The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020

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Is 60:1-6
First Reading Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1-6)

Psalm Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13)

Second Reading the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body (Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6)

Gospel They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. (Mt 2:1-12)

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating that magi from the east searched the signs of the times and came to recognize the Child King, Jesus, traveling to Bethlehem to give homage to him with the royal gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Popular belief is that there were three magi, one for each gift, but the Gospel does not actually specify the number so there may indeed have been more. The visit by the magi is significant in several ways. One of the most important is that one of the first groups of people to acknowledge and revere Jesus as Lord and King were Gentiles, members of the “other.” In the first reading, Isaiah tells Jerusalem that “nations shall walk in your light.” The magi follow the light, the star of Bethlehem, to find the great light that has come into the world, Jesus. There is not a single path to Jesus, nor is the light that shines in the darkness reserved for a specific group of people. All people are called to walk in the light of the star on a unique journey to discover Jesus. When the magi do find Jesus, they offer a child in a humble house gifts fit for a king. The extraordinary shares space with the ordinary. Our God works in every way, though signs great and small, to reach all God’s people. The attention to these signs is what brings the magi to Bethlehem, foreigners recognizing before many others the profound importance of the birth of Jesus in the world. God is working in our lives at all time, the signs are there for eyes and hearts that are ready to see them. What signs are there in your life at this special time calling you to a closer connection to our Lord and Savior?
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Do you want to make a difference in our community? Do you want to grow your understanding of the Mass? We are seeking applicants who are motivated and spiritual individuals to be Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Sacristans, Acolytes, and Altar Servers. Join in a team of caring and friendly people and at the same time serve the community and the Lord.

You will have the opportunity to learn more about your faith and enrich your experience of Mass. Application process includes fingerprinting and an online safe environment training program as well as an in-person training for the specific ministry.

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**Bible Study**

**Wednesday, January 8th**

10:30 AM in Crespi Hall

Our study of St. Paul's letter to the Romans is the basis for much of our Catholic Faith.

We are exploring this fascinating writing which gives the basis for much of our Catholic Faith. Now is a good time and not too late in the course to join us. All of our recent Popes have urged parish Bible Study throughout the Church.

For more information contact:
Dick Gorman at 595-6363

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**Book Club**

**Thursday, January 9th**

6 PM in Crespi Hall

Our discussion continues on *The Power of Now* by Eckhart Tolle

For more information contact:
Deacon Bill at (831) 316-9280 or Charlie Sciambi at csciambi@gmail.com
SICK IN THE PARISH
All the sick are prayed for during a general intercession at every mass.
At this time we pray especially for:
- Gina Marchi, Knox Mellon, Elinor Laiolo, Richard Cruickshank, John Flynn, Charles Cardoza,
- Gwen Foster, Vivian Sweeney, Mercedes Ferrante, Frank Machalla, King Williams, Brandon Paulikas,
- Julieta Evangelista, Dan Ukestad, Bob Condry, Nancy D’Angelo, Ruth Flynn, Phyllis Loyko,
- Missy Student, Lois Jones, Ed Soberanes, Judy Mollner, Ernie Bizzozero, Marjorie Coleman,
- Lou Langley

RECENTLY DECEASED IN OUR PARISH
Please pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, especially:
- Jan Anzini, Ray Hutton, Art Granat, Sean Royster, George Grasso, Barbara Davi, Mary O’Shea,
- Filomena Pacheco, Jean Neiman, Dr. Maria Gurney, Karen Lyon, Anita Pender, Luigi Uttaro,
- Deane H. Hollenbach

... that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them; and may the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY
If you or someone you know, are unable to get to Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home,
For more information please call Joan Brophy Thomas at (831) 624-3074.

SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life of the Church.
Please visit our Lord during our daily Blessed Sacrament Adoration,
Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.
On First Fridays we have 25 hours of Adoration from 7:30 AM to Saturday 8:30 AM.
Many parishioners have signed up to spend an hour with our Lord, but we still need sign-ups for early morning hours.
For more information, Call Sandi: (831) 624-9491.

