

Saint George Church - Worcester and Holden

January 7, 2024 - Epiphany of the Lord

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For information regarding Pastoral Care of the Sick, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation, and Ministry Involvement, we invite you to call the Parish Office.

The Epiphany of the Lord

"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."

Matthew 2: 10-12

St. George Catholic Church

Baptism Information:

Please contact Susan Pacek at 508-856-9960
or email: st.geobaptism@gmail.com

Eucharist Celebrated:

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Live-Streamed Mass is offered on our parish website each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 AM
and Thursday at 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard inside the church
2:30 PM to 3:15 PM on Saturdays.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St George, celebrate the welcoming presence of Christ in our lives. Together with the universal Church, we are nourished and sustained through the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist, and we are inspired by the proclamation of the Word, guided by the Holy Spirit. We continually seek to grow in a deeper understanding of our faith, to respect the sanctity of human life, and respond to what Jesus asks of us in our time by sharing our gifts and participating in parish activities and outreach to others.

A Community of Ministries, January 7, 2024



From Your Pastor

This year our holiday open house at the rectory will take place after the 8:00 & 10:00 A.M. Masses this Sunday, January 7th. You are most welcome to attend.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord and pray that we may have the open-heartedness of the Magi. Their open-mindedness allowed them to see a star which led them to something far more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could have ever imagined. They traveled from their own country to a foreign land to accept a simple gift that is revealed to them – a humble, simple child who does not appear to be a king but someone who below the surface is seen for who he truly is. Upon this recognition, the Magi pay him homage without hesitation and present him with their gifts. As Church we, like the Magi, witness together to the presence of Christ in the world. Let us pray for the grace to always have the open-mindedness of the Magi. May we remember that everything is a gift from God. Some gifts are more easily accepted while others are more difficult. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may we greet the obvious gifts and those that are more challenging to understand as truly gifts from God. May we see the example of the Magi as one to always keep in mind.

Year 2024 Calendars are available for anyone who wants one.

Fr. Niccolls

Stewardship Thought of the Week

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



Deacon Paul Audette

James Martin

(Perhaps the favorite topic of Fr. Martin's writings is the personal quest for holiness in life and the communion of saints who are ever present to help us in that quest, whether through intercession or example.)

"After reading the stories of the saints I found myself growing more attracted to these men and women, and feeling a real friendship with them. I began to see them as models of holiness relevant to my own life and to appreciate the marvelous particularity of their lives... This gave me enormous encouragement. It dawned on me that none of us are meant to be exactly like Therese of Lisieux or Aloysius Gonzaga or Pope John XXIII. We're meant to be ourselves, just like they were themselves... Each saint lived his or her call to sanctity in different ways, and we are called to imitate them in their diversity. There is no need for anyone to do precisely what Mother Teresa or St. Francis of Assisi did. They've already done it! Instead, we are called to lead holy lives in our own way."

Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:00 PM In Memory of Stuart C. Leroy, Jr.
Requested by the Leroy Family

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:00 AM In Memory of Claire Evans, 3rd Anniversary
Requested by her daughter Theresa Moylan

10:00 AM In Memory of Francis E. Pike
Requested by the Cusack Family

Monday, January 8, 2024

8:00 AM In Memory of Francis E. Pike
Requested by Jim Sanford

Tuesday, January 9 2024 No Mass

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00 AM In Memory of Cecelia Laconte
Requested by her Children

Thursday, January 11, 2024

5:30 PM In Memory of Margaret Shilling
Requested by her brother, Jim Sanford

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:00 AM For All the Souls in Purgatory
Requested by the Family Prayer Group

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00 PM In Memory of Marlene Simat
Requested by Cheryl and Andy Labrecque

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 AM For the Community of Saint George
10:00 AM In Memory of Caleb Babbitt, 2nd Anniversary
Requested by Bonnie Moran and Family

We commend to your prayers

*Raymonde Forjette and
Mary Lou Verla*



May the angels lead them into paradise.

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend.

**Monday, January 8, 2024 at
7:00 PM in the Church Hall**



For more information call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or send an email to either Terry or Sue at pieta3@gmail.com



**Readings
To-Go!**

*Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024*

*Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!*

Weekly Collection

December 26, 2023 - December 31, 2023

On-line Giving: \$ 1,714.60
 Ordinary Collection: \$ 2,595.00
 Total: \$ 4,309.60

Funds Donated for the Month of December: (Amounts reflect on-line and collection basket.)

