

REFLECTION: GOSPEL

The story of the astrologers, or magi, following the light of a distant star is full of surprises. The astrologers, who were Gentiles, were the first to worship Jesus as the newborn King of the Jews. They found him, not in a palace surrounded by signs of wealth and might, but as a helpless baby in the arms of Mary, his mother. Yet the astrologers believed and worshiped him, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, Matthew tells us, full of joy and wonder, they returned to their distant homes. The astrologers had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Christ shows himself to us, too, and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. If we are people of faith, we will find him in these little "epiphanies." We will offer him our own gifts—our prayers and worship, our loving service of others, and our constant faith, even when it might seem hard to find him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS

What "signs" in your life have led you to Jesus? Reflect on some of the "little epiphanies" in your life.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church
The mysteries of Jesus' infancy**

528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.212 In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.213 Their coming means that

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ANNOUNCEMENT

First Communion Catechism class will resume on January 15, 2023. Venue: Church Hall. Time: 9:45am

THIS WEEK AT ST. EUGENE:

Igbo -Nigeria Catholic Center

Today: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

Fri: No morning mass

Sat: No morning mass

Sun: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Last Week Collection:— \$5,072.00

For online offering: please visit parish website:
steugeneparish.org

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Mass Intentions – 8:00 a.m.

- 1. For the Happy repose of Raphael Igwedibie & Grace Igwedibie —By Rita Okoye & Family.

Mass Intentions – 12:00 p.m.

- 1. Thanksgiving for the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Anthony & Imma Ikebudu, petition for blessing & healthier years—By Ikebudu Family.
- 2. Petition for recovery of God's healing mercies and full recovery on Ezra Omole —By Amuchie Family.
- 3. Thanksgiving and petitions for birthday intentions of Dorothy Akpamgbo, for God's blessings —By Francis/Dorothy Akpamgbo
- 4. Thanksgiving for blessings in 2022, praying to God to grant all their intentions in 2023 —By Fidel/Ihunne Osuji
- 5. For the Happy repose of Luke Sunday Ejike —By Ogoke & Ejike Families.
- 6. For the Happy repose of Desmond Ogugua, Ugoeze Anthonia Ogugua, Stella Ogadinma Des-Ogugua, Paul Nwosu-Ofoha, Elizabeth Nwanneka Ofoha —By Anthonia Des-Ogugua-Ofoha & family
- 7. For the Happy repose of Ethel Chinyere-By Ugoeze/Damian Bumbum Anum & Family.
- 8. For the repose of souls of Dominic Ufondu, Augustine Ututo, Fr. Julius Ututo and Fr. Godwin Ikeobi —By Osy & Nneks Ufondu family.
- 9. For the Happy repose of Ikemdinachi Nwoko —By Parents/Entire Nwoko Family
- 10. For the Happy repose of Cyril Ike Dioka —By Angela Dioka Chilaka & Family.

**KRISTI EGOSI UWA ONWE YA
NLETA NDI EZE ATO SI N'OWUWA AN-
YANWU, AFO NKE ATO
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

EKPERE MMEGHE:

Chineke Nna ji ike nile, n'ubochi taa ka I jiri kpakpando duru ndi mba ozo bia gosi ha So Otu Nwa Gi bu Jesu Kristi. Anyi na-ario ka I site n'obi oma Gi mee ka anyi bu ndi matara Gi ugbu a site n'okwukwe, burukwa ndi I ga-eduru dubaa n'otito nke elu-igwe, ebe anyi ga-ahu Gi dika I siri di n'onwe Gi. Site na Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi Nwa Gi....AMEN.



IHE OGUGU NKE MBU: Aizaya 60:1-6

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo Onye Amuma Aizaya

Kulite! Chawaputa; maka na ihe gi abiala. Ebube nke Onyenweanyi na-awalitere gi. O bu ezie na itiri gbachiri uwa nile, ochichiri ka kpuchikwara ndi mmadu, ma ebube nke Onyenweanyi na-awalitere gi. Ugwu a Onyenweanyi awalitela n'elu gi. Ebube Ya aputala ihe n'elu gi. Mba di iche iche na-abia n'ihe gi. Ndi eze na-abiakwa n'ihe gi nke na-amukesi n'uzo ututu. Welite anya gi legharia n'ebe nile. Mmadu dum na-ezukota, na-abiakwute gi. Umu gi ndi nwoke si n'ebe di anyi abia. E jikwa nwayoo kuru umu ada gi n'aka na-abia. Mgbe I huru ihe ndia, ihu gi ga-abu so ochi. Mgbe ahu, obi gi ga-ajuputa n'anuri, na-awulikwa elu n'onu, n'ihu na aku na uba ga-esi n'osimiri na-enu na-enubatara gi ka mmiri. Aku na uba nke ndi mba ozo ga na-abiakwutekwa gi. Ininya ibu ga na-enubatara gi n'igwe, n'igwe. Udi ininya ibu di iche iche nke ndi Midia na Ifa ga-agba gi gburugburu. Onye o bula bi na Sheba ga-ebute olaedo na mgba isi oma, kwere ukwe otito nke Onyenweanyi na-abia.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu.

