



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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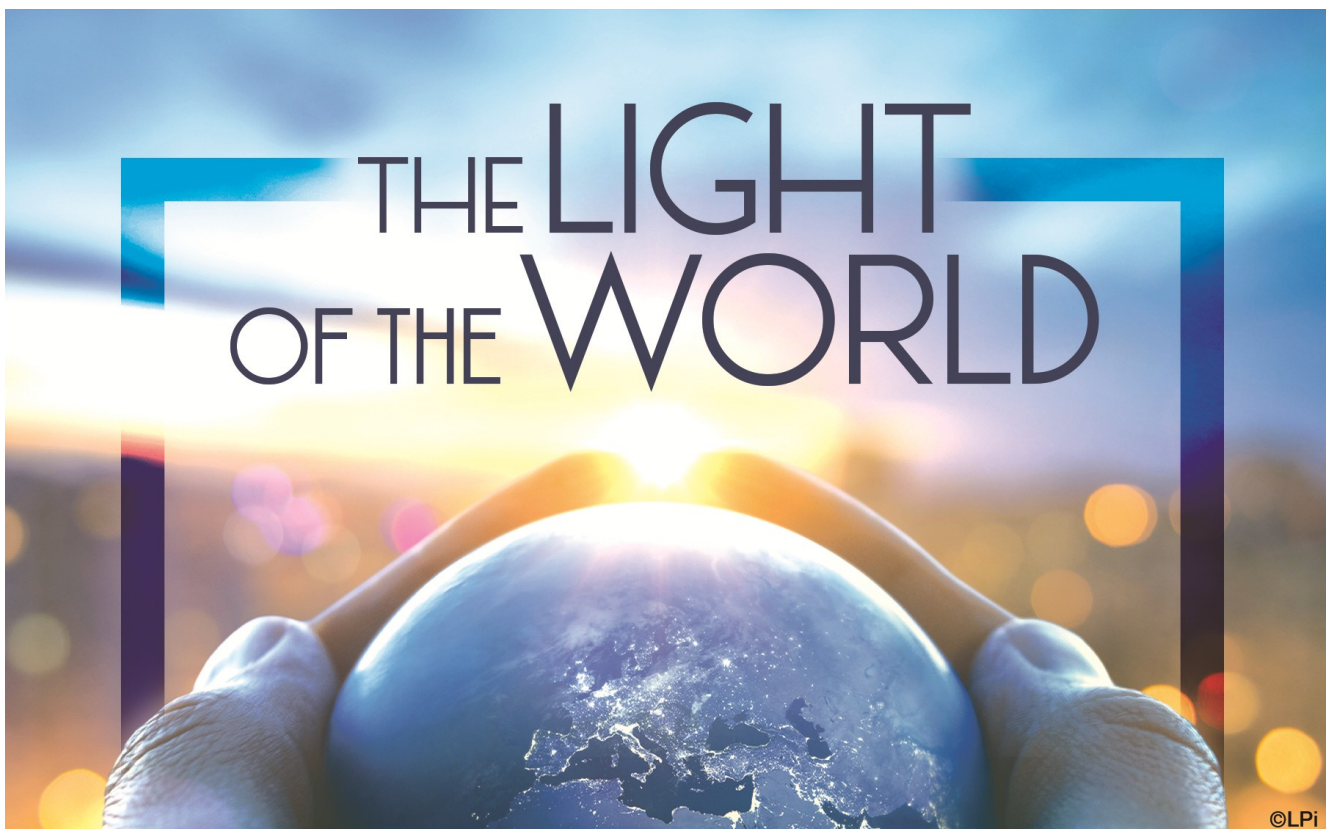
January 5, 2020

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for *them*, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. *"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."* Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

*"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,"* the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

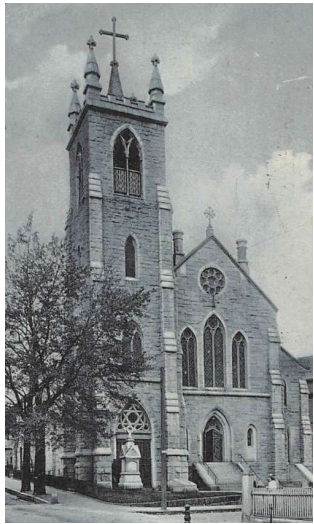
The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answers say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be *"overjoyed"* at seeing the Light of the World.

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## SAINT CHARLES: IMPORTANT DATES

- **Sunday, January 12, 9am—Final Mass in Saint Charles Church:** All who attend this special liturgy will receive a special memento, “a piece of Saint Charles,” which will be explained at the final Mass. **Please note: there is no 4pm Mass on January 11.**



## REMINDER

As announced last weekend, as of January 13, daily Mass in All Saints will be celebrated at 8:30am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Parishioners from St. Charles and All Saints will be invited on Thursdays and Fridays to attend the daily Mass at St. Joseph’s at 7:30am.

Please note that St. Joseph’s has daily Mass Monday through Saturday at 7:30am and will continue to do so.

