

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (January 6, 2019)

Reflection on Today's Readings

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

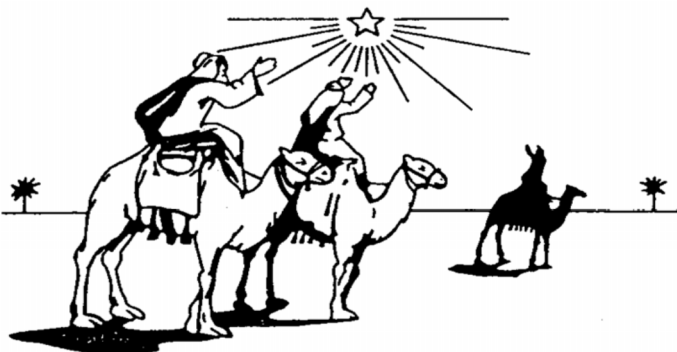
We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3,
9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1



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Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 7

Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)
6:45 PM-Cub/Boy Scouts
7:00 PM-RCIA

Tuesday, January 8

Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)

Wednesday, January 9

Noon Mass-Ximena Herrera (+)
5:30 PM-Citizenship Class
7:00 PM –Father Ken's Class

The Black Death

**The World's Most Devastating Plague
The First Wave Sweeps Across Europe**

Thursday, January 10

12:00 Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)
5:30 PM-Meditation Group
7:00 PM-Adult Choir

Friday, January 11

Noon Mass-Latin-Peter Walko (+)

Saturday, January 12

9:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM-Confession
5:00 PM Mass-English-Marie Bonner (+)

Sunday, January 13

9:00 AM Mass-English-Louis Pallivathuckal (+)
Noon Mass-Hmong
5:00 PM Mass-Spanish-**Pro Populo**

(+) Deceased (I) Intentions

Weekly Collections

2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Weekly Amt. Needed for Budget	\$ 8,461.54
Offertory Week of 12/23/2018	\$ 7,099.00
Online Giving week of 12/23/2018	\$ 2,519.86
Holy Day Offertory 12/25/2018	\$ 9,027.50
Total Offertory for week	\$ 18,646.36
Fiscal Year (Under)/Over Budget	\$ 9,932.12

2018 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)

Goal: \$50,138.00

Paid \$ 47,923.50 Pledge balance \$ 4,350.00
Amt. Paid Over Pledge Goal \$ 2,135.50 Donors 160
To donate on line, go to:
<http://www.charlottediocese.org/donations>

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

March for Life on January 18, 2019 Washington, DC

The buses will leave St. Aloysius in Hickory on Thursday morning, Jan. 17. The group will stay at Queen of the Apostles Church in Alexandria, VA. The total cost of this trip is \$85.00 per person which includes all meals EXCEPT the Friday meal on the way back to Hickory. Contact Neil Schunke (828-474-5047) or Mary Schunke (828-738-0704) for more information.

STAND FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE!

Church Meetings

LADIES GUILD

Monday, Jan. 7 at 10:30 AM in library

UNITED IN FAITH & PEACE

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 PM in basement

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 in library

FINANCE COUNCIL

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 5 PM

PRAYING HANDS KNIT & CROCHET GROUP

Sundays, Jan. 13 and 27 from 2-4 PM in library

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Monday, Jan. 21 at 5:45 PM

DIRECTORY

Faith Formation-10:30 AM Sunday

Anglo FF Coordinator: *Gail Watson* 437-3108
Spanish FF Coordinator: *Daniel Pedro* 403-0959
Spanish Youth: *Maureen Dougher* 403-5284
Anglo Youth: *Gail Watson* 437-3108

Adult Choir-Thursday 7 PM

Organist: *Peter Hartman* 437-3108

Parish Pastoral Council-First Tuesday 7 PM

Chairman: *Rudy Medina*

Finance Council-Third Tuesday 5:30 PM

Chairman: *David Snell*

Anglo Liturgy and Worship Commission:

Third Monday 5:45 PM-*Maureen Dougher*

Hispanic Liturgy and Worship Commission:

Pedro Pascual

Community Ministries Commission: *Rita Gallagher*

Parish Life Commission: *Jo Elyn Hannah*

Education and Formation Commission:

Second Wednesday 5:30 PM-*Terri Martino*

Communication Commission:

Ann Marie McNeely

Building/Facilities Commission: *Alan Brown*

Evangelization/Ecumenism Commission:

Nancy Hartman

Ladies Guild-First Monday 10:30 AM

Chairperson: *Donna Davis*

Knights of Columbus-Third Monday 6:30 PM

Grand Knight: *David Tagye*

F.S.: *T. J. Robinson*

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