ABUOMA NA AZIZA YA: Ps.71:1-2,7-8,10-13 Az. 11

Aziza: Onyenweanyi, mba dum ga-ada n'ihu Gi, gbuoro Gi ikpere ala.

- 1. Biko Chineke, were ikpe nkwumoto Gi nye eze. Nyekwuo nwa eze ezi omume Gi. O ga-eji ikpe nkwumoto chikwaba ndi nke Gi; biakwa kpeziereni ndi a na-emegbu emegbu ikpe. **Aziza.**
- 2. N'oge ya, ezi omume ga-epuputa dika ahia di

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
YEAR: C
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

OPENING PRAYER:

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.

FIRST READING: IS 60:1-6

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. 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.

The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; R. (cf. 11)

R/. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

- 1. O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. —R.
- 2. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. —R.
- 3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.—R.
- 4. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,

ndu. Udo ga-adigide ebe nile ruo mgbe ebighi ebi. O ga-esite n’oke osimiri chiruo ochichi n’oke osimiri ozo; biakwa site n’oke osimiri chiruo ochichi n’ebe uwa kwusiri. **Aziza.**

3. Ndi eze si Tashish na ofe osimiri ga-abia tuoro Ya mma mma. Eze ndi Sheba na Seba ga-ebutere Ya onyinye. Eze nile di n’uwa ga-egbu ikpere ala n’ihu Ya. Mba dum ga-agbara Ya odibo. **Aziza.**
4. O ga-agbaputa nwa ogbenye ahu na-etiku Ya. O ga-agbaputakwa onye ahu a na-emegbu emegbu, onye na-enweghi onye enyemaka. O ga-emere ndi no na mkpa na umu ogbenye ebere. O ga azopotakwa ndu umu ogbenye. **Aziza.**

IHE OGUGUNKE ABUO: Efesos 3:2-3, 5-6
Ihe ogugu e wetara n’Akwukwo Ozi nke Pol di aso degaara ndi Efesos

O were m anya, na unu anula na Chineke, site n’amara Ya, enyela m oru ilekota ezi na ulo Ya maka odimma umu. Eleghi anya, unu anukwala na Chineke kpugheere m ihe omimi na-izu –nzuzo Ya, mee ka m mata ha, dika m dere nwantinti na mbido akwukwo ozi nke a. Ihe ahu a na-ekweghi ka ndi mmadu mara n’oge gara aga, bu ihe Mmuo Nso kpugheere ndi Umuazu na ndi amuma Ya di nso n’oge nke anyi. Ihe omimi ahu bu nke a: N’ime Jesu Krsiti, ndi mba ozo na ndi Juu so nwere oke di n’ulo Chineke; na ha soro ndi Juu buru akuku otu ahu Jesu Kristi ahu; na ha sokwa keta oke na nkwa ahu e kwere site n’ikwusa Ozioma.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu.

ALELUYA: Hib.1:1-2
Aleluya, aleluya! Anyi huru kpakpando Ya mgbe o walitere. Anyi wee bia, isekpuru Onyenweanyi. **Aleluya!**

