

Epiphany of the Lord

Bulletin for 7th January 2024

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• [Isaiah 60:1-6](#) • [Psalm 72](#) • [Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6](#) • [Matthew 2:1-12](#) •

In your high school English class, you might have learned that an “epiphany” is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one. That’s one way to think about the feast we’re celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything.

There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew’s Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews (2:11). They are the first of the “nations” whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord’s light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be “coheirs . . . in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6).

Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us that God’s love is far more expansive than anyone had ever thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to **everyone** who comes to him, Jew or Gentile.

That includes you! And your annoying cousin. And the notorious criminal on death row. And the atheist on that YouTube channel. The invitation to come to Jesus extends to everyone. Because God’s loving desire to draw all people to himself cannot be contained; no one is excluded from it. And that’s a life-changing realization!

Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

the Word among us, Dec 2023

“Lord God, your revelation to the Gentiles has changed the course of history!

Thank you for your love that reaches out to everyone!”

Community Night Sunday, 7th January 2024

Join us on the first Sunday of every month for our community nights, where you can get to know your fellow parishioners over dinner, then watch and discuss interesting, faith-based short videos.

Please register on the noticeboard to allow us to prepare enough food.

Dinner will be by cash donation. Next meeting **Sunday 7th January at 5:30pm** at Our Lady of the Mountains.



Words from our secondary patron, St. John Vianney

“The Wise Men overcame every difficulty and surmounted every obstacle, in order to follow the Star.”

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St. Christopher's Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Sunday	1:00 pm	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday 6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St. Francis of Assisi, Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday at 11:00am

Our Lady of the Mountains

Rosary before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays: for those who have left the Church
Bible Study on Tuesdays at 5:00pm – all welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux
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MASS LECTORS



Our Lady of the Mountains

Sat. 13th Jan Priscilla
Sun. 14th Jan Nathan

St. Christopher's

Sun. 14th Jan Volunteer

St. Francis of Assisi

Sun. 14th Jan Cheryl

Sharing the Gift of our Faith

Thank you for participating in Faith in Action Campaign 33

Faith in Action	Parish Project	Parish Goal	Amount Rec'd	Return to Parish	No of Pledges
Our Lady of the Mountains	New Ciborium & Capital Costs	\$12,714	\$51,930	\$39,216	31
St. Francis of Assisi	Church Renovations/	\$1,944	\$8,095	\$6,151	7

Campaign continues until July 31st 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Epiphany uses the convention of light to celebrate the universal salvation made available through Christ. Isaiah's splendid poetry and the Magi who followed a star provide apt and joyous images of the truth that was kept hidden in former times but now is boldly proclaimed by Paul: "Gentiles are coheirs . . . [and] copartners" in God's promise of salvation in Christ. The manifestation of Christ is not for some, but for all.

"The Wise Men were in a sense the first missionaries. Their encounter with Christ did not keep them in Bethlehem, but made them set out anew on the paths of the world. We need to set out anew from Christ and, in so doing, to set out anew from the Trinity." *St. John Paul II, Homily, Solemnity of the Epiphany, 6th Jan. 2001*

Coming of the Wise Men – Matthew 2:1-12



Today, we remember the coming of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. They brought with them their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This morning, we brought with us our parish envelope as our gift to the Christ Child, to pay him homage. We do this each time we gather together. We, like the Wise Men, bring our gifts to honour our Lord and Saviour. Thank you for your generous gifts. You are enabling our parishes, St. Christopher's, St. Francis of Assisi and Our Lady of the Mountains to tell the story.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

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Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
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