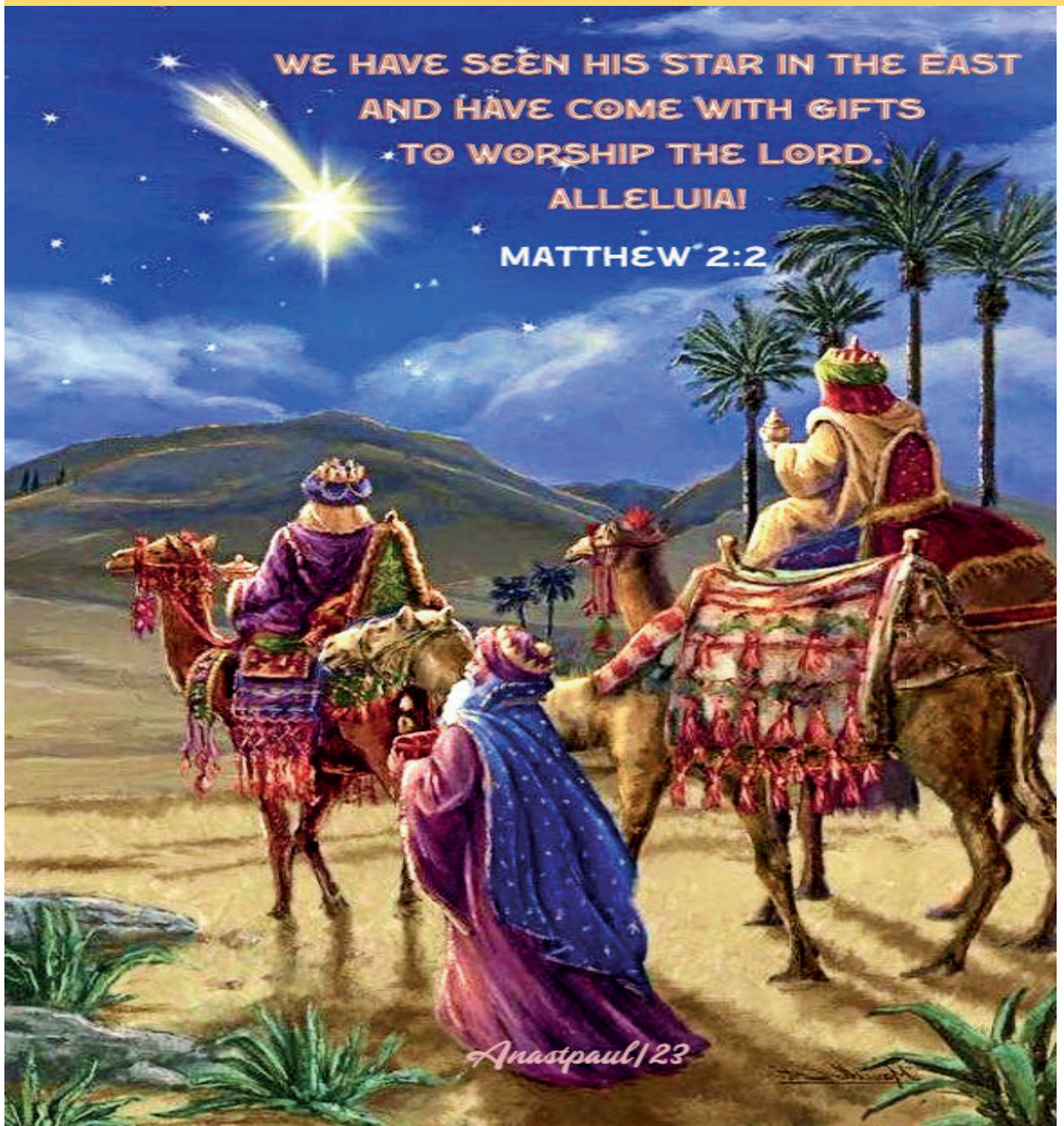


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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

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Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

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Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

MONTH OF DECEMBER WEEKLY COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

Ordinary Income	33,412.00
Extraordinary Income	3,581.04
Expenses	17,479.89
Total	\$ 19,513.15

thank you

WEEKLY EVENTS

Office Closed—Monday & Tuesday. Re-open Wednesday, January 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Friday beginning at 8:00 a.m. with mass and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday beginning with mass at 8:00 a.m. with confession and Rosary

PSR—Sunday begins with 8:30 a.m. Mass and ends with Adoration after mass.



