

Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

***La Historia y Usted: SOLEMNIDAD de la
EPIFANIA del SEÑOR***

Y volvemos ahora a la hermosa historia de los reyes magos del Oriente. Y nuestras preguntas se levantan tan seguras como la Estrella.

¿Cómo es que ellos observaron cuando surgió la Estrella? ¿Cómo es que ellos, unos gentiles que no sabían nada del esperado Mesías, dejan todo para buscar al recién nacido Rey de Judea? Y, la pregunta más difícil: si la Estrella se cernía sobre la casa en donde la Sagrada Familia pernoctaba en Belén, sin que ninguno de los judíos en la Ciudad de David lo notara, ¿cómo es que los gentiles lo notaron, cómo fue que la vieron claramente desde tan lejos y encontraron al Mesías por la Luz que emanaba de la estrella?

Sn Mateo (el único de los cuatro escritores del Evangelio que conoce esta historia de la Epifanía) dice a su comunidad Judío/Cristiana algo verdaderamente hermoso: aquellos que buscan a Jesús seguramente lo encontrarán, ya sea que haya nacido en la línea sanguínea correcta o no. Pero después surgen nuestros propios cuestionamientos: ¿por qué es la fe un don puro para algunos, que la cultivan y alimentan a través de sus propias vidas, y sin embargo algunos otros no les importa lo necesario como para buscarla? ¿Por qué muchos de nosotros, como los Reyes Magos, intuimos su cercanía y salimos a su encuentro? ¿Y otros (tal vez, nuestros hijos) no han sido lo suficientemente curiosos o no han experimentado el deseo necesario como para buscar a quien tan intensamente los busca a ellos?

Los judíos en Belén esperan al Mesías, y sin embargo, no vieron su Estrella. ¿La Luz de Cristo brilla lo suficientemente intensa en nosotros como para atraer a aquellos que nunca lo han buscado? *¿En dónde observas la Luz brillando intensamente hoy?*

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***The Story and You: SOLEMNITY of the
EPIPHANY***

And so we come back to the beautiful story of those wise men from the East. And our questions arise as surely as the Star.

How is it that they observed the Star at its rising? Why did they, Gentiles who knew nothing of the promised Messiah, leave everything to seek a newborn King of Judea? And, the harder question: if the Star hovered over the house where the Holy Family stayed in Bethlehem, with none of the Jews in the City of David noticing it, how did the Gentiles see it clearly from afar and find the Messiah through its Light?

St. Matthew (the only one of the four Gospel writers who knows this Epiphany story) is telling his Jewish/Christian community something beautiful: those who seek Jesus will surely find Him, whether born into the right bloodlines or not.

And there's something else here too: are we ready to follow the Stars that arise in our lives, to be utterly open to the Surprising Love of the One who meets us in our comings and goings, our dreaming and our rising, our instinctive drawing near to him who drew so near to us? In this new year let's resolve again to keep our eyes wide open for the Christ who comes to us in a thousand different ways, bidden and unbidden, searching for us as earnestly as we are searching for him.

In what ways do you sense that God is seeking you?

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Rally for Life—On Saturday, January 17, the Respect Life Office will sponsor a Rally for Life. It will begin with Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am. Then a Rally at the west steps of the Capitol at 1:00pm, with Archbishop Aquila, Chris Stefanick, Lynn Gordon, and Biff Gore. All followed by a march around Civic Center Park at 2:30pm. Join them for this important witness to life.

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation Classes, Confirmation Classes, and Secrets of Scripture all resume this weekend. Join us as we learn about God's love and care for us. May God bless you in this Christmas season!

SUICIDE AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Deo's Dream is a small nonprofit organization devoted to helping those who are depressed, mentally ill, or suicidal make the choice to live. Deo's Dream specific purpose is to help alleviate and reduce the suicide rate in the Metropolitan Denver Area through religious, spiritual and educational instruction and also by educating and promoting the discussion of mental health and suicide prevention and its ramifications for families and our community as a whole. Please join us this Sunday, January 4, for an informative talk presented by Paul and Toni Cothran about the awareness and prevention of suicide. Join us in the Worship Space at 12:30pm.

FAD (Family Academy of Discipleship)

Our next FAD will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Our topic is *Forgiveness in the Family*. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this special night. We will end by 7:30 pm. If you have questions please contact Mr. Moo at the school office, Laurie Lopez or Father Jerry at the parish office.

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next baptism class will be on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 12:30 pm. This for all parents and godparents. Anyone interested in registering for the class should call Laurie at the parish office.

Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **EGG NOODLES** for the month of January. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4pm	January 3 deceased members of Holy Name Society +Mary Mees
Sunday 7am 8:30am 11am	January 4 People of the Parish +Gioan Kim Huynh +Phanxica Ung by family +Gordon Whittal by Susan Castillo
Monday 8:30am	January 5 Communion Service
Tuesday 8:30am	January 6 +Gian Kim Huynh +Phanxica Ung by family
Wednesday 8:30am	January 7 +George Espinosa by family +Anne Huynh by family
Thursday 8:30am	January 8 +Joseph Nguyen +Marie Huynh by family
Friday 8:30 am	January 9 +Anne Huynh by family
Saturday 4pm	January 10 +Anne Huynh by family
Sunday 7am 8:30am 11am	January 11 People of the Parish +Giacobé Nguyen & +Anne Pham by family +Donald Oberosler by family

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2015

Sunday: Is 60: 1-6//Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6//Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3: 22—4:6//Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4: 7-10//Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday: I Jn 4: 11-18//Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday: I Jn 4: 19—5:4//Lk 4: 14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5: 5-13//Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5: 14-21//Jn 3: 22-30

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—

Faith Atencio, Joseph Gomez, Sharon Kissell, Joseph Garcia, Calista Pugh, Germaine Kunz, Irene Suaszo, Steve Esparza, MariLou Foley, Le Rhynard, Marty Sanchez, Patricio Sáenz, Clarita Rubio, Rosi Cervantes