



THEY WERE OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR, AND ON ENTERING THE HOUSE THEY SAW THE CHILD WITH MARY HIS MOTHER. - MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saint Paul
the Apostle

JANUARY 5, 2025

Dear SPA Family,

Isaiah had foretold that *"all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God."*

Now, on the Epiphany, the light from the skies is strengthened a hundred, a thousandfold, and the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that *"nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."*

To the amazement of all in that region, there come foreign camels bearing foreign scholars – wise men – kings! Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh!



What courage and perseverance those strangers have shown, to brave the dangers of travel, skepticism, and political intrigue. But they found what they were looking for.

That star gave trustworthy guidance and now triumphantly shines as a guard over the lowly dwelling wherein rests the child who possesses all meaning.

They fall to their knees in homage, for their learning has made them humble, and their wisdom leads them to recognize the Divine in the fragile flesh of a child.

What a silent Adoration! What loving glances they exchange with Mary and Joseph!

But for all their simple faith, their wisdom is sharp enough to detect the sham delight and murderous intentions of the wily Herod. And so they pay their respects, leave their gifts, and modestly depart for their homeland, sorrowfully aware of the terrible price justice must pay for Peace.

Their role in history has been accomplished – to teach us all to follow the guidance of the Almighty, to accept our own role as Bearers of the Light, and to follow this Christ into His Mission, to partake of His Passion, and to join the millions through the ages who will preach His Gospel of universal salvation.

The Son of God is the one Judge and Arbiter of Truth and the one Source of Light, but we are all called to be "epiphanies," providing glimpses of that Truth, showing the way in our own small spots of time and circumstance to a larger plan and destiny.

O princely Child make of us all, wise men, courageous women, obedient children who will follow wherever You lead us.

That means being faithful to prayer, diligently reading articles and booklets about our faith, sharing what we learn with others, and taking part, when possible, in prayer and study groups.

This is the way for us to be light-bearers, lighting up the darkness and confusion in the world in which we live.

*Have a Blessed Weekend,
Fr. Chris*

To read Mary Penich's **Something to Think About...**

please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

The Epiphany of the Lord

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #388 The First Nowell** (THE FIRST NOWELL)

At Sunday 5:00pm: **O Come, All Ye Faithful (ADESTE FIDELIS)** by John F. Wade and Frederick Oakley, arranged by Chris Tomlin

Gloria: **A Joyful Christmas Gloria (GLORIA)** adapted by Tony Alonso and Jeanne Cotter

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, Every Nation** by Josh Blakesley

Gospel Acclamation: **Christmas Gospel Acclamations on GESU BAMBINO (GESU BAMBINO)** arranged by Paul Hillebrand

At Sunday 5:00pm: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Preparation of the Gifts: **Gather #382 We Three Kings (KINGS OF ORIENT)** by John Hopkins, Jr.

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #151 We Three Kings (KINGS OF ORIENT)** by John Hopkins, Jr., arranged by Tom Booth

Eucharistic Acclamations/Agnus Dei: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Song: **Noel** by Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, and Ed Cash

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Noel** by Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin, and Ed Cash | **Spirit & Song #153 What Child Is This? (GREENSLEEVES)** arranged by Tom Booth

Closing Song: **He Shall Reign Forevermore** by Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher

READING I

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about;
they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before
you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READING II

EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by
revelation.
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.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the
people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the prophet:
And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."
Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the star's
appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
"Go and search diligently for the child.
When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage."
After their audience with the king they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising
preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place where the child
was.
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.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to
Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.



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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: 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

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.

Tuesday: Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Wednesday: Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Thursday: Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Friday: Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Saturday: Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

The Lord takes delight in his people.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Kenneth Braniff | Loida Busa Phelps | Edward Skowron | Ron Stanczak | Roy Hilo, Sr. | Tito J. Levasty | Ninay R. Sison

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

7:30am: Elsa Kurien | Walter Krissek

9:30am: Doreza & Dizon Families | Tito J. Levasty | Ninay Sison | Aida Sison Levasty | Paula E. Stevenson | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

11:30am: Our Parish Family

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

9:00am: Our Parish family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

7:30am: Wilfredo Garcia

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling, John Carter Bennett, Marion & Jack Henderson, Emily Vasilius, Pham Family, Jimmy Glogovsky|

