

Pulpit Announcements

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord

We welcome all of you who have come here to worship with us. Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, the Feast of the Three Kings. Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.



- Only three days remain to visit our parish Christmas tree memorial display, “Spread the Light.” The last evening the trees will be lit is Wednesday, January 6th. And if you’d like to help dismantle the trees, please come on Saturday, January 9th from 10am-3pm. See page 8 of the bulletin. Also, we are in need of large plastic bins to store Christmas tree lights and other “Spread the Light” supplies. If you have bins to donate, please drop them off at the parish office.
- This weekend, our second collection envelope benefits ‘Together in Charity’ to help the good work of Catholic Charities parish Assistance Program. ‘Together in Charity’ provides 24 hour/7-days-a-week assistance to parishes with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing and medical needs. More information on the fund can be found on page 6 of the bulletin.

As we prepare for worship, let us reflect on these questions from *Living Liturgy*.
In the magi story, what is revealed to us about our own eagerness or reluctance to seek God?

What is our own attitude to strangers and our appreciation of their wisdom...?
Do we make refugees and asylum seekers welcome as neighbors, or do we regard them as a threat...?

How do we respond to the young searching for their own stars to guide their lives?

Where, when and how must there be both a “birth” and a “death” in our lives?

Music for Our Assembly

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Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun...Baruch 5:5

Gathering Hymn- We Three Kings KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

**Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;

"Alleluia, Alleluia!" Sounds through the earth and skies. **Refrain**

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11. Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

Psalm Response- Lord every nation on earth will adore you...Psalm 672

Communion Hymn -The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. **Refrain**

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. **Refrain.**

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English carol, 17th cent.

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Prayers for the Mass

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and on earth people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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**Responsorial Psalm
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.**

**Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

**The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.**

**For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.**

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Prayers of the Faithful
Epiphany of the Lord**

Our Response is: *Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.*

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ...Give them wisdom in their leadership to illuminate the path for those searching for direction so that the Church through her words and deeds of compassion and justice might be a light for the nations, we pray...

Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.

2. For all government leaders, especially a new US Congress...Let the Spirit of Truth this week guide their deliberations and promote a spirit of cooperation that will yield the common good, we pray...

Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.

3. For all gathered here for worship...Like the Magi having encountered Jesus, inspire us to live the Gospel faithfully each day so that in this new year we live our lives in a different way, we pray...

Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.

4. For all who are ill in mind, body or spirit...Send down Your blessing upon them in this New Year and fill their coming days with good health and a deeper relationship with Christ, we pray...

Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.

5. For those who have died...Grant them a forever place by Your side in the Kingdom of Heaven, we pray...

Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.

6. For the intentions of all those assembled here today...Hear our prayers today and give us the renewal of prayer in our lives, making time for you each day so that our hearts might be more attentive to your invitation, we pray...

Lord of Enlightenment, hear our prayer.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You, and I believe your words: *“Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.”* Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.