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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)

"The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star" (Pope (Emeritus) Benedict XVI). Our response to the Father's offer of salvation is that of the Magi: *"To offer gold is to proclaim Christ's kingship, to offer incense is to adore his Godhead, and to offer myrrh is to acknowledge his mortality"* (Saint Odilo of Cluny). Creation responds as well: *"When the king of heaven was born, the heavens knew that he was God because they immediately sent forth a star; the sea knew him because it allowed him to walk upon it; the earth knew him because it trembled when he died; the sun knew him because it hid the rays of its light"* (Saint Gregory the Great). The manifestation of the Son of God to the world begs belief from us by which we will be led home by another way.

PASTOR:

Rev. Peter M. Colapietro

ASSOCIATES:

Rev. Joe A. Francis

Rev. Joby Mathew

IN SUNDAY SERVICE:

Rev. Richard Arold

ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Mr. David Schaefer

CANTOR & LEADER OF SONG:

Mr. Joseph Neal

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

By Appointment only.

Please contact a member of the parish staff well in advance.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

5:00 PM on Saturdays

Anytime by appointment

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Anyone who cannot attend church because of illness or age, please contact the parish office, so that arrangements can be made to bring communion to you.

MASSES

Sundays: 7:30 AM; 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM & 12 NOON (Principal Liturgy & Choir)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM & 12 NOON

Saturdays: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next RCIA Program meeting will be held

Thursday, January 8th
from
7:30pm—8:30pm

in the church rectory.

OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS:

9:00 AM - 7:45 PM

SATURDAYS:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAYS:

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Rosary

Weekdays after the Noon Mass and on Saturday after the 9:00 AM mass

Holy Hour

First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

Devotions

Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



Mass Schedule

SATURDAY (JANUARY 3): WEEKDAY
5:30 PM Laverne Muzelak

SUNDAY (JANUARY 4): THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 AM Jyoti Mansharamani
9:00 AM Kathleen Cryan
10:30 AM Thomas Dorrian
12 NOON St Monica's Parishioners

MONDAY (JANUARY 5): SAINT JOHN NEUMANN
7:30 AM Pat Connell (Living)
12 NOON Anna Riedl

TUESDAY (JANUARY 6): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Mary Murtha (Living)
12 NOON Ulysseus & Yolanda Ruthinel (Living)

WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 7): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Sean McAtamney
12 NOON Maryanne Barranco

THURSDAY (JANUARY 8): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Robert McCarney
12:00 NOON Patrick Reynolds

FRIDAY (JANUARY 9): WEEKDAY
7:30 AM Special Intentions
12:00 NOON Ada Durrell (2nd Anniversary)

SATURDAY (JANUARY 10): WEEKDAY
12:00 PM John J. Kisel

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers:

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Katheryn Nelson, Fred Janek, Joan Sheridan, Juliana Nazareth, Carol Usiak, Joseph Dina, Rev. Frances Ferrier, Leon Ferrier, Carolina Ferrier, Mary Ferrini, Jacqueline Joyce, John Monaco, Paul Kovac, Ari Martinez, Marie Devlin, William McBride, Dorothy McBride

and those wounded in Military Action

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

"I've gone to prepare a place for you."

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Richard Cosby, Robert Feretti, Anthony Galgano, Anne Hoagland, Fr. Robert Trainer, Francesca Anna Fontanelli-Chenel, Police Officer Wenjian Liu, Police Officer Rafael Ramos

Please pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

If you wish to add the names of your loved one to the prayer list, please notify the rectory: (212) 288-6250.

PARISHIONER INFORMATION

Due to the upcoming merger of Sts. Stephen and Elizabeth of Hungary and Monica along with the Making All Things New initiative, The Archdiocese of New York has asked us to update our parishioner records in order to better serve the people of our area and Saint Monica's. In this week's bulletin you will find an information form. We ask all parishioners fill out their information and tear out the page. Once completed you may drop it off at the Church Rectory or give it to an usher the following week.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Catholic Communication Campaign is a way that each of us can follow the call to enter into the world of new media and digital networks. Pope Francis emphasized the importance of this endeavor during his first audience... with members of the media on March 16, 2013, saying: "Be assured that the Church, for her part, highly esteems your important work." The Pope has given us an example of witnessing through new media, by his tweets and his daily homilies....

