

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7TH 2024

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Bible Verse for the Week

“We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. Commit your actions to the Lord and your plans will succeed.” **Proverbs 16:1-3**

Pro Sanctity

You are invited to join Pro Sanctity

When: Monday nights for the Rosary and today's Gospel reflection

Thursday nights for Sunday's scripture readings and reflections

Why: To pray, learn and share

How: Call 3392073069 on Mondays and/or Thursdays ALL ARE WELCOME!

Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the Harvest, we petition you as you have instructed us to ask for more laborers to serve in the vineyard of Your Church. You have told us that the harvest is rich and laborers are few and we experience this great need in the face of the challenge of the New Evangelization we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire young men and women to seriously consider vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Help all of us to be effective instruments to encourage and support those whom you are calling to serve and lead the Church of Brooklyn and Queens in the future. Lord, you told the Apostles to put out into the deep. We ask for the grace and courage to accept your call as we pray and work for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Every First, and Third Sunday, of the month after each mass Fellowship is followed in the Parish Center all are welcomed

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Weekend Masses in the Canarsie Cluster Parishes:

Our Lady of Miracles

(E. 86th St. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Eng.)

12:30 PM (French/Creole)

Holy Family

(Rockaway Pkwy. & Flatlands Ave.)

Sat. 5:00 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:00 AM (Eng.)

9:15 AM (Creole)

11:15 AM (Eng.)

12:45 PM (Eng.)

St. Jude

(Seaview Ave. & Canarsie Rd.)

Sat. 5:30 PM (Eng.)

Sun. 8:30 AM (Eng.)

10:30 AM (Family)

12:30 PM (Bi-Lingual)

1st Sun ... Eng/French/Creole

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Please Pray for ALL Our Sick In Our Parish

Gino Pizzuti, Raymond Abruzzese Deryck Ming, Maureen Ming, Dorthea C Hogarth, Marie Kernizan, Ann Bethany, Sue Vales, Rose-marie Campanilla, Rosamund Gilkes, Dexter Stiell, Joseph Esposito, Tyra Plaisimond

We will keep names on the sick list for three weeks.

Our Parish needs your Weekly Support

	TIME	People
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Saturday	5:30 PM	Eng	55
Sunday	8:30 AM	Eng	171
Sunday	10:30 AM	Eng	114
Sunday	12:30 PM	French/Kreyol	168

Weather: Sunny Day

Our weekly goal is \$4850.00

This Weeks Total was \$4,710.00

Previous Week \$3,800.00

Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Second Collection

Coming Up This Week



Monday: January 8

8:30 AM Mass

Tuesday: January 9

8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday: January 10

8:30 AM Mass

Thursday: January 11

8:30 AM Mass

Friday: January 12

8:30 AM Mass

Saturday: January 13

8:30 AM Mass & 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday: January 14

8:30 AM Mass & 10:30 AM Mass English

12:30 PM Mass French/Kreyol

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory Office Hours

Monday 10AM-5PM, Tuesday 10AM-5PM,

Wednesday 10AM-5PM, Thursday 10AM-5PM,

Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed

Our Lady of Miracles Rectory office is now open from Monday-Friday 10AM-5PM

Saturday January 6

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Richard Deppert by OLM

5:30 PM Anniversary In Heaven for Anthony Oliva by Nina Riti & Family

5:30 PM In Memory of Jean Baptiste Cadet by His Daughter Soeurette Cadet Fougere

Sunday January 7

8:30 AM In Memory of Liberata, & Maria Bajada by Letecia Casipe

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Frederick Fougere by Soeurette Fougere

10:30 AM In Memory of Joseph Viltus & Wilner Joseph by Marie Viltus Louis

10:30 AM Birthday Blessings for Spencer Darbouze by Marcelle

12:30 PM Thanksgiving to God for The Merisier, Boursiquot, JN Baptiste, Monjeune & Couserve Families by Marie Gisele Merisier