Weekly Fund: \$ 26,338.10
 Monthly Fund: 16,612.00
 Religious Retirement: 2,878.25
 Immaculate Conception: 715.00
 Christmas Gift: 5,894.70
 Christmas Flowers: 816.00
 Nativity Set: 1,100.00
 Faith Sharing, Rel. Ed, Misc: 2,093.00
 In Memory of Donations
 and Funeral Stipends: 1,920.00
 Total: \$ 58,367.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Calendar

Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary Group Church
 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, January 7, 2024

After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Open House Rectory
 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Classes gr. 1-8 Parish Center
 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

Monday, January 8, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Faith Sharing Room 108 Parish Center
 7:00 PM Pieta Support Group Church Hall

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

4:30 PM Rel Ed Classes gr 1-8 Parish Center

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Thursday, January 11, 2024

11:00 AM Faith Sharing Room 108 Parish Center
 6:00 PM Family Prayer Night Church

Friday, January 12, 2024

Saturday, January 13, 2024

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Diocesan Middle School Mtg Church Hall
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM 1st Reconciliation Retreat Church Hall
 8:00 PM AA Meeting Church Hall

Sunday, January 14, 2024

After 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Coffee Shop Church Hall
 9:00 AM Rel. Ed Classes gr. 1-8 Parish Center
 10:00 AM Toddler & Children's Liturgy Church Hall

2023 Parish Contribution Statements

Contribution Statements will be available for parishioners who wish to have a record of their 2023 contributions by contacting our Administrative Assistant at the Parish Office at 508-853-0183, extension 110 to request one.

Mailed only upon request.

Bulletin Item Due Dates:

Bulletin Postings are due **10 days before the Sunday Bulletin**. Please submit items at least 10 days before the Bulletin date. E-mail our Parish Administrative Assistant, Patty LaBonte, at office@saintgeorgesparish.org or call: 508-853-0183.

Join us for Coffee Shop Club

After 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

January 7 - No Coffee Shop, Open House

January 14 - Robert Gray and Team

January 21 - Jim Moughan and Team

January 28 - Kathy Hessel and Team

Coffee, donuts, bulkies, and fellowship! We NEED TEAM MEMBERS! Each team serves once every 10 weeks. All teams need help. Sign up at the Coffee Shop, come to find out more about how you can help, and help a team!

Coffee Shop Meeting January 14th at 9:30 AM Church Hall

Contact Andy Fish: andy@andyfish.com or 508-901-7813



\$1.00 each



Visitation House, Inc.

**A welcoming home for women with
 Unplanned pregnancy in Worcester, MA**

Visitation House in Worcester provides housing and support for pregnant women who need assistance, support and kindness. St. George's Community has helped with contributions to Visitation House through the Baby Bottle Drive. The drive this year will be during the season of Advent. Instead of filling a baby bottle with spare change you can donate in 2 ways:

Donate online: www.visitationhouse.org or send a check to Visitation House, Inc. 119 Endicott St., Worcester, MA 01610

Please indicate in the Memo on your check that the donation is from St. George's Church.

Please keep Visitation House in your prayers. Call the Parish Office with any questions at 508-853-0183.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

Back to Basics Narcotics Anonymous

Support group is for those attempting to recover from drugs.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish Hall 1290 Grafton St. Worc.
 Meetings are every Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Help lines National: 1-800-662-4357, Mass: 1-855-523-1426



**Become a Certified Spiritual Director
 Immaculate Conception Center
 600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT**

**Winter 1 (of 3): Jan. 28 - Feb. 10, 2024.
 Application due Date September 1, 2023.**

The Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam CT, partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, is offering a three year training program for those who feel called to serve as Spiritual Directors. Classes are taught during a two-week winter training session each year.

For application visit: Immaculateconceptioncenter.org.

If you have any questions, you can either email us at: admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org call 860-928-7955.



Regular Offertory Donations, Special collections and donations are available through Online Giving.

Access is available through our web-site: click on the icon like the one pictured here. Kathy Hessel is happy to assist you, email with questions at mkhessel@aol.com. Many thanks to our online givers who help to provide faithful & consistent financial support to our parish.

Prayer Before or After Mass

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



Notice from the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Contact Judith Audette, Diocese of Worcester: Victim Assistance Coordinator, call her at (508) 929-4363.

Holy Hour to Pray for Priests Immaculate Conception Church 353 Grove Street Worcester Friday, January 12th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The holy hour of prayer for priests consists of time for silent adoration, a short reflection, the rosary and benediction.

