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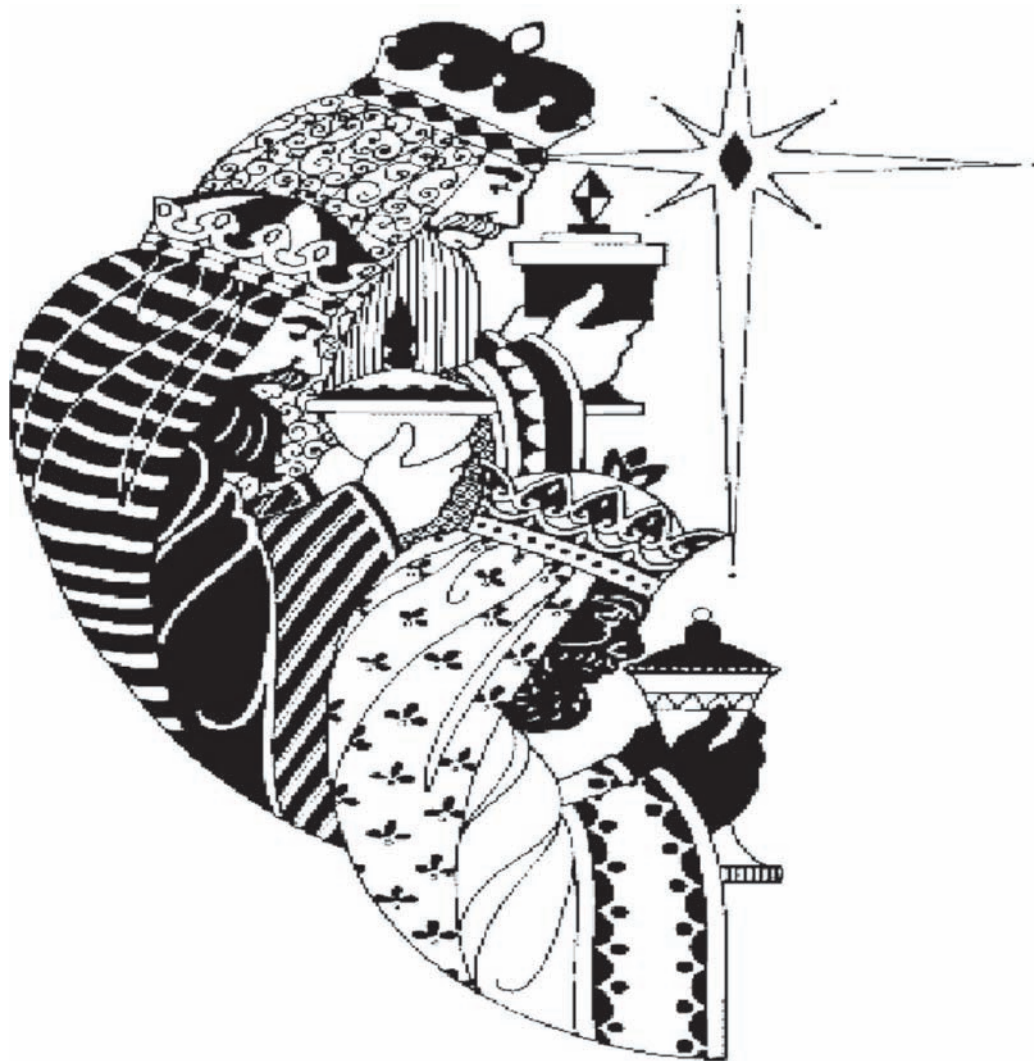
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Feast of Epiphany (January 3 / 6): **"They fell down and worshiped Jesus"**

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

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"They saw the STAR, at its rising"

Who were these wise men? How many? Note it is three gifts... we don't know how many of these kings who came in homage to the "newborn" king, come to adore and bring gifts, fit for a king.

What was that encounter like as the gazed upon the face of Jesus, Joseph and Mary. The gospel says they "were changed" and were told in a dream to go back a different way. Would we?

Are we changed by the season of Blessing and JOY? Has this been a time of renewal in faith for you? We leave our churches changed in "gratitude" to the ONE who calls us to HIS kingdom of peace and justice! May you and yours have a Blessed feast day! Let us not forget our brothers and sisters in the Eastern and orthodox churches celebrating "their Christmas"

~~ Fr F Scott ~~



Jan. 4th to Jan. 10th

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING: on Thurs., Jan. 7th at 1:00 p.m., in the meeting room.

RITE OF ENROLMENT: for the children preparing for their "first" eucharist at **all Masses next weekend** (Sat., Jan. 9th/Sun., Jan. 10th).

Readings for Sunday, Jan. 3rd Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

VIGIL LIGHT INTENTION

For the week of Jan. 3rd

The vigil light in front of the Blessed Sacrament is reserved for:

~~ Artabano Mariani ~~



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ronald Choy and Irene Sullivan

If you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office at (613) 225-7388. Names will be kept on the list for a period of one month only. To keep a name on for longer, or to add or remove a name, please call the parish office.

RITE OF ENROLMENT

The **Rite of enrolment** for children preparing for "first" Eucharist will take place at **ALL Masses next weekend (Jan. 9th/10th)** on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Those Children who miss the enrolment for whatever reason, or bad weather, sickness, etc.; will have the opportunity to be enrolled at all Masses, the following weekend (Jan. 16th/Jan. 17th).

Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers.

READER'S WORSHOP

Learn how to proclaim God's word effectively. There will be a reader's workshop for parish readers on **Sat., Jan. 16th, 9:30 a.m.**, in the Church.

THANK YOU

The Social Action Committee would like to thank all those who made donations to the 2015 Christmas Hamper collection. The Committee also thanks the many volunteers who helped prepare and deliver the hampers. May God bless you for your efforts. Your generosity made it possible for many needy families in the area to enjoy a Merry Christmas.

Offering Envelopes



The **2016 Sunday offering envelope packages** are still available for pick-up at the Baseline entrance of the Church. If you haven't already picked them up, please do so as soon as possible.

CURRENT ENVELOPE USERS: Please pick up the same envelope number as last year. Envelope packages are labeled and are in alphabetical order.

NEW ENVELOPE USERS: Unlabeled envelopes are also available for anyone who would like to start using parish envelope packages in 2016.

BOTH CURRENT AND NEW ENVELOPE USERS: please include your full name, address and telephone number on the first few envelopes you use in 2016.



JAN. 4TH TO JAN. 10TH

Mon. Jan. 4	9:00 A.M.	
Tues. Jan. 5	9:00 A.M.	
Wed. Jan. 6	9:00 A.M.	
Thurs. Jan. 7	9:00 A.M.	For <i>the repose of the soul of Peter Daly</i> by Colleen McEwan.
Fri. Jan. 8	9:00 A.M.	
Sat. Jan. 9	4:30 P.M.	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
Sun. Jan. 10	9:00 A.M.	For <i>God's comfort and protection of all seniors who live in senior's homes</i> by a parishioner.
	10:30 A.M.	For <i>the repose the soul of Elizabeth Hochhauser</i> by the Taylor family and Anna Schwarzkogler.

ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS

The Annual Homelands Mass will take place on **Sunday, January 24th, at 2:30 p.m.** at Notre Dame Cathedral. All are welcome.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
JANUARY 2016

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



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