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*Solemnity of the*

*Epiphany of the Lord*

January 5, 2014

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# The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2014

They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts  
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

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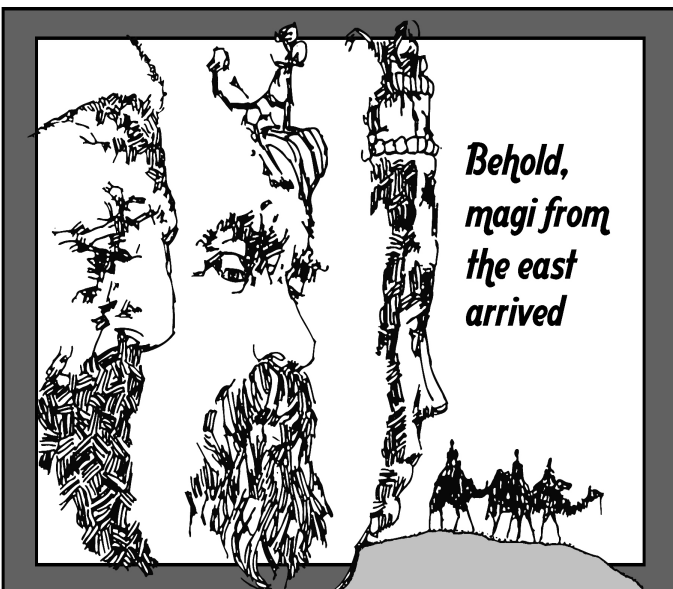
## THE LIGHT OF FAITH

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or “wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God’s presence at the heart of our life’s journey.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;  
National Migration Week  
Monday: St. André Bessette  
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;  
Julian Calendar Christmas



## MASS INTENTIONS

January 4, 2014 - January 11, 2014

### Saturday, January 4

5:00 pm + Luis Rodrigo, Sr.

### Sunday, January 5

8:00 am + Angelo Dela Cruz

10:00 am + Susana Cabardo

12:00 pm + Angelina Duya

6:00 pm For the People

### Monday, January 6

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Susan Valdrez

### Tuesday, January 7

8:00 am + Edilberto Ortiz

### Wednesday, January 8

10:00 am + Benito & Clara Barcenas

### Thursday, January 9

8:00 am Spe.Int - Alegria Paquia

### Friday, January 10

8:00 am + Antonio Macatangay

### Saturday, January 11

8:00 am + Milagros Castanares

5:00 pm + Luis Rodrigo, Sr.

## 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 mystery has been made known that 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, saying, "Where is 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

## *Please pray for the sick...*

Ester Acda, Johnny Ang, Saturnino Angeles, Reynaldo Antonio, Susana Aquino, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Alice Beans, Epifania Bundang, Franklin Calub, Jr., Gold Cantolino, Teofista Coloma, Maria Castro Cuadras, Aurea Dacanay, Ofelia de Guzman, Theresa De Rivera, Bert Dimaano, Donna Diner, Angeles Dingcong, Bernardo Dingcong, Roberto Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Alice De Loyola, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Cezar Domingo, Elpidio Dorotheo, Edilberta Enriquez, Enrique Escalante, Juanita Estrellas, Mina Fernando, Emerita Fulinar, Leticia Garces, Lenie Gutierrez, Linda Hernandez, Rosario Ilustre, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, Francesca Kelsey, Tessie Lacandazon, Mori Lacson, Gregorio Lintao, Sr., Arthur Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Ruth Marquez, Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, Janet McCulley, Zeny Mesa, Victor Montoya, Florentina Morales, Roquita Padua, Esperanza Paz, Marlen, Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Lita Raposas, Oliver Rasul, Elaine Resurreccion, Leo Reyes, Felix & Marcie Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Epifania Santos, Bill Sarati, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Virginia Sosongco, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Emmeline Velayo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villafior, Joe Yumang, Milad Zayat.

*\*Please call the parish office @510-471-7766, if you have someone to add or delete to the Sick List.*

## Interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith?



Are you an adult who...

is interested in being baptized Catholic?

- was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing Inquiry sessions for chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment required. For more information, call the parish office at 510-471-7766 or email:

[stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com)

## FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous



**St. Anne Youth Ministry**

St. Anne Youth Ministry is on winter break for the remainder of the calendar year. The next Youth Ministry meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2014!