PRAY FOR THE SICK



Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Lois & Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert, Ed & Carol Wallace, Frederick Songy, Sue Miller, Bonnie Aguiar, Lucy Reese, Brenda Dehm

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8

(Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, January 9

(1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28)

8:00 a.m. Sidney Charbonnet†

Wednesday, January 10

(1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 11

(1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45)

8:00 a.m. Pat Downey†

Friday, January 12

(1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12)

8:00 a.m. May Caballero

Saturday, January 13

(1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Lawrence Otilio†, Ana Rosa Iglesias†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Laurie Murphy, Robert Jenevein†, Althea Deckwa†, Bill Deckwa†

Sunday, January 14

(1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42)

7:00 a.m. Margaret & Henry Jorns†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Dan Jocks†, Corbin DeBoutte†, Earline Garity†, Hazel Guidry†, Israel & Joyce Landry

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Weekly Rosaries: 399

Year to Date: 19,127

Year End of 2023

REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

The Church is very strategic in its placement of the readings throughout the year. Today's second reading is a perfect example of this when Paul talks about stewardship. It's no surprise that we hear about this on the Feast of the Epiphany when we commemorate the magi finding the baby Jesus and bringing him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. I always thought this was funny because these seem like terrible gifts for a little baby, but maybe this whole story is meant to show us more about what to do with gifts as opposed to what the actual gifts are.

I want to take a moment today to reflect on Adam's roles in the garden of priest, prophet, and king and how these relate to stewardship today. First, in Genesis 1:26 we hear that Adam has dominion over the things in the garden. Just like a king, he is meant to care for the things that are given to him. I am reminded of that scene from *The Lion King* where Mufasa tells Simba that everything the light touches belongs to him. But it is not his to rule over as a tyrant, but rather to care for as a faithful servant. It is the same for us today. We have all been given things that we are meant to care for and treasure.

Second, in Genesis 2:15 Adam is told to work and to guard in the garden. These two words ("work" and "guard") only occur together in the rest of the Old Testament in relation to the priestly roles in Leviticus. It is clear that Adam is given a priestly role here, but what is the primary role of a priest? Quite simply, it is to make the commonplace holy. That is what a priest does at Mass when simple bread and wine transform into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus. So too, our role on earth is to bring the light of Christ to all corners of the globe, using our gifts to light the world with God's love.

Third, in Genesis 2:19-20 we hear God giving authority to Adam to name the animals. In other words, God is giving power to Adam's words that whatever he calls the animals, that shall be their name. A prophet is one who speaks with authority. We have been given authority to use our gifts to proclaim the Good News. Through our baptism, we are called as priest, prophet, and king, to enter into the world and offer our gifts and lives as a living sacrifice.

This is a lot to think and pray about, but maybe on this Feast of the Epiphany we can just reflect on two main points: Am I being a good steward of the gifts God has given me? And, when I offer these gifts back to God, is he pleased with them?

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

By Tommy Shultz



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2024 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS MEN'S CONFERENCE: "I Have Called You Friends"

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. This year's conference is "I Have Called You Friends". Recent studies indicate that the percentage of adult men with at least 6 close friends has been cut in half since 1990 and as many as 20% of men report having no close friendships at all. It is a growing problem not only for the life of the Church, but one which is gaining attention and causing concern even within secular society. Our Catholic faith is rooted in friendship. Even as the Apostles were sent out into the whole world to proclaim the good news, it was their friendship with Christ and with one another that held them together in the unity of faith. That same friendship holds us together today. Our men need friends to live up to their calling as men of God and as men of the Church. Register by contacting the office to qualify for the group discount. Call 985-863-7935 or email

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POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

We pray the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.





PASTOR'S CORNER

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

So what is it about the Holy Name of Jesus that is so important to the Church? I will use this article from EWTN that will explain in detail the two words which compose the Sacred Name.

JESUS

The word Jesus is the Latin form of the Greek Iesous, which in turn is the transliteration of the Hebrew Jeshua, or Joshua, or again Jehoshua, meaning "Jehovah is salvation." Though the name in one form or another occurs frequently in the Old Testament, it was not borne by a person of prominence between the time of Josue (Joshua), the son of Nun and Josue (Joshua), the high priest in the days of Zorobabel. It was also the name of the author of Ecclesiasticus of one of Christ's ancestors mentioned in the genealogy, found in the Third Gospel (Luke, 3: 29), and one of the St. Paul's companions (Col. 4: 11). During the Hellenizing period, Jason, a purely Greek analgen of

