

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:11

A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren't sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we've been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

Reflect

**Is anything of the *Magi* story also your story?
If so, reflect on yours.**

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Mass Schedule ~ Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Monday – Wednesday 8:30am

Friday 5:00pm

Mass Schedule ~ Queen of Peace, Fountain

Sunday 10:30am

Wednesday 10:30am

Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 8:00am – Noon

Friday 1:00pm – 4:45pm

Baptisms

Contact the PCL

Reconciliation

Upon Request

Sacraments for younger Children

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Mary Kay Collins,
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Mass Intentions: Please note...if a name is not printed in the bulletin or announced at Mass due to human error, be assured that God has accepted the intention in Heaven. Code of Canon Law, 945.

Chili Cook-Off ~ Next Saturday, January 14 after the 4:00pm Mass. Tickets on sale now after both Masses (will not be available at the door). For more info, contact Judy (850)896-5918 or Annie (714)290-4151.

End of Year Tax Letters are now available. As we do not automatically print letters for you, please let Arlene know if you wish yours to be printed. Please keep in mind that CSA donation letters will be mailed from the Diocese. And, if you give online, your letters will not be available until the end of January, but still notify Arlene if you want your letter printed. Thanks.

Dear God, I have so much to be thankful for on this Epiphany Sunday. But today I thank You for sending Your only begotten Son, that He might be the light of this world. May Jesus Christ always be the light of my life and I pray that I too will shine brightly in this world and direct others to You God. As they come to You may they be transformed and know You as their savior, Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of January 7-13, 2023 is in loving memory of Urban Gehret.



Last Week's Collection

~ **Offertory - \$1,648**

~ **Building Fund - \$25**

~ **CSA - \$3,000**

Please remember...Catholic charities is always in need of food, not just at the holidays, but all year long.

Retreat Day for Women, Praying with Your Feet sponsored by the Women Study Groups is Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach. Leader is Father John Cayer. Cost is \$35.00 which includes lunch. For more information or to register, please contact Nanette at 850-543-0901 or Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

MARRIED COUPLES LOOKING FOR A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION? Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage - like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Sign up today to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 10-12 February 2023 in Tallahassee, FL., 21-23 July 2023 in Jacksonville, FL. and 3-5 November 2023 in Titusville, FL. For more information visit our website at wwme.org or e-mail: Applications@FLCN-wwme.org.

World Day for Consecrated Life: The Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life on Sunday, February 4-5. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Young Adults: Are you looking for a challenging summer! Then consider being a Totus Tuus Missionary! Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth. We gather qualified college students into teams of four in order to train them and send them out on the road to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in various parishes throughout the Pensacola-Tallahassee diocese. If interested check <https://www.ptdiocese.org/totustuus> or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org

We will be packing up Christmas Decorations on Thursday, January 12 beginning at 9:00am. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Arlene for more information.

Pastoral Council will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcomed.

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, January 7*Epiphany Vigil

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00pm Vigil Mass, Rosary ~ +Urban Gehret; +Peter Hiep Tran; +Peter Chinh Tran

Sunday, January 8*Epiphany

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +George Dupuis; +Gioan Nguyen Khoan; +Maria Nguyen Dau; +Wally Elliott; +Frank Rollence

9:30am ~ CCD (RE)

10:30am Mass, Peace

Monday, January 9*Baptism of the Lord

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary(CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +LParishioners of Rosary

Tuesday, January 10

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +Jan Garner

9:00am ~ Bible Study (RE)

4:00pm ~ Choir Practice (CH)

6:00pm ~ Pastoral Council (PH)

Wednesday, January 11

8:00am ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

8:30am Mass, Rosary ~ +George Dupuis

10:30am Mass, Peace

Thursday, January 12

NO MASS

9:00am ~ Pack up Christmas Decorations (CH)

Friday, January 13

4:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

5:00pm Mass, Rosary

Saturday, January 14

3:30pm ~ Pray the Rosary (CH)

4:00pm Vigil Mass, Rosary ~ +Ruth Goodwin; +Donlean Gary

5:00pm ~ Chili Cook-Off (PH)

Sunday, January 15

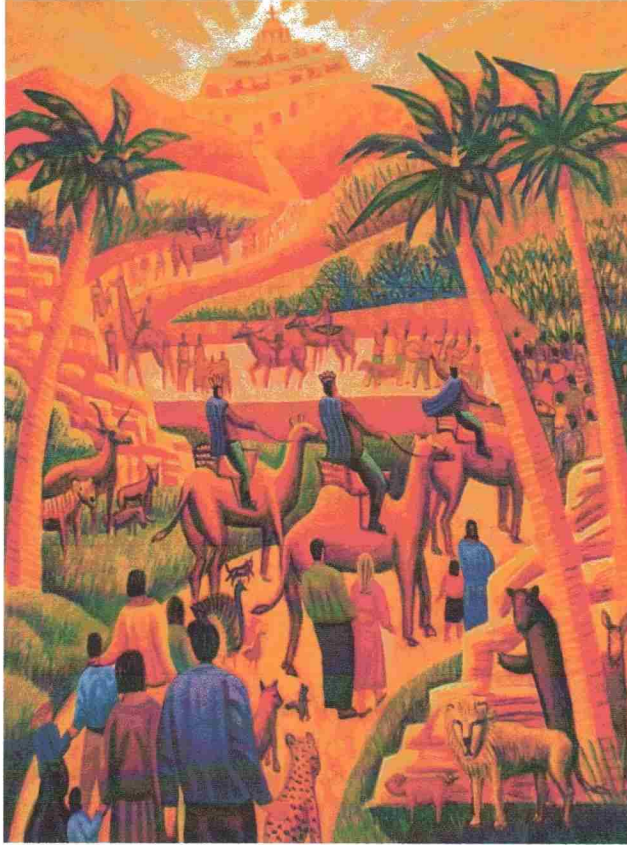
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Star-Crossed