Repeats every second Friday of each month.



St. George Church Eucharistic Adoration

The Thursday evening and Friday morning Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration will be on:

Thursday, February 1, 2024 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and
Friday, February 2, 2024 after 8:00 AM Mass - 10:00 AM.
Come and join us spending time with Jesus. All are welcome.



Catholic Men's Conference Returns to DCU Center 'You Shall Know the Lord'

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important conference. Scheduled to take place at Worcester's DCU Center on: **Saturday, March 16, 2024** Adult tickets are \$50 until March 4, 2024; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30. Tickets will not be available at the door this year because of advance planning for the luncheon.

Visit the conference website: www.catholicmenworc.org for information and to purchase tickets online.

Come and hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, James Wahlberg, Michael Nicholson, Bishop Robert McManus, and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan. Adoration will be available all day. Closing Mass at 4:00 PM.

For further information you can email
cathmenworc@gmail.com

Miracles at St. George, "My Mary Stories" - Susan Ovia Booklet can be found in the Mary Chapel

It was here at St. George's Family Prayer Night that I first heard about Medjugorje. At the persistent urging of my sister, I came to say the rosary, something I hadn't done much anymore. As kids we said it more...but who had time now with everything else there was to do?

After the rosary, a couple spoke about the miracles happening now in Medjugorje. They said the Blessed Mother gave messages daily to six children. I was shocked to think this was happening and I knew nothing about it. I had to find out more. I read everything I could find and kept going to Family Prayer Night on Thursdays. I said the rosary once a week.

My sister and I talked about taking the trip and I jokingly said, "If Mary wants me to go she'll have to send me the money." The cost was \$2,200 per couple. The next day started our week at the Cape. Fourth of July week. The day we returned home I went through the mail. I can still feel the chills as I stared at the check for \$2,228! I showed my family and we all knew Mary sent it. I had to put it to the test...I knew it could be a trick. I put all but \$500 in the bank and asked Mary to replace it soon if it was really from her. Two days later the call came from the Bursar's Office at UMass. They wanted my daughter to pick up an overpayment for \$468. She had graduated in May.

Now I knew I had to go, but I was really afraid. The war in Bosnia was peaking and I never was crazy about flying over oceans. I asked Mary for one more sign, "You don't have to give me more money, but please, Blessed Mother, let me know what to do."

Within the next few days I awoke with a thought: "take your son." My husband agreed and from that point on the fear was gone, and we went in October of 1992. Many signs and wonders occurred from rosary beads turning to gold, seeing the sun spin, to actually being in the same room with the visionaries when Mary appeared.

"I've come to tell you that God exists," was one of her first messages. Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the rosary daily and put her son, Jesus, and the Holy Mass, at the top of our list.
(The check was from the State, and is still unexplained.)



St. George Family Prayer Night Thursdays starting after the 5:30 PM Mass

In the Church, there is a gathering of people who pray for all families. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary are prayed. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to pray the Rosary. Eucharistic Adoration is also a part of this wonderful time of prayer on the first Thursday and Friday of each month.

Online Weekly Rosary

Urban Missionaries from Our Lady of Hope

If you would like to join via Zoom for a weekly Rosary:

Every Sunday, 6:00 PM via ZOOM

Send an email to mailbox@urbanmissionaries.com
put "Rosary" = subject line. ZOOM link sent to your email.





Religious Education

"Growing Together in Faith"

Sarah Kelly, Administrator Phone: 508-852-1784
sarah.kelly@saintgeorgesparish.org

Schedule Online: The schedule for all religious education classes, grade one through confirmation, can be found on the parish website. Please check the website for updates.

Emails, Website & Remind App: All important updates are typically sent out through email. We also post any changes to the schedule, or important updates on the parish website. A 3rd way, and often the quickest, of getting information out to families is through the Remind App. Simply text the code **@397b76 to 81010**. You can also follow the link on the parish website to sign up for the Remind App.

Confirmation: The next class for Confirmation I & II will be on January 21st, 2024. Make sure to check our website for updates.

Volunteers Needed: We are still in need of volunteers, especially those willing to be called as substitutes. Please prayerfully consider donating your time and talent to the young people of our parish. All curriculum and lesson plan materials are provided, as well as teaching support. Please email Sarah.



St. Peter Central Catholic School
865 Main St. Worcester, MA 01610
Open House, Sunday, January 28th, 2024
from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Please join us at St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School for an **Open House on Sunday, January 28th, 2024**. St. Peter's has openings in Grades PreK- 8. Please visit us on January 28th.

