

# St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

Be a Star of Bethlehem!!

The Magi returned home by another way instead of back through Herod's town. After what they had experienced their lives would never be the same again. Can you imagine what they told their families and friends about what they came to see and experience?

About this young woman, Mary and her simplicity of life, her devotion for this newborn King, her serenity, and even how she showed a certain naïveté, like someone who did not know bad or evil at all. And this man they called Joseph who had such a caring and loving attitude. He did seem very protective. Definitely, he was a man who loved this woman and her infant. Yes, he was of specialness and came from a family of great ancestors. He said that his family could trace themselves back to King David and his offspring. They began their family in a shelter. No home. There were all kinds of struggles, but they made do. They never complained. They were really a happy couple. They seemed to have all they needed and valued in life.

I am sure the Magi reflected on the gifts that they gave and also the gift they received. Truly, their lives were forever different. And the more they shared their experience, the more people would hear and then their lives too would be forever altered.

We sometimes forget the impact that we experience when we meet other people but do we ever think how we touch others by our presence, by talking and caring for others? Yes, we are stars of brightness that shine with the reality of God living with us. And how we shine can take one, two or maybe a thousand people to Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem.

We have been touched by Divinity – the celebration of Jesus' baptism today really tells us that. You are the light of the world!! Alleluia!

Peace,

*Fr. Dwight*

P.S. We have a couple of events coming up. The Knights Chicken Sunday is this weekend to benefit OLQP School. You can pre-order at [www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/kc-chickens) and the Catholic Daughters Chicken Spaghetti Dinner and raffle is on January 24. Again you can pre-order the dinner at [www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/cda](http://www.osvhub.com/smlj/forms/cda)