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

7:30am: Terry Nieman

9:30am: Our Parish Family

11:30am: Marciana Ronquillo, Chuck Gresser, Sally Reeseman, Willow Sky Corona

5:00pm: Stanislaw Schab

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of December 29, 2024

Christmas- \$37,227

Sunday- \$23,466

Sharing- \$0

SVdP- \$485

Let There Be Light- \$1,307

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$492

Online Sunday- \$8,753

Online Sharing- \$439

Online SVdP- \$891

Month to Date - December

Christmas- \$42,520

Sunday- \$73,341

Online Sunday- \$39,666

Sharing- \$265

Online Sharing- \$3,137

SVdP- \$12,665

Online SVdP- \$2,231

Let There Be Light- \$8,859

Turkey Dinner- \$447

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$5,557

*Please see next weeks bulletin for updated collection numbers

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joe Laureano
Cherry Laureano
Margaret Gaubhran
Tom Asna

Orietta Giannetti
Marquette Wilson
Maria Iwinska
Victoria Magat

Teresita Villamorán
Martha Andradi
Doan Pham

Kim Liwanag-Lynn
Karen Lopez
Joy Matubang
Melody Cook

Jane Heraty
Jacob Bereles
Bob Franz

Cortney Kinahan
Marie Kloss
Rod Reyes

Betty Falotico
Carmen Torres
Daniel Alfaro

Luis Fernando Mathieu
Dorothy Stratten
Keith Kellogg
Lisa Mischke

Loretta Miranda
Dave Erickson
Darrel Alfonso
Carla Irwin

Alice DeSilvia

Richard Kot
Charles Smith, Jr.
Adriana Aparicio
Pearla Villareal

George Pratscher
Suzelle Conze
Kathy Hunt

Jackie Herrera-Giron
Kaz Wilk
Rose Scarpelli
Portia Tinker

Donna Kalinoski
Kathy Pozniacki
Frank Shade

Roberto Dacumos
Alfredo "Doy" Martija
Antonio "Tony" Alvarado

Charlie Lucas
Laura Hopkins
Rosa LaBellarte
William Otero

Marcy Davis
Emily Meyer
Laura Hopkins
Rosa LaBellarte

Ruben Querubin
Rachel Ciullo
Patricia Freeman

Toni Lynn Mengarelli
Monica Nash
Shannon Bremmer
Karen Swazas

April Grandgeorge

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.

Brian Hickey

Ted Bond, Jr.

Herminia Abengoza Ramos

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
11:00AM KNIT PURL PRAY
2:00PM FAITH SHARING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

7:30AM MASS
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

7:30AM MASS
4:00PM MAGI DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:00PM BAPTISM - KOHLS
1:30PM BAPTISM - ESSER
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:00AM RCIA
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
3:30PM CONFIRMATION SPONSOR EVENT
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFENIGHT

JANUARY 11/12 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Debbie Williams Mike Biarnesen	E. Drexler D. Wells S. Grzesiak J. Hauck D. Herchenbach	Dawn Wells Pam Balmes	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Jan O'Brien Doug Nieman	M. Janik A. Wodek J. O'Brien M. Pieper B. Toomey	Teo Rafael-Azcueta Ramon Azcueta	Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Beth Penfold Jeff Rediger	S. Estorque T. Maus R. Ignacio Arnold Ignacio C. Latza	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. John Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Sheila Tinetti Arleen Siap	R. Auguste L. Lechowicz E. Colcol S. Tebbetts T. Denecke- Dattalo		Fr. John Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Barb Wagner Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke M. Murawski C. Crow J. Marino G. Murawski		Fr. Christian Dn. Mike




Holy Child Jesus, Señor Santo Niño

January 18, 2025

1:00pm - Novena
2:00pm - Mass
3:00pm - Food
4:00pm - Dancing



Sinulog is a celebration of the Christianization of the Philippines. It is marked by a rosary novena, Holy Mass, food, dancing & fellowship. Similar to Simbang Gabi, it is another aspect of the Filipino faith that is meant to be shared with everyone.



