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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**



January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

Written by
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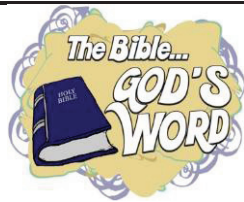
It's interesting how an event can be interpreted by different people. God's revelation of himself in the birth of the child Jesus is clearly one such event. The Magi, Gentiles from the east, had heard of this "newborn king of the Jews" and undertook a long and arduous journey to see him and offer him homage. They were edified and eager in their search. Herod, himself a king - of the Jews - did not have the same reaction. The very thought of this "newborn king" threatened him and filled him with rage and suspicion. In this moment in human history, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (i.e., the Epiphany) unveils the truth of God's redemptive work for all of creation to be reconciled to himself. This truth has been accepted and rejected throughout time, and our celebration of this feast gives us an opportunity to give thanks in a focused and particular way for our acceptance of it - to give thanks for the gift of our faith. Perhaps it is even a moment for us to have our own, colloquial epiphany: an "aha moment," where we once again truly understand the depth of God's love for us.

PRAY *Lord God of heaven and earth, | you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star ... | Fill us with the light of Christ, | that our concern for others may reflect your love. | We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*
(from USCCB Epiphany prayer for blessing of home)

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ Child; they were warned not to return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body" - the body of Christ. Just as the magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be. Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; he is here with us, in Word and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank him for his enduring presence in our lives.



Epifania del Signore

Sull'esempio dei Magi, nella loro ricerca amorosa Messia, celebriamo l'Epifania certi di un incontro rinnovato e rinnovatore con Cristo, luce vera e via sicura per

l'edificazione di un mondo riconciliato e giusto.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 31st was \$4,567.00.

Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offerta della domenica 31 dicembre era \$4,567.00.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of January 7th is offered in memory of Danny Pepe requested by his mother and family.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 7 gennaio è stata offerta in memoria di Danny Pepe richiesta da sua mamma e famiglia.

Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for December 31st was \$180.00.

La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta della settimana 31 dicembre era \$180.00.



Dr. Simone: We will be collecting salt for the month of January.

Questo mese accogliamo il sale per la missione del Dr. Simone.

St. Anthony Committee: The Feast of St. Anthony Committee invites all parishioners to the Annual Dinner/Dance on Saturday, February 3rd at Le Tréport Banquet Hall. Tickets are \$100/person, all inclusive. To reserve tickets, please call Joe Falcone at 905-629-4080, committee members, or the church office.

Il comitato della festa di Sant'Antonio invita tutti i parrocchiani ed amici al ballo annuale, sabato 3 febbraio, presso Le Tréport. Per prenotare i biglietti, rivolgetevi al comitato, oppure chiamate Joe Falcone 905-629-4080. Il prezzo è \$100/persona, tutto incluso.

Donation Envelopes 2024: are now available! They are available in the back of the Church. *Please be sure to take the box that belongs to you.* If you wish to register for envelopes, please call the office and we will assign you a number.

Le buste dell'offertorio per 2024 sono pronte. Chiediamo di prenderne secondo il vostro numero e guardare se il numero corrisponde con il vostro nome.



The Altar Flowers, week by week, are a welcome offering to our worship. Flowers are alive. They are of God's creation. They are a fragrant offering to the God who created them. They are a symbol of new life in Christ. For all of these reasons, we give thanks to everyone who has already given flowers on a particular Sunday. People have given flowers in thanksgiving to God for a family member's birthday, wedding anniversary, or other blessing. They are also given in memory of a departed loved one or friend.

HAY 2024-2025: Holy Angels Youth Group is open to all children in Grades 3 and up. If interested, please e-mail holyangelsyouthomi@gmail.com for a registration form and more information. The next **HAY** night will take place on Friday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

Coffee Sunday: Come join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 28th after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for some refreshments!



Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast will be on February 11th after the 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



Fish & Chips will take place on Good Friday, March 29th following the 3:00 p.m. service.

Mass Intentions January 8th to January 14th

Saturday January 13th

St. Hilary of Poitiers, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm

† Michele Sabetti by Antonietta and Mike Sabetti and family

Sunday January 14th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am

† Francesco Simone by Saverio Simone and Family

11:30 am

† Carmela & Stefano Policelli by Children and Grandchildren

There will be no MASSES celebrated during Study Days January 8-12. The regular Mass schedule will resume January 13th.

Please welcome our newest little parishioners...



Contact the office for more information on the Baptismal Preparation process.

We require 3 months advance notice.



One year in advance notice. A Marriage Course is required. No date may be set before meeting with the Pastor.



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