For more information please contact Mary Beth Soucy at marybeth.soucy@stpetercc.com or by phone at 508-791-6496. You can also visit their website: www.stpetercentralcatholic.com

Baptisms in the Church Family

If you, a family member, or friend is interested in receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, we invite you to contact us today. Please contact:

Susan Pacek by either phone **508-856-9960** or email st.geobaptism@gmail.com



The Family Connection Epiphany House Blessing

20+C+M+B+24

May Christ Bless This House

"Chalk the Doors of your House". Say a prayer as you use blessed chalk above your doors. The prayer can be as simple as: "Oh God, please Bless our home and grant Christ's peace to all who enter here", or "Lord God, Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." The numbers represent the New Year. The 2 meanings for CMB are "Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar" meaning the traditional Magi names, and "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" Latin meaning "May Christ Bless this House".

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Grandparents: All interested grandparents are asked to pray for the safety and well-being of their grandchildren. Copies of grandparent prayers are available on the table in the Church Hall. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions: office@saintgeorgesparish.org

Grandparents make forever heartfelt memories.

What gifts did the 3 wise men bring to Jesus?



Family Faith Byte

Youth Ministry
Contact Jay Guillette for next gathering in the Church Hall



Youth Ministry is open to grades 7-12. Come find out more about Youth Ministry and what we will be doing this year! Contact Jay with any questions at jguillette@charter.net

Word of Life: Intercessions for Life

On this Feast of the Epiphany,
 may we be given the grace
 to always see in others
 the face of Christ our Savior;
We pray to the Lord.

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united Himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with Him...each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect His glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

Job Opportunity - Parish Administrator
St. Christopher Church
950 West Boylston Street, Worcester

St. Christopher's Parish is currently accepting applications for the position of Parish Administrator. This is a (21-24) hour per week position. Responsibilities include: answering phones, maintaining parish website, creating parish bulletins, preparing and scheduling daily and Sunday Mass intention, mailing periodic information to parishioners, ordering and maintaining office supplies. The successful candidate must have an appreciation for the Catholic faith and knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, and Publisher is preferable. Experience in Flocknote or ParishSoft is a plus.

If you are interested, please contact the Pastor at 508-853-1492 or submit your resume by email to: parish@stchristopherparishworchester.org

A Community of Ministries



St. George Parish Outreach

Ann Doyle 508-450-4134
annie@saintgeorgesparish.org

Folks at our three Food Pantries Still Need Help



Special Needs for January are:

Jelly, Cereal and Healthy Snacks



Some of these are items that are not available at the Worcester County Food Bank. Due to currently desperate food needs we now make weekly trips to WCFB to increase the food which we are able to share with families in need. Thank you.

Our Next Mustard Seed Meal for

120 elderly and homeless guests is on **January 19, 2024.**

Please call Annie (508-4504134) if you are able to help prepare the meal in St. George Church Hall from 2:00 PM till 3:30 PM on that day. Monetary donations to "St. George Parish Outreach" 40 Brattle Street, Worcester 01606 are needed to help purchase the food. The cost for each meal is \$6.

Current Parish Outreach Needs

- * **Mustard Seed Catholic Worker** continues to need towels, socks, gloves, hats, blankets and warm coats for men.
- * **Reusable grocery bags** for the Food Pantries are always needed.
- * **Toilet Paper** is needed for our Afghanistan Families and IHN.

All items can be left in the Outreach Collection Area at side entrance of the Church beside the Church hall door.

Hope For Housing Cards Help Prevent Family Homelessness



Hope for Housing is a non-profit program developed by our parishioner Matt Ryan. Matt has left us with this legacy which utilizes the collective buying power of 30 congregations to raise money for the prevention of family homelessness.

These Gift Cards for local retailers, including Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera, Shaws, Stop & Shop Target, Starbucks, and TJ Max are purchased in bulk, which in turn are sold to members of participating congregations who receive the full value of the card. The retailers donate 2-10% of all sales to the Hope for Housing program. By purchasing gift cards for **your use** at local retailers, you can help to stabilize families by providing counseling and support.

Please buy "**Hope for Housing Cards**" available after all Masses. See Dave and Sue Genereux in the Church Hall after Mass. Thank you.
Any questions call them at: 978-833-0306

Thank You to Everyone who so generously shared over 500 Giving Tree Gifts this Christmas. These photos were sent with gratitude from families at Our Lady of Providence Parish.