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5TH, 2020

<u>Sunday:</u>	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
<u>Monday:</u>	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<u>Tuesday:</u>	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
<u>Wednesday:</u>	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
<u>Thursday:</u>	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
<u>Friday:</u>	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
<u>Saturday:</u>	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
<u>Next Sunday:</u>	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

## WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 29th, 2019

### All Saints

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### St. Charles

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**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 4th

4:00: (SC) Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

4:00: (AS) Edward Carpentier, *by M/M Paul Girard*

### Sunday, January 5th

7:30: Nelson Carey, *by Arline & Roger*

9:00: Theodore & Nathaniel Maltais

10:15: Muriel Dusablon, *5th anniversary, by the family*

### Monday, January 6th - All Saints

8:00: Edward R. Vlens, Sr., *6th anniversary, by wife and family*

### Tuesday, January 7th - St. Charles

9:00: Eddie McCarthy, *by the family*

### Wednesday, January 8th - St. Charles

9:00: Bob & Barbara McCarthy, *by the family*

### Thursday January 9th - All Saints

9:00: Louis & Gertrude Martinelli, *by the family*

### Friday, January 10th - All Saints

8:00: Rebecca Mikel, *by Deb*

### Saturday, January 11th

4:00: (SC) No Mass

4:00: (AS) Edward Carpentier, *by Robert Tardif*

### Sunday, January 12th

7:30: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

10:15: Pauline Renaud, *by family*

## INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

**In the event that Woonsocket Public Schools are CLOSED or DELAYED on a snow day, Mass at All Saints and Saint Charles will be canceled.**

## WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,  
No matter your current family or marital status,  
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality,  
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,  
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!  
You are invited, accepted and respected  
at All Saints and Saint Charles Borromeo.  
We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

## PARISH DIRECTORY

### ALL SAINTS PARISH

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#### Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8am

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 10:15am and 12n (en Español)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

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Tuesday & Wednesday at 9am

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9am

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

### PARISH OFFICE

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Leo Fontaine, *Director of Music, All Saints*

Wayne & Becky Kiline, *Directors of Music, St. Charles*

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

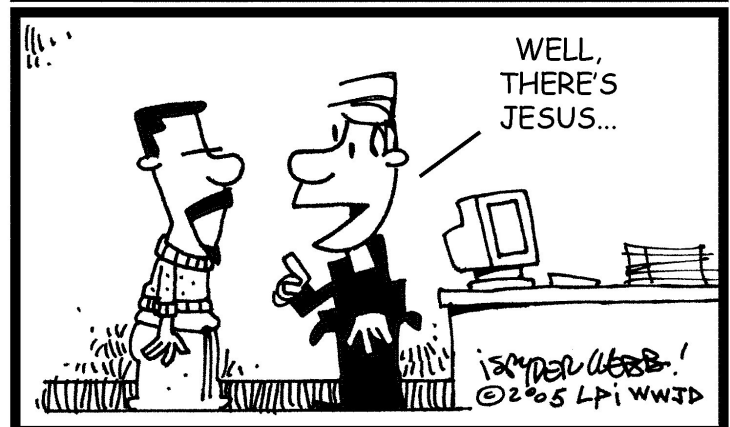
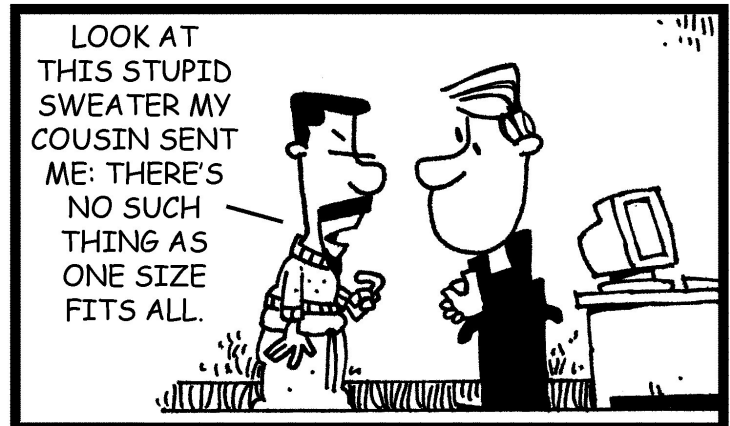
Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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# SAINT CHARLES PARISH:

## A MORE THAN 170-YEAR LEGACY OF FAITH, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP

In this space, we hope to include pictures and memories shared by Saint Charles Parishioners. Thanks to Wayne and Becky Kilcline and Connie Kirby for sending these along! Email any pictures or memories to Deb at [allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com](mailto:allsaintsrectory2@hotmail.com).



*First Communion, 1963*



*Henry & Rita Jalette  
Wedding Jun 11 1949*



*Confirmation, 1966*



*Fr Finnerty - Henry & Rita Vow Renewal  
June 1999*



*Jan Kirby & Fr Finnegan  
Father Finnegan's Retirement  
Party*