

Getting Ready for the Feast of the Epiphany!



The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12



The Visit of the Wise Men

Jesus is shown to the people from all nations of the world. Jesus is shown to us!

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord is one of the most important days of the season of Christmas.

This is the day on which Jesus was revealed to the world through the Wise Men from countries in the East. The Wise Men represent the nations of the world.

Today is a Holy Day of Obligation: a day on which we come together at Mass to celebrate the fact that Jesus chose that we would all know and see Him!

It took courage for the Wise Men to make their journey and to stand up for what is right when they chose not to return to Herod!

What message can you take from today's Gospel?

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'



When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." '



Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

**King Herod afraid that the 'new king' would take over power of his kingdom.
He was thinking only of himself!
He was being selfish!**

**When we are selfish we block
God from our lives and can't
see God where He really is!**



When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.



On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

**Mary and Joseph proudly
showed Jesus to the world as
the Saviour.**

**Have you shown Jesus to
anyone today by your love or
your words?**



Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**The Wise Men gave
Jesus gifts that showed
that they knew that he
really was their King!**

**What gifts do you give to Jesus
today?**



And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Wise Men did the what was right!

They could have got a great reward from Herod if they had returned to him. Instead they chose to protect a weak and vulnerable child.

They stood up for God!

**Do you do what is right or allow others to control you instead?
Do you let others know that God is important to you?
Do you show Jesus to the world by your love?**





Bible Search

Read **Matthew 2:1-12** in your family Bible-this is the Gospel reading at Mass this Sunday.



Consider



How do you show Jesus to others?

Praying to Jesus



**Pray for the grace to see God at work in your life and
in the world around you.**

