

# **Good News Reflection:**

#### Where did the faith of the Magi come from?

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East. Let's consider the humble adoration of the magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word "epiphany" means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.

They worshiped Jesus as a King-Messiah before they knew how he would become king or how his kingship would save the world from evil. As scientific scholars, they had studied religious writings from beyond the scope of their own culture. Then, they acted on faith in response to the Spirit of God who activated them, and it changed their lives.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word "epiphany" means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

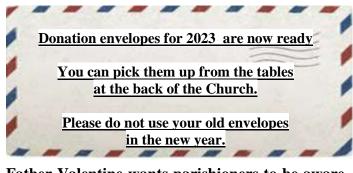
We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child. Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. We know that they heard about his crucifixion and learned what his followers were teaching about it, for they became Christians -- their relics have been venerated since very early times.

**Questions for Personal Reflection**: What sign from God, like the star that the magi followed, are you waiting to see? What signs is God already showing you? These are evidence that he is working in your life. What epiphany -- new understanding -- is Jesus giving you about what God is doing in your life?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing**: God has given you faith to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. How do you act on this faith? And how do these actions evangelize non-believers?

Upcoming Eucharist Celebrations ************************************					
Sat.	Jan. 07	10 Tatagwa	Lay Service		
		5 PM Mass	Bernie Kot Int.		
Sun.	Jan. 08	9 AM Mass	Doris Van de Sype +		
		11 AM Mass	Jean Janoski +		
Mon.	Jan. 09	No Mass			
Tues.	Jan. 10	6:30 PM	Lay Service		
Wed.	Jan. 11	9 AM	Rosary		
Thur.	Jan. 12	9 AM	Lay Service		
		10 AM Hilltop	Lay Service		
Fri.	Jan. 13	12:10 PM	Rosary		
Sat.	Jan. 14	10 Tatagwa	Lay Service		
		5 PM	George DeBryune +		
Sun.	Jan. 15	2:30 PM Mass			

Watch cloesly for changes to the St. Vincent de Paul Mass times while Father is away. Masses at St. Mary's in Tribune are cancelled until February 11, when Father returns. Mass will change every week. The bulletin is on line at <u>www.stvincentdepaul.ca</u>. There will be no priest during the week so for any emergency after office hours you can call Val Wing at 306-861-6353 or Jean Wagner at 306-842-0059



**Father Valentine wants parishioners to be aware** that any texts or emails from him about doing him a favour, discreetly are a SCAM! **Do not** respond to them.

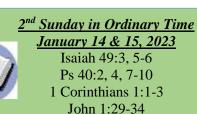


<u>Missal's for young Catholics</u> now available in the church office: Perfect for children ages 7 and up • Stunning fullcolour illustrations throughout • Key Words page for every Sunday explaining biblical words and concepts • Clear

introduction of the parts of the Mass – perfect for children and families. The cost is \$11.00.

# Music Ministry is a huge part of the Mass, and is

**also a lot of fun!** Perhaps you and your family would like to try something new as you go into the New Year. Please consider joining one of our choirs! Any of our church choirs would be very welcoming to new members, and are always looking for new voices (or instruments) to join! If this is something that you would be interested in, please give us a call at the parish office.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the Blessings in our lives; for the very world in which we live and for the health and strength you have bestowed upon us. The suffering Christ endured provided healing and power over illness. Lord, direct that healing toward our loved ones who suffer and who believe that you can and will restore them to full health. We call them by name: Lana Mantei, Benedict Vinck, Linda Kot, Al Pitre, Leah Vande Sype and all those facing an illness or any of life's struggles. Our condolences to the family and friends of Theresa,"Terry" Giroux and Edward Neumeier, brother to Mary Sinclair. The thoughts and prayers of your church family are with you.



**Heat The Feet!** Peavey Mart has the Heat the Feet campaign on again. This year it includes socks, mitts and toques for \$1.25 each. Buy a pair and donate a pair at the store. All items gathered will be shipped to Sandy Bay. Please help keep our friends

warm this winter!



**Thank you very much to everyone who** A Huge "Thank You" to Angelo and the many volunteers who spent hours catering all the Christmas functions at McKenna Hall. It has been a busy couple of months. During November and December, 1779 meals have been served in McKenna Hall, 514 meals were taken out to eat. 3 Asian take-outs were prepared and 260 school lunches were sent to Michael's School. As well, 900 serving of brownies, cheesecake and special cakes were baked and delivered. Angelo and volunteers roasted and carved 32 turkeys for the fowl supper helped in anyway!! Merry Christmas from the McKenna Hall Board.

### Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

Our Parish family warmly welcomes new members. Please fill out a New Parishioner form at your earliest convenience. The forms are located on a table in the foyer! As well, if any parishioner has changed their address, phone number etc., please inform the off

# **THANKOU** We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers in the Ministries who have given

the volunteers in the Ministries who have given countless hours over the last year and over many years to help our Parish function as a strong family of servers!



Discovering Catholicism in Middle Earth - The Lord of the Rings movie and discussion event

J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of The Lord of the Rings, was a devout Catholic. He was inspired by his faith and worked many Catholic Christian themes and symbols into his literary masterpiece, The Lord of the Rings. Join us as we uncover some of these themes and symbols while watching clips from Peter Jackson's movie trilogy (rated PG-13). Friday January 20, 7pm, Lower McKenna Hall. Free popcorn and pop. A project of the Spiritual and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

"You step into the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to." - Bilbo Baggins



#### Stewardship Bulletin Bits: Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11. The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

Lectio Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible; - (Jan 5/23): Pew Research Survey. A 2019 survey showed that only 31% of U.S. Catholics believe that during Mass, the bread and wine actually body become the and blood of Jesus (www.pewresearch.org). Yet our Catechism states "the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" in the Eucharist. This bulletin series is intended to introduce the Bible Study, "Lectio Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible", a refresher course for Catholics on the Eucharist and its relationship to the Mass. Registration details are at the back of the Church



Epiphany, also called Theophany, is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing <u>Himself to the world</u>. The holiday also marks the day the Magi, or the three kings, visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus' baptism is also celebrated during Epiphany. The holiday is also sometimes known as Three Kings Day. During Epiphany,

people celebrate the Magi (also known as the three kings or the three wise men, though their number is never actually revealed in the Bible) following a star to visit baby Jesus. The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home on this day probably originated from these words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so with holy water.

Stewardship of Time & Talent - January 7 & 8						
	Saturday 5 PM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM			
Readers	Merle St.Onge	Peter Broccolo	Jerome Sidloski			
Readers		Jean Woodard	Karen Sidloski			
Eucharistic	Rose Loos	Pat Wolensky	Carol Toles			
Ministers	Mary Ann Piwarski	Theresa Istace				
Acolytes	Zeus Hinlayagan	Aime Isabey	Mel VanBetuw			
	Charlie Ernst	Ron Klein	Ken LeBlanc			
	Bruno Tuchscherer					
Power Point	Vacant	Gerry Langlois	Kricel Maquera			
Children's Liturgy			Leslie			
Hospitality	Bernice Driscol Ev Corbin	Yvonne Kerr	Stewart & Marilyn Ferguson			
	Heather Fellner	Omer & Chris Marcotte	Charleen Keen			
	Ruby Gandionco	Richard & Celine Wawro				
Counters	Don Kraft, Bev Tourand, Demmy	y & Nhar Pinon				
Stewardship of Time & Talent - January 14 & 15						
	Saturday 5 PM	No 9am or 11am Mass	Sunday 2:30 PM			
Readers	Cecile Sellinger		Val Wing			
			Jennifer Woodard			
Eucharistic	Mary Janeczko		Shirley Mondor			
Ministers	Betty Van Staveren		Sheldon LeBlanc			
	Roberto Roman					
Acolytes	Ken Beroy		Gordon Rutten			
	Dave Alcalde		Haroun Matthew			
Power Point	Lloyd Zyla		Jacob LeBlanc			
Children's Liturgy			Natalya			
Hospitality	Jeff & Mary Ann Flaaten		Roberto Roman			
	Bonnie & Frank Kaip		Joe Glab Sheldon LeBlanc			
			Norm Mondor			

Parish Council Members: Chair - Marga Cugnet, Sarah Ayeri, Brenda Kosior, Jim Wanner, Wendy Sidloski, Deanery Rep. - Pat Wolensky, Secretary – Val Wing, Parish Finance Chairperson – Pamela Haupstein

K of C Weyburn Council #1731: Grand Knight Richard Wick (306)891-9370 or richard.wick@sasktel.net K of C Bishop Klein Assembly #1526: Faithful Navigator Ron Klein – (306)861-3134 or ron.klein@sasktel.net Weyburn K of C Meetings: (Sept.-June) Exec & Directors – 2nd Tuesday of the month, Gen Mtg. – 4th Tuesday of the month

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> Sacraments: Baptism and Reconciliation – Contact the parish office Matrimony – Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior

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