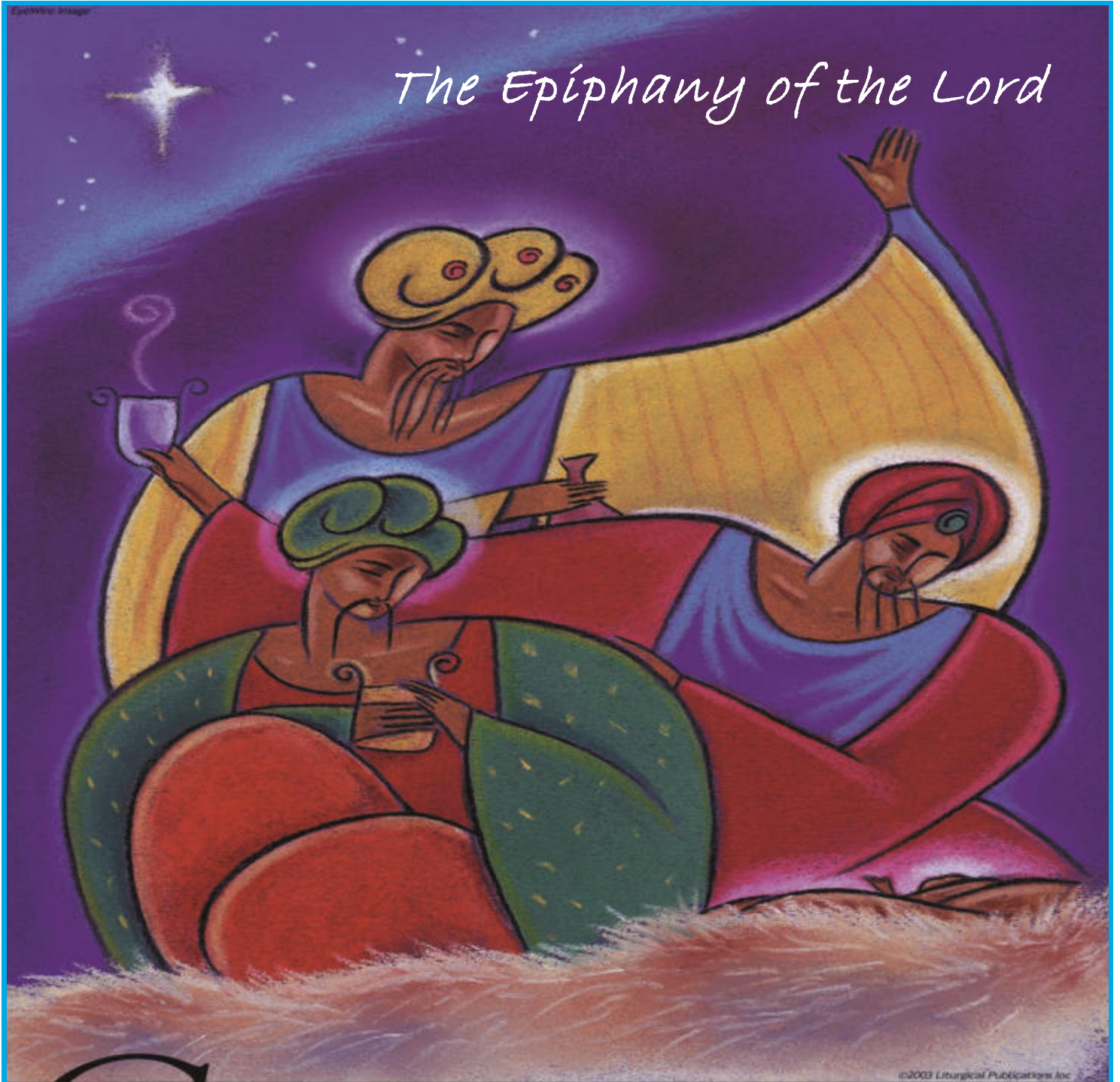




Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

January 6, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



Come, let us adore Him

Readings for the week of January 6, 2019

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
[cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

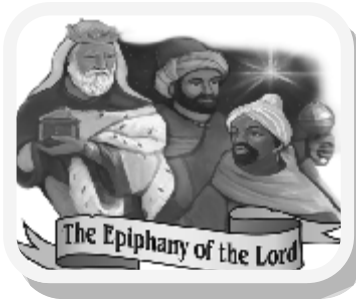
Feast of the Epiphany

"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.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of

course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate, or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the

story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

We consider Christmas as the encounter,
the great encounter, the historical encounter,
the decisive encounter, between God and mankind.
He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice.