The Serra Club of the Monterey Peninsula,
Leads the Recitation of the Rosary for Vocations every Wednesday at 5:30 PM — 6:30 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Catechesis from the writings of the saints and meditation with the Glorious Mysteries.
Please, also bring your personal prayer intentions.
For more information, contact us at SerraClubMonterey@gmail.com
Or visit us at www.facebook.com/SerraClubMonterey

PRAYER LINE
The Carmel Mission Prayer Line is confidential. Members of our faith community offer prayer daily for your special needs. Leave your message on the prayer line at (831) 624-1271, menu option 5, if you want prayer for a special intention. Only the first name is needed with a short description of the intention need. Your prayer request remains on our list for three months (updates are appreciated).
Note: names are not placed in the bulletin “Pray For” list without that individual’s permission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
Keep in prayer our brave parishioners, relatives and friends of our parish family who are in service to their country in the Armed Forces abroad: Richard Brophy and Robert Maher

We ask the Lord to keep them safe from harm and pray for their families while they are far from home.
“The liturgy is celebrated for God and not for ourselves; it is His work; He is the subject; and we must open ourselves to Him.” (Pope Benedict XVI, 3 October 2012).

The Order of Mass: The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Part 11

The Preparation of the Gifts: The Self-Offering of the Priest and Faithful

After our brief look at the liturgies of Advent and Christmas Time, we will now return to our exploration of the Order of Mass by continuing our look at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which begins with the Preparation of the Gifts of bread and wine.

“Bread and wine are now on the altar, set apart from profane use and dedicated to the service of the Sacrifice; soon their substance will disappear, and under their appearances Christ’s Body and Blood will be offered” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), p. 527).

After having placed the chalice upon the altar, the celebrant priest bows profoundly and says in a low voice:

“With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God” (Order of Mass, n. 26; cf. Daniel 3:39-40).

The celebrant recites this prayer of offering “in the name of all the faithful offering with him […] during which in sentiments of humble compunction he makes a moderate inclination of the body…” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), p. 527).

This quiet prayer of the celebrant “is taken from the Book of Daniel as recited by Azariah, in which we are reminded that any material sacrifice is valueless if we do not have the desire of spiritual sacrifice to renounce evil and unite ourselves with God in loving obedience” (Rev. Jovian P. Lang, OFM, Dictionary of the Liturgy (1989), p. 519).

“The celebrant here prays that the Lord would graciously receive him and the faithful people, for the sake of their humble, penitential sentiments, as a spiritual sacrifice; and if so accepted, then the Eucharistic Sacrifice, when offered by them, in the sight of God, with these dispositions will be such as God will behold and accept with pleasure from their hands” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), p. 528).

“The Holy Mass is the great heart of the whole body of the Church: whatever the Church, with her members, believes and hopes and loves and suffers and cares and prays for, all this she collects in Holy Mass into the common heart, and in and with the selfsame Sacrifice she carries it up to the throne of God. Whatever moves and affects the soul in joy and sorrow, in prosperity and adversity, in distress and death—we place upon the altar during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we place it directly in the Heart of our Redeemer who is present, and we are sure of consolation and relief. Yes, all the children of the Church should unite in the offering, all the faithful should be incorporated into and offered along with the one, great and eternal Sacrifice” (Rev. Dr. Nicholas Gihr, The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (1902), p. 529).

~ Geoffrey Lopes da Silva
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Join Monterey Peninsula for Life Group

6:00 Bus Departs San Carlos Cathedral, SATURDAY, Jan 25
9:30 Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral
11:00 Info Faire Civic Center Plaza
12:30 Official Start of Rally, Civic Center Plaza
1:30 Walk for Life (2 miles to Ferry Building)
3:30 Return to Bus
6:30 Arrive San Carlos Cathedral (approximate time)

COST: $20 student / $45 Adult
Contact Marian 831-277-3356 / mariandcorrigan@gmail.com

Register and info:
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Registration for 2020 Confirmation Classes is now open!

Limited Registration is now available for Confirmation Classes beginning January 12th. Registration is for Sessions 1 through 12 of the Chosen Program. The 12-week session will run through April 26.

Registration for Session 2 will open in July. The confirmands must have completed Session 1 before registering for Session 2. Session 2 classes will be from September 13 through December 13, 2020.

Confirmands who have successfully completed both sessions will be Confirmed in January / February 2021.

Registration and further information is available at: carmelmission.org/sacraments/confirmation

Questions can be directed to Coordinator of Faith Formation, Rosellen Sanna at rosellen.sanna@carmelmission.org or (821) 624-1271 ext. 218

Important Meeting Dates for Faith Formation Families:

Thursday, January 9 — All high school Confirmation Parents, have a REQUIRED meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Crespi Hall.

You may have this one last chance to Register! All parents will receive important information on expectations, a two year calendar, and short video explaining this dynamic program.

