



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

MATTHEW 2:11

A Trip Called Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, "How is this biblical story my story?" So then, how is the story of the *Magi* our story?

Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet through it all we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the *Magi* who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren't sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but for our purposes it is not an answer but only points the way.

Then one day we happen to stumble on what we've been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we had thus far traveled was no longer a safe journey home. ●

Reflect

***Is anything of the Magi story also your story?
If so, reflect on yours.***



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9:30 am - 10:30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, January 8th - 5th thru 8th Grades
Sunday, January 15th - K thru 4th Grades
CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of January 9, 2023

Monday	1/9			† No Mass
Tuesday	1/10	9:00 am	STM	† Olivero Families
Wednesday	1/11	5:30 pm	HT	† Herman & Mary Hahn
Thursday	1/12	9:00 am	HT	† Ann Doyle
Friday	1/13	9:00 am	STM	† Bernard Schwamberger

Mass Intentions for the weekend of January 14-15, 2023

Saturday	1/14	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Dec Mem Bacidore Family
Sunday	1/15	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Dec Mem Klein Family
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Fran Schuster
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



About two weeks ago, we celebrated Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Brother. Now the news of His birth was made known to people beyond the little town of Bethlehem. It reached the three Magi who lived in distant countries. They saw His star in the East, and left everything to go look for Him. Matthew wanted us to know that the Gospel is universal and belongs to all nations, not just the few chosen people.

And so today we honor the three Wise Men, or Magi, who ventured to a distant country looking for the Messiah. They used to be known as "The Three Kings." We sing about them in today's song, "We Three Kings from Orient are..." . They traveled a long way to find the new-born King, and to offer Him gifts. Certainly they were overjoyed when finding Him. The Magi would have much to tell when they returned to their own lands.



The Mass and the receiving of the Eucharist are the very center of our Catholic faith. The obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses is a responsibility for all Catholics.

We expect all of our students to understand and accept this rule, which is based upon the Third Commandment. It is of vital importance your children attend Sunday Mass.

Parents, we sincerely ask for your partnership in teaching your children of the importance of Mass by taking them to Church.

Updates and REMINDERS!

Church Envelopes

There has been a delay in getting the 2023 contribution envelopes. We expect to receive them by the end of January. In the meantime, please use a regular envelope with your name on it for weekly contributions. Thank you for your patience.

Winter Weather

If you haven't done so already, please sign up for BCR Alerts. You will get a text notifying you of any mass time changes or cancellations due to weather, etc. Google BCR Alerts, category 6 choose HTSPSTM Parishes, or contact Julie for help signing up.

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JAN 1ST
HT - \$1,615.00
SP - \$520.00
STM - \$822.00

WISE MEN
+ STILL SEEK
+ HIM



CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. JAN 14TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST THOMAS MORE
IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

I've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17	Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28	Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39	Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12	Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016