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## THE YEAR OF JOY

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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.*



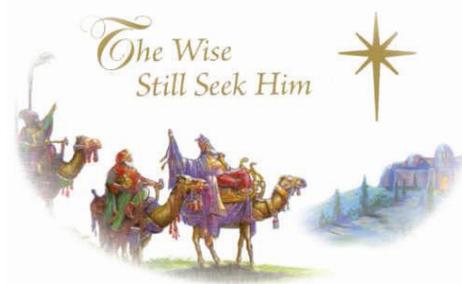
# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: JANUARY 05, 2020

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JOY

### “We are God’s Family”

**Reflections by Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The term epiphany comes from the Greek term *epiphaneia*, which means “**manifestation, striking appearance.**” For us it is to say that God manifested or appeared in Jesus Christ. This feast is powerfully symbolized in the ‘**arrival of the three wise men who offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.**’ That is to proclaim the child born to Mary in Bethlehem is the ‘**long awaited Messiah and King.**’



We know and experience creation, especially our surrounding nature, as an Epiphany of God. Creation reveals God’s presence. Great mystics of our times have said that the **world is charged with God** (Gerard Hopkins) and saw **creation as the Divine milieu** (Teilhard de Chardin). We realize that we are created *in the image and likeness of God*, so we reveal God’s presence. We belong to God and we are an *epiphaneia* – a **striking image** of God. In the Scriptures, especially, St. John often refers to each one of us as God’s Children. We belong to God and truly the family of God. Do we live like God’s Children? That question each one of us has to answer before God. So let’s live as the children of God, accepting everyone as our brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

Today, God becoming one like us in Jesus Christ helps us to deepen our awareness of God’s presence. As Christ fully revealed God’s presence, we, baptized Christians, **are called to reveal and proclaim the presence of Christ to all.** May the feast of the Epiphany deepen our awareness of God’s presence in this world. We may become God’s instruments of love, peace and joy to everyone in this world. **O’ Come Let us adore Christ our Lord**

In the Huron Christmas Song: **T’was in the Moon of Wintertime** (written in 1642 by Jean de Brebeuf) the Magi are portrayed as “Chiefs from afar” who bring Jesus “fox and beaver pelts.” What gifts are you bringing to honor Jesus, Our Lord?



### **Family Prayer – 2020: “Lord, Teach us to pray”**

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada would like to invite and thank you for your contributions towards our work of promoting family prayer and Rosary Makers. A recent research done in USA by the Holy Cross Family Ministries shows that 64% of the families do not have family prayer.



We invite you reflect on your prayer life in your homes. Do make an effort to pray as a family and for families. We encourage everyone to have a Bible, a Rosary, and a Family Prayer book in your homes.

### **Development and Peace Coffee Sunday**

**Today**, is Development and Peace Coffee Sunday. We will be selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate.



Please come after mass, buy the fair trade products and socialize with fellow parishioners and the D&P group members. You are welcome to join us.

### **Envelopes for 2020**



Envelopes for 2020 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute through PAG, please fill out and submit the respective form. If you have changed your address for 2019, please inform the Parish office. Thank you for your support. The Tax-receipts for 2019 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2019.

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