

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Another Way

Hidden stars, secret plans, quiet mysteries, humble origins, and momentous encounters. This is Epiphany!

It begins with a star and a house where a child and its mother dwell. Outsiders journey to bring homage and gifts. The peaceful beginning is interrupted by dreams and changes in routes. The light begins to seep into the world, breaking boundaries and gathering in all who can see, all who are open and humble, all who will worship and give their hearts to God. Whether the proud, the arrogant, the

cunning, and the violent know it or not, their power is being overcome by the poor, strangers, and children.

The radiance of the Epiphany of the Lord is revealed in dreams to strangers from afar. They are given gifts, and they learn to go home by ANOTHER WAY—another way to live, another way to love, another way to belong, another way to show forth the glory of God! It is Epiphany, and the presence of the Christ Child—the light, the peace, the truth—is loose in the world. This light heralds a change of focus and direction for all the world's peoples. It is a beacon that draws us home! May the amazing gift of the birth of our Savior guide us in His light throughout the new year. May we be bearers of His light for all of creation!

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” —Matthew 2:2

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

The Feast of the Epiphany brings the Christmas Season to an end. To mark the day, here's a beautiful litany composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil right leader.

**When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their
flocks, the work of Christmas begins:**

**to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
to rebuild nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.**

El Trabajo de la Navidad Comienza

La Epifanía concluye la Temporada Navideña. Hay una hermosa letanía escrita por el Dr. Howard Thurman, teólogo Afro-Americano, educador, y líder de los derechos civiles.

**Cuando se acabe el canticó de los ángeles,
cuando se vaya la estrella en el cielo,
cuando los reyes y los príncipes de nuevo
estén en casa, cuando los pastores de nuevo
estén con sus rebaños, en ese momento
comienza el trabajo de la Navidad:**

**encontrar a los perdidos, vendar a los
quebrantados de corazón, alimentar a los
hambrientos, liberar a los cautivos, reconstruir
las naciones, llevar paz para los pueblos,
hacer música en el corazón.**

50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Monterey

We received this week *Grace upon Grace—A History of the Diocese of Monterey*. The beautiful, hardcover, 50th anniversary book with glossy paper, 264 pages, full color, 10" x 10", is available at cost in the Parish Office for \$30.

A second book entitled *Saint Junipero Serra—First Saint Proclaimed in the United States of America* is also available in a large comic book format for \$10.

Weekly Mass in Spanish

We now have a weekly Sunday Mass in Spanish at 5:00 pm. Please also inform others who might be interested.

Retrouvaille Weekend January 20-22, 2017

Retrouvaille is a special weekend for couples in need of healing and renewal in their marriage. For more information: HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Eric and Beth at 831-479-1260.

Altar Servers / Acolytes

Children, youth, and young adults are invited to serve as Altar Servers or Acolytes for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. Please let Fr. Dennis know if you are interested. Thank you.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We are blessed to have Ministers of the Eucharist of our parish available to take Communion to our sick or homebound parishioners who are unable to attend Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member or neighbor who would like to be visited with the Eucharist.

Offertory Report 1/1/2017

Plate collection: \$3,884; Building Fund: \$5,450; Hope's Pantry \$25; electronic: \$600; other: \$4,079; total deposit: \$14,038. Thank you!

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage." —Matthew 2:10-11

Mass Intentions - Jan. 7-13, 2017

Sat., 4:30 pm	+Helen Nissen +Pilar Paedes +Roman Selis
Sun., 9:00 am	+Nancy Bakovic
Sun., 11:15 am	+Steve Heinrichs +Susan Barnes +Lorena Merino
Sun., 5:00 pm	+Filiberto Sandoval
Wed., 7:00 am	The sick of the Parish
Thur., 7:00 am	The families of the Parish
Fri., 7:00 am	The families of the Parish

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Parejas - Descubran como pueden fortalecer su fe y matrimonio. Dense la oportunidad de empezar el año asistiendo a una experiencia de un fin de semana del *Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial*. El próximo fin de semana será los días 27, 28 y 29 de enero. Para más información comuníquense con Artemio y Gladys Del Águila al 774-1335 o a montereynorte@emm17.org.

Confesiones - Cada sábado a las 3:30 pm.

Youth Corner



From the start of Jesus' life, there's tension between two kingdoms: the kingdoms of this world, and the Kingdom of God. Jesus, the newborn King, is in conflict with King Herod, and Herod wants him dead! The Magi come bringing gifts for Jesus—gifts fit for a king—and, rather than obeying Herod, they return to their country by another way. Today's Gospel asks us to reflect on one question: *Which king—and which kingdom—do we live for? Do we honor worldly powers? Or is Christ king of our lives?*