Sunday, January 12 — First class for Confirmation students 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, in MacMahon Center.

Tuesday, January 14 — All First Communion Parents from JSS and Faith Formation need to attend this Parent Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in Crespi Hall.

All First Reconciliation and First Communion details will be discussed and clarified.
Our Lady of Bethlehem

The statue of Our Lady of Bethlehem is located in the chapel on the left side of the Basilica. It is an original artifact of the Carmel Mission and is California’s first statue. Here are some interesting facts about the statue:

- The Rosary in her hands is an 18th century Spanish colonial emerald-colored glass rosary with solid gold links, gold filigree beads and a gold encased cross.
- The Dress is an authentic 17th century statue gown obtained by Mission Curator Harry Downie from Mexico in 1954. It is embroidered in silver thread and laces up from the back. The cape matches the embroidery of the dress.
- The Acorn Earrings are solid gold and were an offering from the family of Tulita Westfall. They were made in 1773 by the first jeweler in Monterey, Manuel Trujillo, who was also a soldier at the Presidio.
- The Crown is made of silver and was a votive gift of Spanish naval officer Captain Don Juan Bautista de Matute. The tarnished sterling silver rose was a votive gift made in 1982 and was made by Tiffany Jewelers of New York.
- The Silver Rays are of solid sterling silver. The antique aureole (halo and rays) was made in Seville, Spain (hallmarked) in the 18th century. The original aureole disappeared after the end of the Mission period.
- The original hair on the statue was a wig and was in very poor condition. Harry replaced it with the hair from his mother.
- The gold necklace and Locket on the infant belonged to Harry Downie’s mother. The locket was given to her when she was born. The gold ring on the statue’s left hand finger was Harry’s grandmother’s gold engagement ring.
- The silk Back Drop reportedly comes from Canton (now called Guangzhou), China by way of the Spanish Manila galleons.
- There is a gold ring from Delano High School class of 1965 on the statue’s right hand. (Source unknown…but ask a Docent!)

Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the “Docent Dialog” on Friday, 10 January at noon in Crespi Hall. This session will listen to the voice history tapes of Mission Curator Harry Downie as he explains the Reredos and Our Lady of Bethlehem statue. Join the Docents, bring your lunch and listen to Mission history by one of the people who made it.

This insight into the Mission history was provided by the Carmel Mission Docent Association. If you would like to find out more about becoming a Docent, please contact Nancy Hardy at nhardycarmel@att.net or 831-624-8846.

Thank You for your Stewardship!

Your generous donations for the week ending in 12/15/2019

1st Collection:  $18,501.63
2nd Collection:  $  1,700.00
Total Collection: $20,201.63

I thank you for your sense of Stewardship and your great generosity.
—Fr. Paul, Pastor
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Winter Sale and Clearance Event

Don’t miss the great deals on Christmas items, jewelry, statues, books and more.
Shop early for the best selection!

The Museum Store Staff wishes everyone a Blessed New Year!
Dear Friends of Carmel Mission,

I do hope that your Christmas was a happy and a holy time for you and your loved ones.

We now celebrate “Little Christmas”, or the Feast of the Epiphany. We presume that the visit of the Wise Men is an indication to us that the Savior born in Bethlehem is a Savior for all humankind, not only the promised Messiah for the Jews.

We are given very little in the way of detailed factual information about these three visitors. Some call them ‘kings’, but nowhere in Scripture is the word king used about them.

The most common description of them is the term ‘Magi’. This word implied a wisdom and a high degree of education, an interest in astronomy and astrology. They had discovered the appearance of a new star in the heavens, and set out in the cold of Winter to follow that star. They carried with them precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (We’ve got to remember that there were no branches of Toys R Us nearby, to suggest age-appropriate gifts!)

The Magi were advised to avoid a return visit to Herod, and made their way home by a different route.

We can only speculate on the profound impact that their journey had on them. After gazing upon the Christ child, nothing would ever be the same for them. They had much on which to ponder and pray in their palaces. They must have had to cope with much misunderstanding among their own families and friends. Who could believe such a tale?

Each time we gaze at the Christ child, we also are challenged to change, to embrace with His love all those who differ from us in their skin color, in their culture, in their customs.

The best possible New Year resolution is for us to draw closer to that Child born in a manger, our Savior and the Savior of the entire world, Jesus the Christ. May our loving God give us the graces we require to adopt the attitudes of Christ.

May the New Year bring you and your loved ones blessings of good health and great happiness.

Fr. Paul