Donations will go to Sinulog expenses, Saint Paul the Apostle Teen ministry, and Catholic Rogationist Priests.

Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?

Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, January 7, at 11am in the lower-level gathering space.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need in our church community.

All ages and experience levels are welcome — and we even have supplies to get you started on your project!

Questions?
Contact the parish office:
info@spa.church

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."
-Helen Keller

You are invited to join with us as we gather with others who have lost a loved one. Here you will find support and encouragement in abundance.

The next meeting is
January 8, 2025.
Sandy Gbur,
Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church
708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor



Register
on our website

THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFR

Ascension has announced its 4th “In a Year” podcast: The Rosary in a Year (with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR). On January 1, 2025, daily episodes will be posted to the Ascension App, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify. The small group would meet with Sharon Harrigan virtually every other week to share thoughts and insights.



The Women’s Fellowship Angel Trees are displayed in the gathering space. You may donate by taking an envelope from the tree or online via our website. All donations will be used to support our Parish, food pantries, Aid for Women, and the needs of our neighboring communities.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Divine Mercy Council thanks all parishioners who supported us in 2024 to raise money for our parish and other charities. Our Christmas tree sales were down a little again this year, but we were still able to share our Keep Christ in Christmas message to more than 200 families in our St Paul community. A St Paul the Apostle parishioner won one of 20 cash prizes in our annual Vocations Raffle. Congratulations!

We wish your family a blessed and safe New Year. We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council to continue our mission in 2025. Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.


Vivat Jesus, Greg Johnson, Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Council #IIII2

⇒ Are you age 55+? **SINGLE SENIORS**

⇒ Are you active and single? **SOCIAL CLUB**

⇒ Are you looking for a new way to meet friends or partners, share interests and laughter?

If you answered **YES** to these questions, then this is the social club for you!



Friday, January 24th 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Club Tiki, 3500 Sunset Avenue, Waukegan

\$25 per person due at time of registration; Cash Bar; Food provided by Catered Productions

PLEASE REGISTER BY 1/15 AT:
saintpaultheapostle.church;
Select Single Senior Social Club; Hawaiian Luau

Questions? Please call or email:
Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net





St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign and Baby Shower, sponsoring "Aid for Women", is coming soon!

Please take a baby bottle home the weekend of January 11th and 12th. Fill your bottle and bring the bottle back the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. You may also donate online through the parish website.

In addition, "Aid for Women" is in need of the following items:

Diapers (sizes newborn - #6), fruit/vegetable baby food (no meat), sleepers, crib size blankets, pack & play sheets, baby wash, pacifiers, wipes, and swaddlers.

Labeled "Baby Shower" carts will be in the upper and lower level for items dropped off beginning January 11th and 12th.

The last day to drop off items is Sunday, February 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! God Bless!

Devotions, Explained!

EPIPHANY BLESSING

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT EVERY DAY?

Mary Penich



If you enjoy reading Mary Penich's reflections in our parish bulletin, try her daily online editions. These shorter reflections - just a few paragraphs - offer a bright start to your day every day. Don't worry! They're good for afternoon and evening reading, too! Just go to www.marypenich.com to see what you've been missing. If you like what you see, sign up to receive a short post every day. Of course, there is no charge.



**SPRED
Grateful for
support**

Spred catechists and friends would like to thank the church community for its generous support of the holiday candy sale. We are grateful that with your help, we can continue to serve our special needs children and adults with the resources they need to enrich their faith. The candy sale will be back in the spring before Easter.

The Surgeon General has stated that "Parental Stress is a Significant public health issue."

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County (CCNLC) will host their Winter meeting on Saturday, January 11 at St. Gilbert Church.

All local nurses are welcome to attend!

Beginning with mass at 8:00 am in the Chapel, followed by light breakfast in the Chapel Hall at 8:30. Our speaker will be Kate Mariani, PA who will talk about Managing Parental Stress and lead a discussion. **Admission is \$15**, which will be donated to St Gilbert's Family School Association.

Enjoy networking with nurses in the community, discussing managing parental stress for ourselves and/or tools to assist us in supporting our family members or patients.