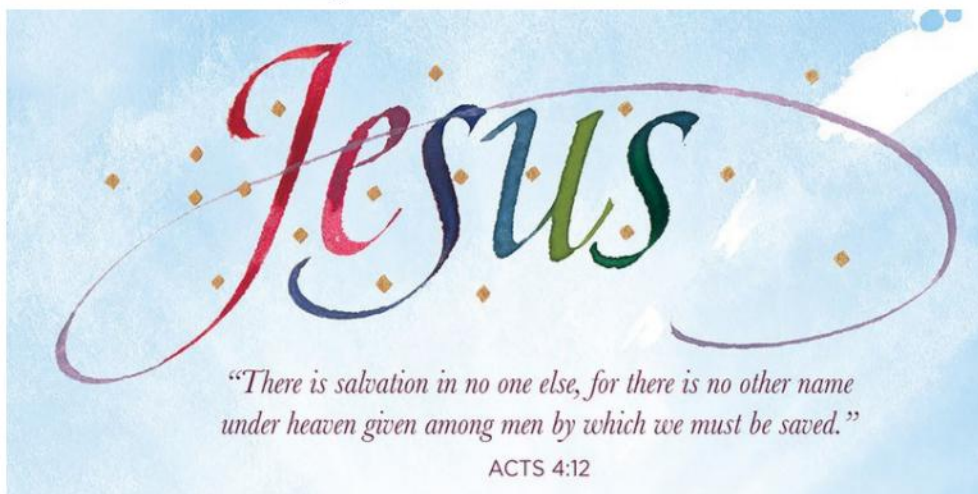
Jesus, appears to have been adopted by many. The Greek name is connected with verb iasthai, to heal; it is therefore, not surprising that some of the Greek Fathers allied the word Jesus with same root. Though about the time of Christ the name Jesus appears to have been fairly common. It was imposed on our Lord by God's express order (Luke 1: 31; Matt. 1: 21), to foreshow that the Child was destined to "save his people from their sins." Philo is therefore, right when he explains Iesous as meaning soteria kyrion; Eusebius gives the meaning Theou soterion; while St. Cyril of Jerusalem interprets the word as equivalent to soter. This last writer, however, appears to agree with Clement of Alexandria in considering the word Iesous as of Greek origin; St. John Chrysostom emphasizes again the Hebrew derivation of the word and its meaning soter thus agreeing with the exegesis of the angel speaking to St. Joseph (Matt. 1, 21).

CHRIST

The word Christ, Christos, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word Messiah, means "anointed." According to the Old Law, priests (Ex. 29: 29; Lev. 4: 3), kings (I Kings 10: 1; 24: 7), and prophets (Is. 61: 1) were supposed to be anointed for their respective offices; now, the Christ, or the Messiahs, combined this threefold dignity in His Person. It is not surprising, therefore, that for centuries the Jews had referred to their expected Deliverer as "the Anointed"; perhaps this designation alludes to Is., 61: 1, and Dan., 9: 24 26, or even to Ps., 2: 2; 19: 7; 44: 8. Thus the term Christ or Messiahs was a title rather than a proper name: says Lactantius. The Evangelists recognize the same truth; excepting Matt. 1: 1, 18; Mark 1: 1; John 1: 17; 17: 3; 9: 22; Mark, 9: 40; Luke 2: 11; 22: 2, the word Christ is always preceded by the article. Only after the Resurrection did the title gradually pass into a proper name, and the expression Jesus Christ or Christ Jesus became only one designation. But at this stage the Greeks and Romans understood little or nothing about the import of the word anointed; to them it did not convey any sacred conception. Hence they substituted Chrestus, or "excellent", for Christians or "anointed", and Chrestians instead of "Christians." There may be an allusion to this practice in I Pet., 2: 3; hoti chrestos ho kyrios, which is rendered "that the Lord is sweet." Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, and Lactantius, as well as St. Jerome, are acquainted with the pagan substitution of Chrestes for Christus, and are careful to explain the new term in a favorable sense. The pagans made little or no effort to learn anything accurate about Christ and the Christians; Suetonius, for instance, ascribes the expulsion of the Jews from Rome under Claudius to the constant instigation of sedition by Chrestus, whom he conceives as acting in Rome the part of a leader of insurgents.

The use of the definite article before the word Christ and its gradual development into a proper name show the Christians identified the bearer with the promised Messiah of the Jews. He combined in His person the offices of prophet (John 6: 14; Matt., 13: 57; Luke 13: 33; 24: 19) of king (Luke, 23: 2; Acts, 17: 7; I Cor. 15: 24; Apoc. 15: 3), and of priest (Heb. 2: 17); he fulfilled all the Messianic predictions in a fuller and a higher sense than had been given them by the teachers of the Synagogue.

So in conclusion we can see how important the name of Jesus Christ is and that it is a truly Holy Name.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD LITTLE DRUMMER BOY



Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? The Bible never says their number or their names. The gifts tell us about the givers. And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. So the first gift of the wise men tells us they recognized Jesus as King. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. So this gift shows the wise men paying homage to Jesus' divinity. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. It reminds us of Jesus suffering and death on the cross.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. Each day we can promise to live our vocation as best we can, to love those around us, and forgive those who hurt us.

A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. Some people are able to attend daily Mass, others spend time in adoration before the Eucharist, or even a few minutes of their lunch break to say the rosary.

As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day. When we accept suffering in our lives, especially that caused by our sins, we give ourselves to Jesus as he gave himself for us on the cross.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

Tom Schmidt



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