregaría el que no quiere ver. Los Magos del Oriente no se hicieron sordos ni ciegos, sino que, presurosos siguieron la estrella que los guiaba a Jesús. Preguntaron y escucharon su historia, por aquello de no perderse del lugar donde se encontraba aquel famoso recién nacido. “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? (Mateo 2,2). ¿Dónde está Jesús en nuestros días? ¿A quién hemos preguntado donde encontrarlo? Quizá, se encuentra en los corazones de los padres de familia que han perdido a sus hijos(as) en la violencia, o tal vez está ahí donde el inmigrante sufre y muere luchando por una vida mejor.

La liturgia de este Domingo de la Epifanía, manifestación de Jesús como salvador de todos los pueblos, nos invita a no ser oyentes pasivos sino activos, comprometidos a la esperanza de una sociedad mejor. La voz del Papa Francisco es el eco de Dios que motiva a ver la luz de la estrella reflejada en el corazón de todo aquel que desea la paz. “El día de hoy debemos sentir cerca a los Magos, ellos tenían el corazón abierto al horizonte: «Vieron la estrella porque se habían puesto en el camino» (San Juan Crisóstomo). Su ejemplo nos anima a contemplar la estrella y a no conformarnos, sino a dejarnos fascinar por la bondad y la verdad. Ellos reflejan la imagen de todos los que no dejamos de levantar la mirada hacia el firmamento, poniendo en nuestro camino a nuestro Dios, Rey del Universo”. ©LPI

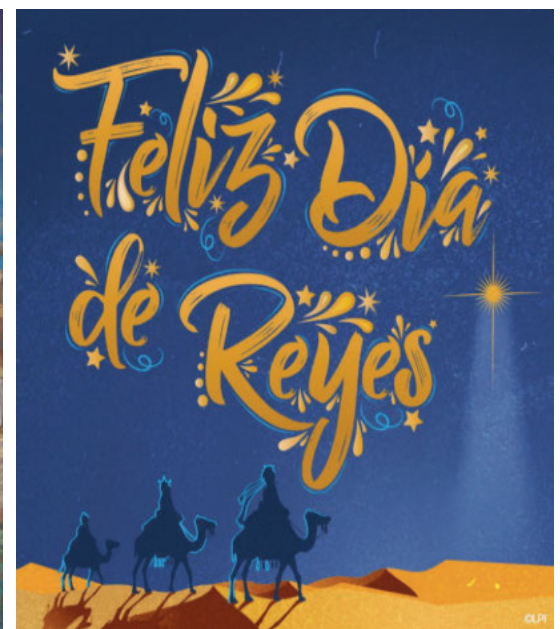
Horario de Misas
 Domingo: 10:00am
 Jueves y Viernes: 7:00PM
 Primer viernes del mes– Misa a las 7:00pm y la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm
 Confesiones: 9:30am domingo
 Bautismos: 4o sábado del mes a las 4:00 pm
 Platicas del bautismo: 3o viernes del mes a las 7:30pm después de la Misa
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christy@christyswift.com

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Sunday 10:00 am Mass and Class

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1st Thursday of the Month 10:00am

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Mary Webb/863-273-4495

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2:00 pm

Bob Muir/863-441-4754

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PARISH HAPPENINGS**JANUARY 8th— Sunday.**

Faith Formation, 11AM, Social Hall.

Women's Emmaus, 2PM, Social Hall.

JANUARY 9th— Monday.

RCIA, 6PM, Social Hall.

JANUARY 10th— Tuesday.

Child. of Our Lady, 10AM, Social Hall.

Knights of Columbus, 7PM, Social Hall

JANUARY 11th— Wednesday.

Bible Study, 10AM, Social Hall.

Confirmation Class, 6PM, Social Hall.

JANUARY 12th— Thursday.

Legion of Mary, 1PM, Social Hall.

Grief Support, 2PM, Social Hall.

Bible Study, 7PM, Social Hall

JANUARY 13th— Friday.

Divine Mercy, 3PM, Social Hall.

JANUARY 15th— Sunday.

Faith Formation, 11AM, Social Hall.

Men's Emmaus, 2PM, Social Hall.

JANUARY 16th— Monday.

Office Closed

RCIA, 6PM, Social Hall.

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