

# GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

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We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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**% %**  have included this in every January bulletin since I wrote it some years ago. Though time has moved on the story rings true to the imagination. Once more I hope you enjoy it. We have a tiny little vase with a small evergreen branch on our window sill all year long. When December rolls along the waiting branch has served it's purpose and soon is replaced with a tree!

### "The Waiting Branch

"Where's the Christmas Tree?' Gracie asked with certain sadness in her words. Lily looked up from her comfortable position near the fireplace, "It's in the attic." she responded. Gracie thought long and hard and continued her inquiry, "Does that mean that we go up to the attic now to continue Christmas?" Lily smiled, "Christmas is over. It doesn't come back until next December." Gracie went to the corner of the room where the tree had stood. "That's terribly sad," she said, "No more tree, no more visitors, no more Christmas songs, no more treats, no more gifts, no more lights, no more candy canes..." Lily interrupted her, "Yes, Gracie, no more until December!" In a flash Gracie was gone as Lily returned to her nap though wondering what her sister might be up to. After a crashing noise from the kitchen Gracie returned with an evergreen branch in her mouth. Where did you get that?" asked Lily. Gracie dropped the branch to answer, " from the wreath on the table the only thing left that I can find of Christmas!" Lily tilted her head trying to understand, "What do you plan on doing with it?" Gracie's eyes brightened, "I am going to put it in the corner where the Christmas Tree stood as a reminder that Christmas never really ends even if it is stored away in the attic. I will keep it right there and it will help me to remember that this special corner was filled with lights and tinsel and all kinds of gifts. This will be the "waiting branch"just a little bit of Christmas to take me through the whole year until December comes back! Lily had no response. She watched as Gracie carefully placed the branch in the corner of the room and then sat to admire her work. Then joining Lily she lay down near the fireplace with her eyes focused on the little fir branch in the corner where the Christmas Tree once stood."



-Fr. Krizner

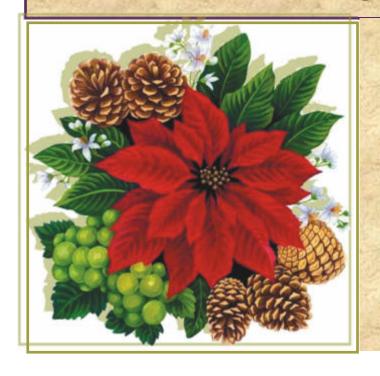
The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter

## THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVABLE FEASTS

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fourth day of April, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the sixteenth [thirteenth] day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost. On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen





### EPIPHANY BLESSING OF YOUR HOME.

<u>Leader of the household</u>: In the Name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen, We come to You, O Lord, generous and loving God, asking Your blessings upon our home. Fill the halls of this house with Your Presence and gladdened the hearts of all who enter. May the glory of the Lord, Emmanuel, God among us, ever be present beneath this roof and within our hearts. Amen.

#### PRAY THE MAGNIFICAT~

y soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations shall call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.



#### Leader or one chosen within the family:

Be enlightened and shine forth, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and upon thee is risen the glory of the Lord, Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary

<u>Response</u>: Guided by a star They came to worship the King. Upon entering the home they found the Child with His Mother and presented gifts of gold, frankincense and Myrrh. Our Savior has come. Alleluia!

## <u>Head of the household blesses the room(s) (home) with holy water as he/she prays;</u>

BLESS O LORD, this home that it may be a welcoming place for You and for all the Saints of the heavenly kingdom. Bless this home, O Lord, that all who dwell within may know your kindness and experience daily your blessings; + this we pray in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Sprinkle the room with holy water and mark, with chalk, above an entrance way

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Close with an Our Father!

#### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?

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nce again thank you to all who helped to make this Christmas time a memorable and holy experience of the love of God. To all of our Maintenance Staff and to our Office Staff a Huge thank you!

And to all of you who remembered us in your prayers and in your kindness .....thank you from the heart! Your thoughtfulness goes well beyond imaginings.....

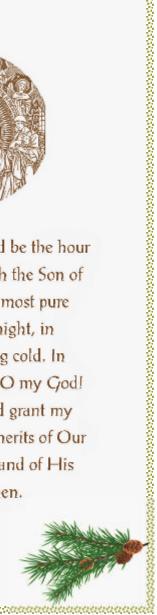
To Music Ministry and to the Sacristans—to the Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic ministers....THANK YOU!

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Fr., Lily & Gracie and Cotton



ail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.





WEDNESDAY January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, Religious

11:00 AM Anthony D. & Genevieve Grande

FRIDAY
11:00 AM

January 8 - Weekday
J. Evans family

SATURDAY January 9 - Weekday James Tempfer

SUNDAY January 10

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD** 8:00 AM Jeanne T. Flors

10:00 AM Bill & Carol Thompson, 61st Anniversary

11:45 AM Steve Sidloski



THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS

### Our friends and relatives who are ill. May God grant them Healing and strength.

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WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

[8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf.

11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc,

17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

[12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a

and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn

5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

#### Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National

Migration Week

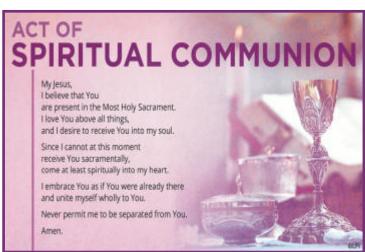
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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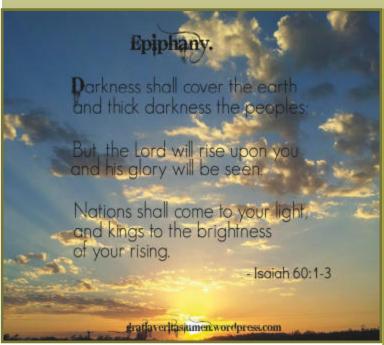


The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit for the intentions of

Mark & Marti Zolnowski



## Praise and Glory to You, Word made flesh!



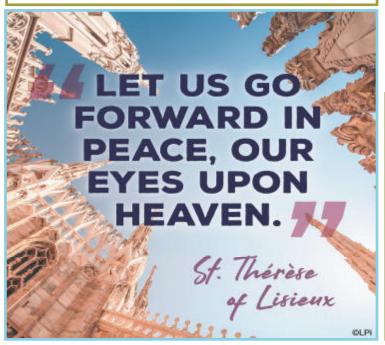
#### **Baptism Class**

The next Baptism Class will be held Sunday, January 17, 2021 after the 11:45am mass at St. Colette.

Diocesan policy requires attendance at a Baptism Class for parents who are planning to present their first child for the Sacrament of Baptism.

To register, call the Parish Office at (330) 273-5500.





EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS\

#### Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





Mr. & Mrs. John & Amy D'Amico & family

## Congratulations on Your Bapti

Addison Grace Kollm

You are a child of God who loves you so very much!

## **HAPPY 61ST ANNIVERSARY**

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## Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of Gary Rini (brother of Diane Hunt) and Louise Bartow (aunt of Ken Hahn) who was called to their Eternal reward. Please pray for them and all the faithful departed.



In his mind a man plans his course, But the Lord directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

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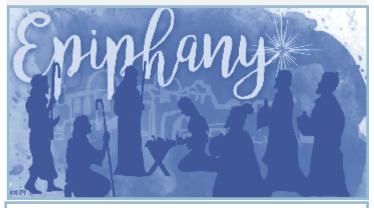


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#### Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

**Matrimony** –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

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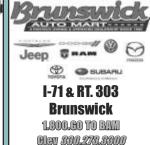




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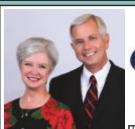


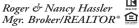
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