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### FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICH

This weekend our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This day has been celebrated since the third century in the East and since the fourth century in the West. It is a celebration of the Lord's incarnation as the manifestation of God's presence among us.

The gospel we hear proclaimed today portrays reason and revelation working closely together to lead us to Christ – a journey that can be completed only by the gift of faith. Using their science, the Magi arrived in Jerusalem. There, these “non-Jews” or Gentiles consult the Jewish revelation to determine the route to their goal of finding the Christ-child, for reason alone cannot bring us finally to Christ. But the revealed word of itself seems insufficient as well, since the scribes who gave instruction to the Magi, based on the interpretation of the scriptures, do not make the journey themselves or even with them for that matter. Perhaps Matthew is telling his mixed community of believers, and our own community, that none of us has it all together, but that together we have it all.

As I reflect on this thought I am drawn to look at our own community of faith here at Queen of Peace and the gifts each of us bring to the Lord's Table and to each other. As your priest and pastor, I am fully aware of my shortcomings and the things that are lacking in my ability to better shepherd our community of faith. Yet, what is lacking in me does not discourage me, because I am also aware of the unique gifts and talents that are represented here in YOU -- the good people of this parish. As any successful pastor will tell you, it is in the collective recognition and use of the many gifts given us by God that creates a holy people and an effective parish community. It is in the working together with each other that we bring about God's kingdom among us.

Not a day goes by in the life of our parish that I am not reminded of how we are richly blessed because of the shared goodness of the dedicated men, women, and children in our community. I want to thank everyone in our combined parish (our staff, my brother priests, our resident Verbum Dei Sisters, and parishioners as well) for helping to make our Christmas season together the wonderful celebration that it has been and continues to be. Great things happen when we work side-by-side, and I am always grateful and proud of what we have accomplished and continue to do together here at Queen of Peace.

May 2026 be a year of new opportunities, health, and renewed faith for us all!

*Fr. Rich Yanos*



### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Eugene Church  
Mondays 4 – 6 pm.  
Benediction at 5:45 pm.