**Los Angeles Catholic Youth Day**

Payments are now being accepted for any high school student or young adult who would like to attend the annual Los Angeles Catholic Youth Rally scheduled March 12-15, 2014. This is an OUTSTANDING way to experience the Young Church of Today on a larger level...over 20,000 young people participate in Youth Day every year. We have 22 spots available. If you'd like more information about the trip, please email the Youth Ministry Office at stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**"SERVING OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY & COUNTRY."**

**Happy New Year to all the Knights and St. Anne Parishioners.**

**January 12 – 1:30 PM.** Third Degree Exemplification at Holy Spirit Church in Fremont.

**January 18 –** Knights Choir sings at 5:00 PM mass.

**January 25 – 12:00 PM** Walk for Life, San Francisco

For information contact: Roland Nimis, Grand Knight  
RNimis@yahoo.com or 510-487-8232



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**HEROD AND THE EPIPHANY**

**Why impious Herod, vainly fear  
That Christ the Savior cometh here?  
He takes no earthly realms away  
Who gives the crown that lasts for aye.  
—Crudelis Herodes Deum, Tr. by J. M. Neale!**

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**ST ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION**

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(GRADES 1- 8)**

**FAITH IN ACTION...Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person** – The Catholic Church calls us to respect each individual as a child of God, to work to ensure that everyone has the basic necessities of life, and to find ways to eliminate systems that oppress people. *How can we treat everyone we meet with dignity and respect?*

**REMINDER: All Faith Formation classes resume Monday, January 6, 2014**

**CCD Children's Stewardship Envelopes**

- Ava Aquino: I helped my cousin get a band age when she got hurt.
- Sebastian: Treasure Giving \$1.00.
- Ailinh: I helped clean the table.
- Rorio del Rosario: I helped my Mom clean the house.
- Benjamin Cardozo: Donated \$1.00.
- Angelina Macaraeg: Treasure giving \$5.00.
- Aniela Harrison: IDonated \$1.00.
- Jhon dela Cruz I was honest with my Mom & gave \$.50¢.
- Adrian: Donated \$.25¢.
- Unno: I washed the dishes.
- Melissa Paisol: I recycled, helped my Mom cook.
- Annelise Adion: I put the dishes away.
- Andre Andres: I prayed the rosary & gave \$.36¢.
- Nathaniel: Treasure giving \$3.00.
- Jayden: I helped my Dad build Legos & decorated the tree.
- Naomi Mercado: Donated \$1.00.
- Dozz: I helped wash the dishes.

**"Because Women Deserve Better than Aboration:"**

**10TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014  
RALLY: 12:30 PM CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**

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Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/ Ferry Building. BART stations at both locations. To register, volunteer and further info:

415-658-1793

info@WalkforLifeWC.com

Sunday, January 5, 2014

### FINANCE CORNER

#### Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, December 22, 2013</u>	\$12,020.50
<b>Budget</b>	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,979.50)
<u>Christmas, December 25, 2013</u>	\$21,006.50
<b>Budget</b>	\$26,940.00
Over (Under)	(\$5,933.50)

### Divine Mercy Apostolate

Divine Mercy will be hosting a live performance sponsored by St. Luke Productions presenting "Faustina, Messenger of Divine Mercy" on January 11, 2014 at 8 pm in St. Anne Church, Union City.

Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased through any St. Anne Divine Mercy member or at the Rectory during office hours. Checks should be made out to Divine Mercy Apostolate. Everyone is invited!

POC: Lou Castro, 510-396-1162

### First Annual Diocesan Choir Festival

*Saturday, February 8, 2014, 8:00 pm The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland [catholic.org](http://catholic.org)*

Choirs from throughout the diocese are invited to participate in the first-ever Diocesan Choir Festival at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 8. We will celebrate the unique voices of each of our parishes, as well as the diversity of talents and cultures that we are blessed with. Each parish is invited to register one choir for participation this year, and the choir can range from full SATB choir, to unison choirs, to small vocal ensembles, children's choirs, youth choirs, adult choirs, senior choirs etc. Each choir is invited to sing a piece/song they know really well and would normally sing during Ordinary Time. Registration information will be available soon.

Diocesan Choir Festival Committee: Rudy de Vos, Leo Keegan, Denise Kogler, Ariel Mayormita, Miguel Villalobos, Helena Dietrich, JaNet Hancock, Joseph Hébert.

### Bishop Barber to Bless Liturgical Musicians

*Monday, February 10, 7:00 pm*

*The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland*

*Rudy deVos 510-496-7227 [rdevos@oakdiocese.org](mailto:rdevos@oakdiocese.org)*

Save the date! Come to Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Monday, February 10. Bishop Barber will address and give a special blessing to all liturgical musicians from throughout the diocese during this liturgy. All are welcome to attend and pray with Bishop Barber for these musicians.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, January 6

**8:00 am - Mass, CH**

9:30 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

Tuesday, January 7

**8:00 am - Mass**

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - RCIA, CR #106

Wednesday, January 8

**8:00 am - Mass**

**5:00 pm - 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106**

6:00 pm - SPRED, SH

Thursday, January 9

**8:00 am - Mass, CH**

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106, SH

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CH

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

Friday, January 10

**8:00 am - Mass, CH**

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #103

7:00 pm - Baptism Class, CH

Saturday, January 11

**8:00 am & 5:00 pm Mass, CH**

9:00 am - SPRED, CR #105 & 106

9:00 am - Individual User, SH

9:00 am - Polish Community, CR #102, 103, 104

10:00 am - Individual User, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatics, CR #104

6:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH

Sunday, January 12

**8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00, 6:00 pm - MASS, CH**

11:00 am - Indonesian Community, CR #102

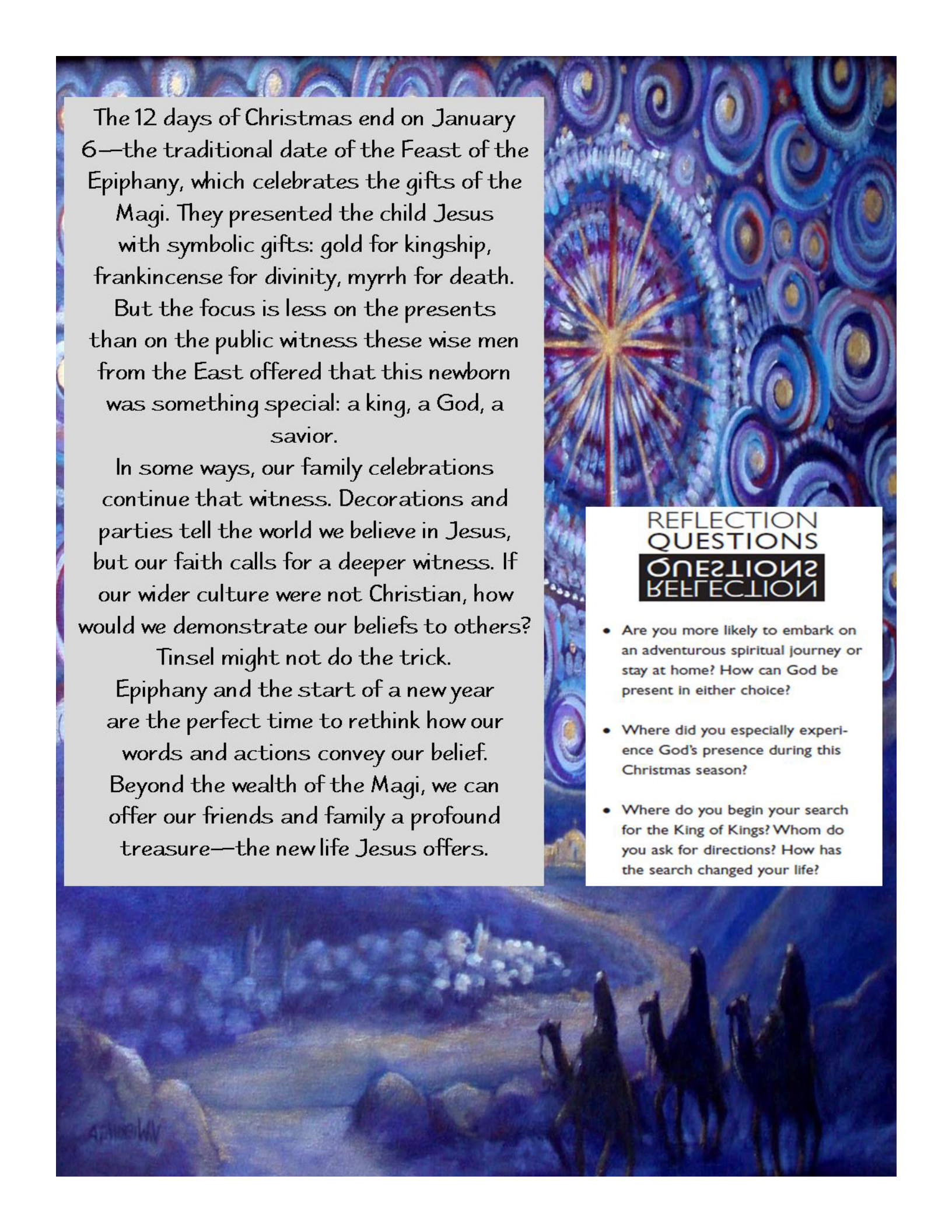
1:00 pm - Children's Choir, CR #103

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

3:00 pm - Confirmation, ALL FACILITIES

## REMINDER:

**If your ministry or organize use the parish facilities, please send your 2014 dates, etc. to the Parish office as soon as possible.**



The 12 days of Christmas end on January 6—the traditional date of the Feast of the Epiphany, which celebrates the gifts of the Magi. They presented the child Jesus with symbolic gifts: gold for kingship, frankincense for divinity, myrrh for death.

But the focus is less on the presents than on the public witness these wise men from the East offered that this newborn was something special: a king, a God, a savior.

In some ways, our family celebrations continue that witness. Decorations and parties tell the world we believe in Jesus, but our faith calls for a deeper witness. If our wider culture were not Christian, how would we demonstrate our beliefs to others?

Tinsel might not do the trick.

Epiphany and the start of a new year are the perfect time to rethink how our words and actions convey our belief. Beyond the wealth of the Magi, we can offer our friends and family a profound treasure—the new life Jesus offers.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

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- Are you more likely to embark on an adventurous spiritual journey or stay at home? How can God be present in either choice?
- Where did you especially experience God's presence during this Christmas season?
- Where do you begin your search for the King of Kings? Whom do you ask for directions? How has the search changed your life?