A very Merry Christmas!

Thank you!



The children love your gifts.

Eucharist and Prayers for the Sick

Especially during these difficult times, please call to let us know if a family member or neighbor is hospitalized, homebound or ill. Call Ann Doyle at 508-450-4134. We want to be with you in prayer and support. We can perhaps arrange a visit and possibly bring Eucharist. Remember that due to HIPAA regulations, unless you allow the hospital or health care institution to release information and list St. George's as your religious affiliation, we are not informed that you are a patient. Thank you.

Our Parish Vision: To welcome all, build connections to Christ and one another, and live our faith as true disciples of Jesus.



Emmaus Ministry

Interested in being involved in Emmaus Ministry?

Your ideas, talents and time are most welcome!

Contact Andrea or JoAnn for more information at **508-853-0183** or emmaus.stgeorge@gmail.com



Spiritual Growth Ministry Corner
Ministry Leader: Bonnie Moran

Saintgeorgespiritualgrowth@gmail.com

Words of Wisdom

As we emerge from the 2023-24 Christmas season, the Spiritual Growth Committee sends along some nuggets of wisdom that sparkle like Christmas tree ornaments and like the bows and ribbons that decorated our gifts.

"Prayer is a way of doing instantaneous good for all things in all places. It's a way of sending out love everywhere at once...Prayer makes everything you do more real, lasting, meaningful and fruitful. Through prayer, everything just flows and flows."

~Robert Lax

"A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

~C.S. Lewis

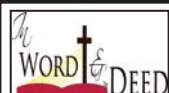
"The more we try to ground our identities in external possessions or triumphs, the more we plaster our names on everything we can accumulate, the more we cling to surface and style, the less we find underneath."

~John Kavanaugh, SJ

"To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to 'get along'; we must never just 'get along'."

~Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Spiritual Growth Committee members: Bonnie Moran – Chair; Deacon Paul Audette, Joan Talbot; Patti Walsh; Helen Hurley, and Kyle Lewandowski. Fr. Nicolls as ex officio member.

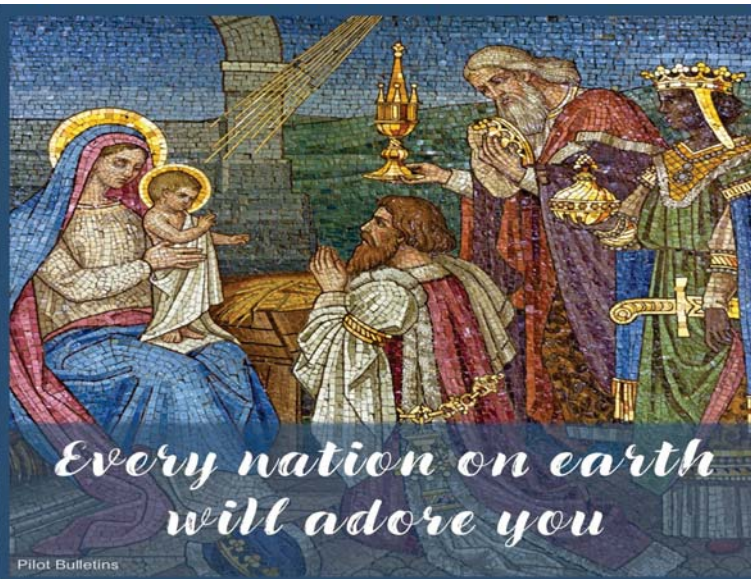


People can come into our lives, sometimes for a very short time, and make a big impression. The power of the encounter can change our life, renew our hope, or strengthen our resolve. It can even set us on a new course, leading us to places, causes and people we never imagined meeting.

The Magi, or astrologers as Matthew calls them, arrive to pay homage to the newborn Jesus. A star had guided them on their quest and when they left, they avoided Herod and went on their way. Their gifts represented the kingship of Christ (gold), His divinity (incense) and his redemptive suffering (myrrh). The story of the Magi reminds us that the whole world has come to recognize and worship a Savior, and the impact of this short visit would reverberate through the ages.

Like the Magi, our life is a journey of faith. We encounter Christ in hundreds of ways. Each momentary encounter has the potential of changing lives, healing wounds, easing suffering and restoring faith. Those we meet along the way are fellow pilgrims who also search for grace and life. Follow the star of faith and offer your gifts of love. Christ will surely lead you.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins



Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 7, 2024

First Reading — Isaiah 60:1-6: "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: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6: "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: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

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