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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday & Friday: Please Call for Appointment
Wednesday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 3:00pm
Please leave a message if no one answers and your call will be returned.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (DEC. 18-19)

Donation	\$2,715.00
Donation Online	\$1,400.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$4,155.00

Annual Catholic Appeal Year-End Payments and Donations

Want to make your Annual Catholic Appeal payment or donation by year-end for tax purposes?

Any payments or new gifts you want credited to the 2021 calendar year for tax purposes need to be in the Annual Catholic Appeal office by December 31st. (Please do not put ACA payments in the parish collection basket)

- New donation - <https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/aca>
- Payment on existing pledge - <https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/aca-payment> for immediate processing
- Set up a new gift or payment - call 800-809-4921
- Send mail to - Annual Catholic Appeal, 710 9th Ave, Seattle 98104 (**postmark must be stamped by Dec 31, 2021**)
- Donate stock - donating to a non-profit can save you from paying capital gains tax of the appreciated value if you've held the stock for at least year. Call 206-382-4845 for further details on donating stock or upload form here: <https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/StockDonationForm.pdf>
- IRA - If you are 72 or older, there are potential tax benefits when you transfer funds from your IRA to the Annual Catholic Appeal - contact your IRA plan administrator.

Thank you!

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
invites you to the

Mass for Life

*A day of prayer for the legal protection
of unborn children*

Saturday, January 22 | 8am
St. James Cathedral



Watch livestream
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God is faithful

Homily Father Joseph Vu

There is one thing that every human heart is absolutely starving for: someone to trust. Someone who not only will PROMISE to never let you down, never judge you, never abandon you, but someone with enough GOODNESS and enough POWER to KEEP that promise.

Every one of us needs someone we can lean on no matter what, someone we can go to no matter what, someone who will be glad to see us no matter what - someone who is utterly, totally, unhesitatingly, faithful. That someone is God.

The coming of the Three Wise Men to adore the baby Jesus is one of the Bible's most beautiful proofs of God's faithfulness.

More than 500 years before Christ's birth, God had promised, through his prophet Isaiah, that he was going to lead all the nations to Jerusalem to share in the light of salvation. He even promised that they would bring gold and incense. And through a different prophet, the Psalmist, he made the same promise in different words "the kings of Tarshish and the coasts will pay him tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts". In spite of 500 years of wars and migrations and historical turbulence that re-wrote the map of the civilized world three different times, GOD DOES WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD DO: in the Three Wise Men the nations enter into the light of salvation, bringing gifts.

This shows us that God is GOOD. Only good people keep their good promises.

This shows us that God is ALL-POWERFUL. There is no other way that he could make his plan come to fulfillment through the ups and downs of history.

And this is our God. All of God's goodness and power are ours, because we belong to Christ.

God is not faithful in the abstract; God is FAITHFUL TO YOU AND ME. We are always starving for someone like that - and here he is.

Someone you know has lost sight of the star; this week, help them find it.

God is always guiding us, but that doesn't mean that the journey is easy. These Three Wise Men had left their homelands far behind in order to follow their star, but right when they seemed to be arriving at their destination, the star disappeared.

That's why St Matthew tells us that they were so overjoyed when they saw the star again after their meeting with King Herod.

At some point in their journey, they had lost sight of the star. If they had turned back at that point, they would never have found the light of Christ, the light they were thirsting to find, the meaning they longed for.

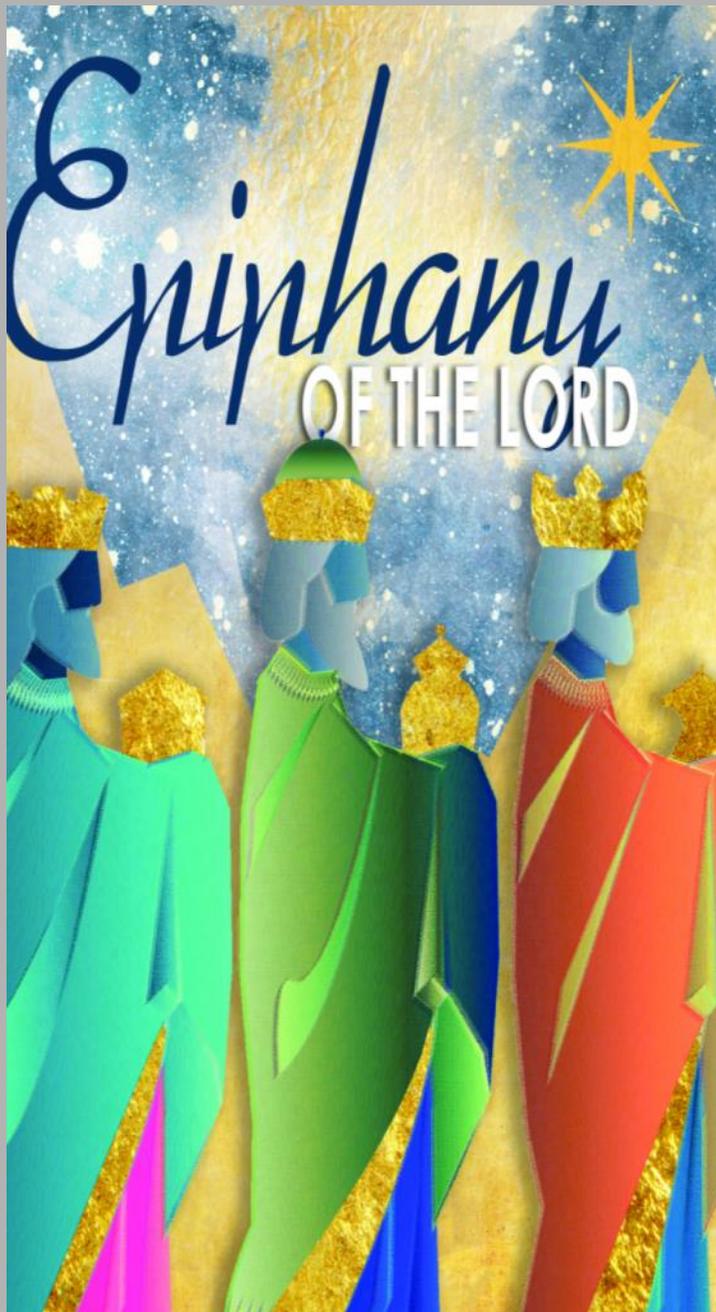
We are often in the same situation. We know God is faithful, and we want to trust him, but we lose sight of the star. That's when we have to exercise our faith in God - to keep following his will no matter what.

There is someone in your life now who has lost sight of the star. They are thinking about turning back. They are doubting God's faithfulness.

Maybe they are finding it hard to accept one of the Church's teachings. Maybe they are facing suffering and loss. Maybe they are stuck in sin and are drifting further and further away from the light.

Whatever their specific situation, they need to be reminded that God is faithful, that even though a cloud has covered up the star, the star is still there, and if they keep following God's path, their journey will lead them to the light.

Today God has reminded us that we can count on him. This week it is our turn to remind someone else. Who is it? During this Mass, ask God to tell you, if he hasn't told you already. And when you receive him in Holy Communion, promise him to do your best this week to remind those around you that God can be trusted, that it's worth it to follow the star.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- 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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

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Inspiration for the week

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