Please contact Debbie at (847) 975-7115 or debbieboucher48@gmail.com to RSVP. Hope you can join us! St. Gilbert is located at 301 E. Belvidere Rd. in Grayslake.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

What is Christ often depicted pointing to when portrayed in Christian artwork?

Answer:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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Faith Formation Card Drive 2024

On behalf of all who received the beautifully written Christmas cards, thank you for your thoughtfulness!

The cards will be delivered to various assisted living and memory care facilities the week of December 22nd.

Each facility express their sincere thanks and gratitude for remembering their residents! God Bless!



Church Center App

1. scan the QR Code
2. download the app
3. select our parish
4. input your phone number
5. input the code into the app
6. say yes to notifications



During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Paul the Apostle located in Gurnee, Illinois. However, if St. Paul the Apostle ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

Please consult an attorney and financial advisor when drafting your will or trust. For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/bequest or contact, Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.995.0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org].

Epiphany

Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer: Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

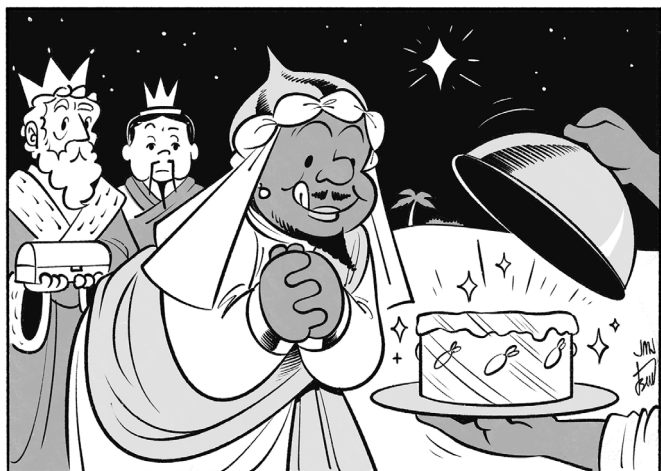
This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact?

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"What was the favorite dessert of the king who brought gold?"



"Karat cake!"



FUN FACT!
The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Baby Jesus. We remember them on Epiphany!

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Contact Charlotte Nielsen with any questions: cn Nielsen@SaintPaulTheApostle.Church



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ST. JOHN NEUMANN



St. John Neumann is the patron saint of educators, immigrants, and, due to the miracles that secured his canonization, sick children. This is a fitting patronage as he was a lover of education and learning from a very young age. In fact, when he was a child, his mother called him "my little bibliomaniac" due to his preoccupation with reading. Born in 1811 Bohemia, in what is now the Czech Republic, he attended the university in Prague preparing for ordination. However, his local bishops were not ordaining new priests

at the time because Bohemia was overstocked with priests. He inquired about ordination all over Europe but received the same answer everywhere. Not one to be deterred, John then applied to several United States dioceses. Receiving no immediate responses, the saint took a leap of faith and decided to just immigrate to the United States in 1836, during his 25th year, with only \$40 in his pocket. This risk paid off when he was ordained in New York a month later.

Early in his priesthood he worked primarily as a missionary to German immigrants in Buffalo. His missionary work also created an opportunity for him to spend time in Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, and Ohio. When he was 29, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was their first member to profess vows in the United States.

In 1852, at the age of 41, Neumann became the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. During this time, he organized the individual parochial schools in his region into a diocesan system. This change allowed Catholic schools to quickly increase the number of pupils enrolled by almost twentyfold. Over the course of his ministry, St. John expanded the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100! His passion for education extended to immigrants, like himself, and his love for learning languages made it possible for him to hear confessions in English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, and Gaelic!

A man of the people, he could often be found outside the church walls visiting people who were sick, staying in taverns and public houses to teach, and celebrating Mass in people's homes at their kitchen tables. He was canonized on June 19, 1977, following three miracles, two of which regarded the healing of youth from grave illnesses. St. John Neumann was the first American man to be canonized a saint. © LPI

Prayer - For Everybody and Everyday

Prayer of Rejoicing

FILL OUR HEARTS, LORD, WITH REJOICING AS WE SEEK AND DISCOVER YOU. YOUR WAYS ARE FULL OF WONDER, GLORY, SURPRISE, AND JOY. AMEN.

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