OZIOMA: Matiu 2:1-12
 Ihe ogugu nke a si n’Ozioma di aso nke Matiu dere Mgbe a muru Jesu na Betlehem nke Judia, mgbe eze Heros na-achi, ndi amamihe na-akowa kpakpando siri n’owuwa anyanwu biaruo Jerusalem. Ha wee juo si: “Olee ebe O no, bu Nwa ahu a muru ohuru, ka O buru eze ndi Juu? Anyi huru kpakpando Ya n’owuwa anyanyu wee bia ikporo Ya isiala. Ma mgbe eze Herod nuru ihe a, obi loro ya na ndi bi na Jerusalem mmiri. Herod wee kpokota ndi isi nchua ja na ndi nkuzi iwu Mosis nile, wee juwa ha ebe a ga-amu Kristi. Ha wee si ya: “Na Betlehem nke Judia”, n’ihi na otu a ka onye amuma si dee ya: “Gi bu Betlehem, di n’ala nke Juda, I bughi nwa nke ntakiri na ndi na-achi achi na Juda. N’ihi na onye ndu nga-esi na gi puta. Onye ga-azu ndi nke M bu Izrel dika aturu”. E mesia, Herod kpooro ndi okasimara ahu na nzuzo wee juta ha nke oma banyere oge kpakpando ahu putara

and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. —**R.**

SECOND READING: EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:
 Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. 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.

The Word of the Lord —**R.** Thanks be to God

GOSPEL VERSE:
Alleluia, Alleluia. We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. **Alleluia.**

GOSPEL: MT 2:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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

ihe, O wee ziga ha Betlehem, gwakwa ha, si: ‘Jeenu, choputanu Ya, ziterenu m ozi ka m biakwuo, sekpuruo Ya.’

Mgbe ha nusiri ihe eze kwuru, ha bilie gawa. Ka ha na -eje, ha hukwara kpakpando ahu ha huru n’owuwa anyanwu. O putakwara ozo, na-aga n’ihu ha. O wee gagide ruo oge o biara kwuru n’elu ebe Nwata ahu no. Mgbe ndi amamihe ahu huru kpakpando ahu, ha nuriri oke onu. Ha wee banye n’ime ulo, hu Nwata ahu na nne Ya bu Maria. Ha dara n’ala, gbuoro Ya isiala na ikpere ala. Ha meghere akpa ha, nye Ya onyinye: nke bu olaedo, na mgba oke isi oma, (a na-akpo frankincense) na ude nnukwu isi oma(a na-akpo myrrh). Ha mesia si uzo ozo laa ala ha, n’ihi na ozi ha natara na nro doro ha aka na nti, ka ha ghara ilaghachi na be Herod.

Ozioma nke Oseburuwa Otito diri Gi, Kristi.

EKPERE NHUNYE:
 Dinwenu, anyi na-ario Gi, biko were obi oma Gi lek-wasa anya n’onyinye nke Uka Gi na-ebutere Gi. O bughikwa olaedo, mgbe oke isi oma na ude nnukwu isi oma ka anyi na-ebunye Gi, kama o bu Jesu Kristi, onye ihe ndi a nochiri anya Ya. O bu Ya n’ezie ka anyi na-ekwuputa, na-ehunyere Gi, na-erikwa. Onye bu Dinwenu ebighi ebi ebighi ebi.....**AMEN.**

EKPERE A NATACHAA ORIRI NSO:
 Dinwenu, Nna nwere obi oma, anyi na-ario Gi, were ihe nke eluigwe Gi na-ezi anyi uzo oge nile na ebe nile. Biko, mee ka anyi were obi di ocha na ihunanya kwesiri ekwesi na-anata ihe omimi nke a, o soro Gi, ikenyi anyi oke n’ime ya. Site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.....**AMEN.**

Safeguard The Children 1/8/23
DID YOU KNOW?
 L.A. Catholics work together to protect children Did you know that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles requires all staff members, and volunteers who work in any capacity with or around children, the elderly, or people with special needs, to complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children for Adults program? This program helps prevent child sexual abuse by raising awareness among staff and volunteers, and educating them on warning signs of abuse, potentially unsafe or inappropriate scenarios, and how to respond to suspicious behavior. Adults who undergo VIRTUS® training also learn the five steps to help prevent child sexual abuse. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles is committed to ensuring that parishes, schools and ministries are

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord,

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:
 Look with favor, Lord we pray on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever.....**AMEN.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:
 Go before us with heavenly light O Lord always and everywhere that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.....**AMEN.**



Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for January
For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Everyday, as long as this “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another. — Heb. 3:13

Together in Mission 2022 as of 11/01/22	
Archdiocesan’s Parish Goal	\$10, 775.00
Parishioner’s Pledged	\$21,596.31
Amount Received	\$18, 528.31



WORLD YOUTH DAY:
LISBON
AUG. 1, 2023

Who’s invited: Catholics ages 16-35, though ALL are welcome to attend World Youth Day 2023 website: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en/>

safe places for everyone in our community. For more information about support for victim-survivors and abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, visit: lacatholics.org/protect