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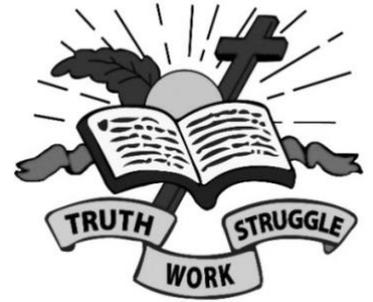
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Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

FAITH SHARING

January is the Month during which the Church places great emphasis on the *Holy Name of Jesus*. There are several reasons for this, but first and foremost it is because the second Commandment tells us that “*One should not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain*”

The holy name of Jesus produces holy thoughts in us, fills the soul with noble sentiments, strengthens virtue, lets good works bloom, and nourishes pure affections. All nourishment leaves our soul dry, if it contains not that penetrating oil, the name Jesus. When you take up your pen, write the name Jesus: you may make books, but if the name of Jesus is not in them, you are without strength and flavor for me; you may speak, or you may reply, but if the name of Jesus sounds not from your lips, you are without unction and without charm.

Jesus is honey in our mouth, light in our eyes, a flame in our heart. This name is the cure for all the ills of the soul.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Philippians 2:10-11; Isaiah 12:4)

V. At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim His Name; among the nations make known His deeds, proclaim how exalted is His Name.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

MT 1:18-25

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

057 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

077 Away in a Manger

Communion Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Recessional Hymn

080 Joy to the World

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:

For Missions

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, January 1

Circumcision of Our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 2

Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Thursday, January 6

Solemnity – Epiphany of Our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 9

Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Izabela Dryfik, Michal Mularczyk, Jane Aldorshoff, John Greer, Prime Bishop (Ret.) John Swantek

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6th

Many of us were introduced to Epiphany through the familiar image of Three Wise Men bearing gifts as they followed the Great Star by night. In some cultures, Epiphany is known as the *Day of the Kings*.

The day has special meaning for a number of reasons. Several branches of Christianity celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on January 6.

The word *epiphany* means *appearance* or *manifestation*.

Popular usage likens *epiphany* to words such as *eureka* or *aha!* Use of this word by some English speakers conjures images of having a light bulb turned on, or of being able to see something that was once hidden from view.

Who were the Magi? Many versions of the Bible refer to them as the *Wise Men*. We often forget that these Magi or Wise Men were non-Jews.

What can we learn from the Wise Men?

First, the Wise Men began their journey because of their beliefs. It was a common belief that when a world leader like a king was born that a special stellar phenomenon would appear in the sky. The Magi saw something that convinced them that they had seen the long-awaited sign. Historians tell us that the Jews, the Romans, and the Persians were all watching the skies about that time, looking for signs of the birth of an extraordinary king. A few years before, around 11 BC, Halley's Comet had been seen. There were other stellar phenomena, including a bright star, Sirius, which appeared brightly in the daytime instead of at night. The Wise Men saw the star and began their journey.

Second, the Wise Men were willing to follow what they had seen into unknown territory. Their journey took them outside their country and their comfort zone. The Wise Men risked the consequences of disobeying Herod, who was known to behave as a madman when provoked and returned to their country by another way.

Third, the Wise Men were committed to the journey -- wherever the star might lead. The Wise Men set out to find a newborn King by following a star and ended up in finding a baby born to young, relatively poor parents! Not exactly what they expected and not exactly what befit their dignity.

Finally, the Wise Men brought gifts. They did the thing that people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts.

The Wise Men were the first Gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good news is for everyone, not just a select few.

*Star of wonder, Star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading
Still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

