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Epiphany

This weekend we mark the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This is a solemn celebration in which we acknowledge that Christ has come for all people! Just as the Wise Men of the East (probably modern Iran or Iraq) who were searching for truth came to find the Christ child, led on by way of a star, so seekers of truth today follow the lights of our world in search of the Word made flesh.

This great mystery of the Incarnation invites us to continue on in the way of Christ. We do this by the way we live and love and care for all people (ourselves included); We are actually challenged to be the stars by which others are led to Christ. The way we live and love should point to the source of our life - Jesus, the long awaited savior of the world, the Christ.

This is not an easy task - it has never been such. But the good news is that we do not take on this task alone, we do so in the company of one another. And we always have the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit of God helping us.

I hope this Christmas time (which continues until next Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord) is a time of grace for you and your families. As we start this new year together, may we be inspired by the example of the heroes and heroines of old (we called them *the Saints*). May we always (in the words of our Parish Mission statement) be open to be Christ for others and to find him in others!

Here's a beautiful poem by one of my favorite authors that says it so well.

A Blessing for Christmastime

*May your eyes be alert for the sight of his face
And your ears ready for the sound of his voice
May your feet catch fire to run in his race
The song on your lips tell all the world \u201crejoice\u201d*

*And may you clap and leap and shout and dance
Knowing that the Lord has come to set you free
And run down the road, a person entranced,
After the one who said \u201c Come follow me\u201d*

*May God bless you
The Father who made you free
The Son who freed you once again
And the Spirit who keeps you forever free*

*A book of Irish American Blessings & Prayers
By Andrew M. Greeley*

Have a great week and a Happy New Year!