This weekend, **Saturday, January 3rd** and **Sunday, January 4th**, we will be holding a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Please donate generously to this wonderful cause.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

What are the major attractions in your area? Are they natural wonders, spectacular buildings, engaging activities, powerful people, works of art? We expect people to stream to see rock stars and queens, the Eiffel Tower and the Grand Canyon. In today's scriptures, however, we see "tourists" attracted to two very lowly and humble "sights."

Jerusalem was a sorry sight when the scripture from Isaiah was written. The prophet's vision must have seemed impossible to those who heard this message. And yet, today Jerusalem is a major tourist attraction. We also know that through the Jews many other people—Christians and Muslims—have been attracted to the one Lord.

Jesus himself must have seemed very weak and insignificant in comparison to the rich and powerful King Herod, and later on compared to the priests and Pharisees. Yet, even from his birth, people streamed to him. Like the "tourists" in today's Gospel, people saw something in him that led them to worship and serve the Lord. And through him they came to understand what God intended for their life journeys.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Church is the new Israel, called to attract all people to the Lord. We must be "the place where the child" (Matthew 2:9) is found today. God's glory shines through the Church and, despite our many flaws, we are called to become the "place" where everyone can find the Lord and "[do] him homage" (2:11).

EPIPHANY

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

On this feast, when we hear how the magi brought gifts to our Savior, how can we not think about the gifts we give to our Savior? Everything we share with our Church, our community, & with one another is a gift.

2015 SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Starting January 3rd, all masses at 9:00 AM on Saturdays have been moved to 12:00 NOON. This change will be permanent for all of 2015. All other mass times will continue as scheduled.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS. If your child is now or has been enrolled in a religious education class, please contact the Rectory at (212) 288-6250. Please leave your name, your child's name and their current school grade. This is especially important if your child is preparing for the sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.

BIBLE STUDY—THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended Father Joe's bible study! We hope to see you again in 2015.

RCIA PROGRAM MEETING

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

A renowned expert in canon and civil law, St Raymond also worked assiduously for the formation of priests and the evangelization of Jews and Muslims. Born at Penyafort, near Barcelona, Spain, sometime between 1175 and 1180, he lived to be 100 years old! The son of noble parents, he studied philosophy and law and earned doctorates in both civil and canon law before he was 30. He joined the Dominicans in 1218 and later was elected as third Master General of the Dominican Order. At the request of Pope Gregory IX, he collected and organized church law into five volumes, known as the "decretals." St Raymond also wrote a practical handbook on the sacrament of penance and served as confessor to the Pope. As an expert in law, a persuasive preacher, and a compassionate confessor, the relevance of the spirituality and teaching of Raymond of Penyafort for our day is multiple. First of all, his ministry as a confessor reminds the faithful today of the importance of this sacrament of reconciliation. Secondly, his missionary zeal and ecumenical spirit should prompt us to dialogue with non-Christians and to engage in the re-evangelization of Christians.

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Please fill out the form below. You may **TEAR** this page out and return it to the Parish Office, or give it to one of our ushers the following week.

Family **LAST** Name: _____ Mailing name: _____

Address (Include Apt #): _____ Env NO:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone #: _____ Alternative Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Household Information

Single, Catholic Marriage, Divorced, Civil Marriage, Widowed, Separated

Husband / Male <input type="checkbox"/>	First Name	Date of Birth	Religion
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Sacraments Received*: Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, Catholic Marriage

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Single, Catholic Marriage, Divorced, Civil Marriage, Widowed, Separated

Wife / Female <input type="checkbox"/>	First Name	Date of Birth	Religion
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Phone # <input type="checkbox"/> work <input type="checkbox"/> Cell	Email:	Occupation/Employer
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COVER SHEET

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