

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019

Dear Parishioners,



They saw the child. (Matthew 2:11)

An epiphany is a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something. The birth of a child can be an epiphany that suddenly makes us understand love and responsibility in a new way. A doctor's warning about health issues can be an epiphany that causes us to change the way we eat. And a Scripture passage, homily, or spiritual book can be an epiphany that helps us see Jesus in an unexpected, new way.

The Greek word *epiphania* means “manifestation.” Today, on Epiphany Sunday, we celebrate how God manifested his glory to the Magi. First, they saw a star and chose to follow it all the way to Jesus. Second, when they found Jesus, the Magi knelt down to worship him and pay him homage. Third, the Magi went home changed.

This pattern can be the same for your life. God visits the earth on a daily basis. You might say he never left! Every day he stands at the door of your heart and asks, “Can I come in?” (Revelation 3:20). The Magi didn't have to follow the star. They chose to follow the star. You have the same choice to open the door to God.

When the Magi saw Jesus' divinity, they worshipped him. Today, while you are at Mass, let the divinity of Christ move you to worship. Contemplate who Jesus is and all that he has done for you. Kneel before him—baby in a manger or Savior on a cross—and let joy and gratitude fill you, just as the Magi experienced.

Finally, the Magi were changed by what they saw. We know they changed routes to avoid Herod. But even more, imagine how hard it was for them to go home and return to “normal.” They had seen the glory of God, and nothing would be the same again!

Your life can be changed by this very pattern: seeing and worshipping Jesus and receiving a new insight from the Spirit will always improve the way you think, act, and relate to other people.

“Lord, I ask you for an epiphany today. Jesus, help me see you anew.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 5
5:15 PM Soul of Francis Hall

Sunday January 6
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell
12:15 PM Soul of Barbara Starks

Saturday January 12
5:15 PM Soul of Wellington Ferguson

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12
Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-25
Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52
Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22a
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16
Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30
Sunday Is 40:1-11, Ps 104:1b-25, Lk 3:15-22

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 30, 2018

\$6,500.00 Tithe and Offering
1,066.00 Building Fund
4,630.00 Christmas Offering



Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 18, 19, and 20 2019. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM on Friday. Our retreat opens at 5:45 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 12:30 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this time is reserved for you.**

This year's Retreat theme:

"Be Not Anxious! Living in the Peace of Christ"

For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner retreat Captain at 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214.

Stewardship Thought

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (EPHESIANS 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

Did you know?

New Year's Resolution: Become a mandatory reporter

Even if the legal requirements for mandatory reporting may not cover your specific position, as Catholics, we are called to protect the vulnerable at all times, and that may mean reporting on inappropriate behavior that puts a child at risk. The only way we can prevent abuse is to learn the signs and take ownership for the safety of children in our communities. To read more from the VIRTUS® article "Make a New Year's Resolution to Become a Mandatory Reporter," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

Virtus Certification Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session. St. Augustine, 3850 Jasmine Ave, Culver City will hold a Certification training on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The session lasts 3 hours. Latecomers to the trainings will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted. Please call the 310.838.3144 reserve a place.

2019 Calendars are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Ramona Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.