God our Creator
you guided the Magi to the infant
through the brightness of a star.
Gold, frankincense, and myrrh,
the Magi presented.
May the light of Scripture
guide our journey
as we offer to you
our worship and discipleship.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 8, 2023
Illumination and Glory



Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13; Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12. The radiance of God's glory is clear as we celebrate Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled in the visit of the Magi. In the first reading, Isaiah addresses Jerusalem, saying, "Your light has come." Continuing, Isaiah tells of people from afar bringing gifts: "All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praise of the LORD."

The Magi proclaim the Lord's birth, when they arrive in Jerusalem, inquiring, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" Alarmed at this query, the jealous King Herod begins a search for the one he considers a rival to his power. But this newborn is not destined to compete with the king.

Isaiah had foretold that the newborn would "shepherd my people Israel." This is not the language of an earthly ruler. Jesus continues to be manifest in us in the readings and the Eucharist. On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we thank God for the gift of the Eucharist, a gift that we can continue to receive throughout our lives.

Matthew's Gospel is a particular type of Jewish story that intends to make a theological point and is heavily influenced by biblical tradition and diverse sources. These visitors to the holy family were clearly good-hearted, kindly, and motivated by faith in prophecy and astrology. Honor their generosity by extending good will and kindness to family, friends, and coworkers.



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Tuesday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

The readings of the Christmas season conclude with the heavens opening and a voice saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” What could be a more joyous way to end the season? During Christmas Time, we have experienced the birth of our Savior, the manifestation to the Magi, and Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan. As we enter Ordinary Time in winter, pause to reflect on each of these in-breakings of the kingdom and how they have affected you. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7, Psalm 29:1–2, 3–4, 9–10; or Acts 10:34–38; Matthew 3:13–17.*

Monday, January 23

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children weaves the secular with the sacred. Wherever we are on this day, we pray that God will protect all unborn children. Although the unborn are nameless to us, we can easily look around and offer thanks to God to all those who have been born. Consider using some of the photos from the Christmas cards that you have received this year to start a conversation with children about our belief that all life is sacred. *Today’s readings: Isaiah 9:1–6; Psalm 72:2, 3–4ab, 7–8, 11–12, 13–14; Matthew 5:1–12a.*

Wednesday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul reminds us that conversion to deepen faith and service of others is sometimes sudden. For most people, though, conversion to living in Christ is gradual, like a never-ending timeline of good works, struggles, reconciliation, renewal, and stronger faith in Jesus. Today, pray that we may never hesitate to serve God by serving others with kindness and understanding. Pray also to follow the example of St. Paul and to learn from struggles, so that you can dedicate your life to following Christ. *Today’s*

readings: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; Mark 16:15–18.

Thursday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is sometimes called Candlemas Day or the Feast of the Encounter in the Temple (by Eastern Christians). In the Gospel, we hear Simeon’s words of blessing and Anna’s prophecy. Many parishes bless candles for parishioners and for the year’s Masses today, a tradition that reminds us of the light of faith that we have through baptism. *Today’s readings: Malachi 3:1–4; Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40.*

Friday, February 3

St. Blaise

Little is known about St. Blaise, who was a bishop and martyr. He is celebrated as having healed a boy who was choking, likely on a bone. Recalling this miracle, the tradition of the blessing of throats arose around the eighth century. As throats are blessed with crossed candles close to the recipient’s neck, we ask God to heal all who suffer from diseases of the throat and “every other illness.” *Today’s readings: Hebrews 13:1–8; Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b–9abc; Mark 6:14–29.*

Saturday, February 11

World Day of the Sick

On the optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, we recall the story of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette Soubirous of Lourdes, France. Millions of pilgrims have visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes since 1862, when several miracles were confirmed as authentic. In 1992, Pope John Paul II named February 11 World Day of the Sick, a day of awareness of those who are ailing and for all who have no access to proper medical care. Today is an important intersection of loving awareness of all sick persons, with a memorial in the Church that celebrates God’s healing through the intercession of the Blessed Mother. *Today’s readings: Genesis 3:9–24; Psalm 90:2, 3–4abd, 5–6, 12–13; Mark 8:1–10.*



Dear Padre,

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	January 10 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	January 11 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	January 12 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	January 13 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	January 14 <i>Weekday</i> Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	January 15 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016