

January 3, 2010

The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Isa 60:1-6; Eph 2:2-6; Matt 2:1-12

“Arise and shine!”

“Arise, shine; your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Darkness covers the earth,
thick clouds cover his people,
But the Lord will bring them light.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
they shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.”



The feast of the Epiphany marks the manifestation of Jesus to the pagan world. Wise men from the East learn that the Messiah of Israel

is to be born in Bethlehem of Judah and they come to Israel. They arrive in Bethlehem guided by a star and they find the baby Jesus and his mother, they pay homage to him and offer him symbolic gifts.

The prophet Isaiah has foreseen this manifestation, and St Paul calls this the mystery revealed by the Spirit that all nations are part of God’s global family.

The Epiphany reminds us of the universality of God’s kingdom. Many still think that “catholic” means clannish, exclusive. Our Christian faith is rooted in ancient Israel and yet inclusive of all nations.

Epiphany is our feast...all of us who are not of Jewish origin.



Thank You

I personally need to thank all the people who sent me personal Christmas greetings. I enjoyed every single card, the wishes, the prayers and the generous gifts. I am grateful to God for your expressions of love and gratitude. You are my family and you are always in my prayer and in my heart. God bless your generous hearts.

A “White Christmas” Plus

It was a “White Christmas” with blizzard conditions, windy and very cold. The iconoclastic weather prevented most people from attending the Christmas celebrations and even last Sunday masses. Holy Rosary had a record low attendance and it was a wise decision for people to stay at home to prevent accidents and injuries. The 220 brave who dared to come to the 5 pm Christmas Eve mass enjoyed the church beautifully decorated for Christmas, the choir and the singing. Only 72 attended to 10 pm mass and 90 the 11 am on Christmas day. We hope that we can visit the church before the Christmas decorations will be removed on Monday, January 11.

Considering the weather and the low attendance the Christmas collection was good due to the generosity of several families. We thank you all and wish you a very Happy and blessed New Year.

**2010
Contribution
Envelopes**

All parishioners who were registered prior to November 15, 2009 and have not moved, should have received your new envelopes in the mail. If you have not received your envelopes call the church office.

For parishioners who registered after November 14, 2009 or parishioners who had an address change, please call the church office so envelopes can be sent to you.

National Migration Week

This week has been designated by the U.S. bishops as National Migration Week. The readings help us reflect on the kind of welcome we need to provide to the 12 million undocumented immigrants who live and work in the United States and to the 14 million refugees worldwide. Those who are settled face similar challenges in welcoming outsiders as did the early church, which struggled to accept Gentiles into the faith community. Like the foreign Magi, these newcomers bear gifts of immeasurable value for the whole community.

LỄ HIỂN LINH

Isaiah 60:1-6; Eph. 2:2-6; Matt. 2:1-12

“Hãy đứng lên và tỏa sáng ra!”

“Hãy đứng lên, hãy tỏa sáng ra, vì sự sáng của người đã đến,

Và vinh quang của Chúa đã bừng dậy trên mình người”

Lễ Hiển Linh đánh dấu sự xuất hiện của Chúa Giêsu với thế giới tà giáo. Những nhà đạo sĩ khôn ngoan, từ phương Đông đã được ngôi sao lạ dẫn đường đến Bêlem và họ tìm thấy Chúa Hài Nhi Giêsu cùng mẹ Người, họ quì xuống thờ lạy Người và dâng lên lễ vật.

Tiên tri Isaia đã tiên đoán sự xuất hiện này, và thánh Phaolô gọi sự mâu nhiệm này được Chúa Thánh Thần soi sáng là tất cả quốc gia đều thuộc về đại gia đình Thiên Chúa.

Tuần lễ di dân toàn quốc

Các Giám mục Hoa Kỳ đã gọi tuần lễ này là tuần lễ Di Dân Toàn Quốc. Các bài đọc phản ánh cho chúng ta thấy, chúng ta nên đón tiếp niềm nở 12 triệu di dân đang sinh sống trên đất Mỹ và 14 triệu người tị nạn trên toàn thế giới. Những ai đã ổn định rồi sẽ phải đương đầu với những khó khăn với những người mới định cư như xưa kia giáo hội sơ khởi đã khó khăn trở ngại trong sự hòa nhập những người ngoài Do thái vào trong cộng đồng tín hữu. Cũng như những nhà đạo sĩ từ phương đông xưa kia, những người mới nhập cư sẽ mang đến những giá trị quý báu cho cộng đồng chúng ta.

Lễ Chúa Giêsu chịu phép Rửa: Chúa Nhật tới, chúng ta sẽ mừng lễ Chúa Giêsu chịu phép Rửa, và trong thánh lễ cha sẽ ban phép lành đặc biệt cho trẻ em.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2

4PM Peter Anthony Serrone by Thelma Wingerter

Sunday, January 3 FEAST OF EPHIPHANY

8AM Betty Conrick & deceased members of the Conrick Family by Elizabeth Knefel

11AM Special Intentions

Monday, January 4 NO MASS

Tuesday, January 5

8AM Frank Tousa by Rose Serrone

Wednesday, January 6

8AM Mike Gargotta & Fannie Ferrantelli by Henry Gargotta

Thursday, January 7

4PM For all military men and women

Friday, January 8

11AM Betty Conrick & deceased members of the Conrick family by Wilma & Rosco Sexton

Saturday, January 9

4PM Theresa Sebbeto Carrola by Friends

Sunday, January 10

8AM Special Intentions

11AM Minnie, Matthew & Annette Orlando by daughter and sister Barbara
Angie & Art Mallardi by sister Vivian Gentile



**NO MASS ON MONDAY
January 4**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

January 9 & January 10

LECTORS

4PM: M.Workman

8AM: M.Smith

11AM: L.Venable

ALTAR SERVERS

Brian Bui

Triston and Fantasia Ta

Yen and Long Bui

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS

4PM: D.Kelly

8AM: C.McGovern

11AM: A.Depetre

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collections: \$1646.00 Other Income: \$1071.00

TOTAL: \$2717.00

Christmas Collection: \$5541.00



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scription rate is \$25.00. These envelopes will be forwarded directly to The Catholic Key office. If you do not have an envelope packet, you can put your check in a separate envelope and please mark the envelope “Catholic Key” and drop it in the collection basket.



Congratulations to Tom & Joann Curiale who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their family.