(Pope Paul VI)

Wise Women Also Came!

Wise women also came.

*The fire burned in their wombs long before
they saw the star in the sky.*

*They walked in shadows, trusting the path would open
under the light of the moon.*

*Wise women also came,
seeking no directions, no permission from any king.
They came by their own authority, their own desire,
their own longing.*

*They came in quiet, spreading no rumors,
sparking no fears to lead to innocent's slaughter,
to their sister Rachel's inconsolable lamentations.*

*Wise women also came,
and they brought useful gifts: water for labors' washing,
fire for warm illumination, a blanket for swaddling.*

*Wise women also came,
at least three of them, holding Mary in the labor,
crying out with her in the birth pangs,
breathing ancient blessings into her ear.*

*Wise women also came,
and they went,
as wise women always do, home a different way.*

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Monday, January 7, 6 pm - Jazz Nite Committee Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Tuesday, January 8, 6 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Rectory Conference Room

Wednesday, January 9, 6 pm - Father Duane, RCIA Sacramental Class, St. Clare of Montefalco Education Room



Christmas Flower Offerings

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Miss Desiree Miller

Thanks to all of you who remembered your special loved ones and also to all of you who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund in the amount of \$1,203. Your generosity helped to make our altar very beautiful during the Christmas Season.



Our New Parishioners

Shannan McEachern Martinez
and daughters, Margaret and Eleanore.

We hope you grow in faith
as part of our parish community!

EPIPHANY



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



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Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace:

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer. Amen.

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday | 9:00 a.m. |
| Reconciliation | By Appointment |
| Holydays | 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
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Saturday, January 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Janet Bielman

Julie Smith

Ian Campbell

Mary Bielman

Lauren Smith

Michelle VandenBrooks

Sunday, January 13, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Marilyn Lynn

Bill Ridella

Cory Fullilove

Patti Adams

Mary Pocius

Beverly Goll

Julia Zuerblis

Debra Nieddu

Joseph Nieddu

Greg Redman

Kristen Stark

Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 5 - Vigil: Feast of the Epiphany

4:30 p.m. - Laura Bush Terry, Frank Amara

Sunday, January 6 - Feast of the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark

Monday, January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

Tuesday, January 8 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Homeless and Marginalized in our City

Wednesday, January 9 -

9:00 a.m. - For our Military Families

Thursday, January 10 -

Friday, January 11 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, January 12 - Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

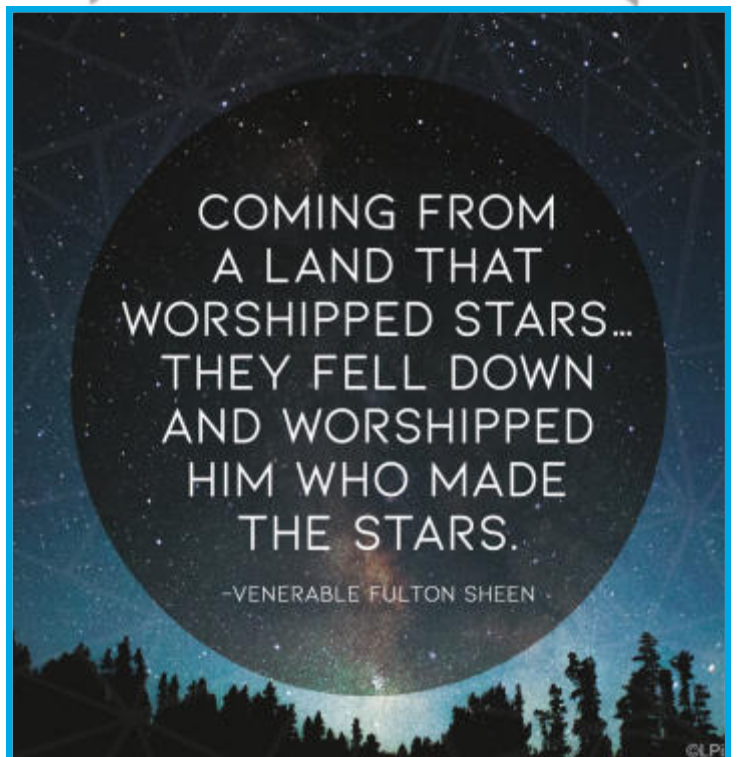
Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. - The Zilinski Family, Phyllis Nolan



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