12:30 PM Birthday Blessings for Odima & Samantha Joseph by Martine

Monday January 8

8:30 AM God's blessings for peace and safety in 2024 by OLM

Tuesday January 9

8:30 AM Peace and safety to all in 2024 by OLM

Wednesday January 10

8:30 AM For an Increase to the priesthood by OLM

Thursday January 11

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

Friday January 12

8:30 AM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Miracles by OLM

Saturday January 13

8:30 AM In Memory of all deceased OLM Parishioners by OLM

5:30 PM Deliverance & Healing for Tyra Plaismond by her Mom & Sister



January 7th-13th 2024

Healing for Tyra by Her Mom

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Pope Francis's Reflection for Sunday January 7th 2024

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Brothers and sisters, the journey of faith begins whenever, by God's grace, we make room for the restlessness that keeps us awake and alert. It begins when we are willing to ask questions, when we are dissatisfied with our daily routine and take seriously the challenges of each new day. When we step out of our comfort zone and decide to confront the uncomfortable aspects of life: our relationships with others, unexpected events, projects needing to be undertaken, dreams to be realized, fears to be faced, physical and mental sufferings. At such times, deep in our hearts, we find ourselves before the irrepressible questions that lead us to seek the Lord: Where do I find happiness? Where do I find that fullness of life to which I aspire? Where do I find a love that does not fade away, a love that endures even in the face of frailty, failure and betrayal? What hidden opportunities are present in the midst of my crises and my sufferings?

Yet each day the very air we breathe is full of "tranquilizers of the soul", surrogates meant to sedate our inner restlessness and to suppress those very questions: new items to consume, empty promises of pleasure and non-stop media controversies, the idolatry of fitness. Everything seems to tell us: Don't overthink things; let go and enjoy life! Often we try to soothe our hearts with creature comforts. If the Magi had done that, they would never have encountered the Lord. The danger is that we sedate our hearts, sedate our souls in order to quell our inner restlessness.

God, however, is always there, there within our restless questioning. In that questioning, we "seek him as the night seeks the dawn... He is present in the silence that troubles us in the face of death and the end of all human grandeur. He is present in the longing for justice and love deep within our hearts. He is the holy mystery that responds to our yearning for the Totally Other; a yearning for perfect and consummate justice, reconciliation and peace" (C.M. MARTINI, *Incontri al Signore Risorto. Il cuore dello spirito cristiano*, Cinisello Balsamo, 2012, 66). That, then, is the first place where we can encounter the Lord: in restless questioning. Do not be afraid to enter into this restless questioning, for that is the path that lead us to Jesus.

The second place is in *the risk of journeying*. Questioning, including spiritual questioning, can lead to frustrations and desolations unless we embark upon a journey, unless we turn ourselves, in the depths of our being, to the face of God and the beauty of his word. Benedict XVI said of the Magi: "Their outward pilgrimage was the expression of their inward journey, the inner pilgrimage of their hearts" (*Homily for Epiphany*, 6 January 2013). The Magi in fact did not simply study the heavens and contemplate the light of the star; they set out on a journey full of risks, without safe roads and clear maps. They wanted to discover this King of the Jews, to learn where he was born, where they could find him. And so, they asked Herod, who in turn summoned the leaders of the people and the scribes who pore over the Scriptures. The Magi were on a journey; most of the verbs used to describe them are verbs of movement.

Finally, after *restless questioning* and *the risk of journeying*, the third place where we encounter the Lord is in *the wonder of worship*. At the end of their long journey and tiring quest, the Magi entered the house, where "they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage" (v. 11). This is what really matters: our restlessness, our questioning, our spiritual journeys and the practice of our faith must all converge in worship of the Lord. There they find their centre and source, for there everything begins, for the Lord himself enables us to feel and act. Everything starts and ends there, because the purpose of everything is not to achieve a personal goal or to receive glory for ourselves, but to encounter God. To let ourselves be enveloped by his love, which is the basis of our hope, which sets us free from evil, opens our hearts to love others, and makes us a people capable of building a more just and fraternal world



Scriptures For The Week

Monday January 8

Ls 55:1-11 Mk 1:7-11(21)

Tuesday January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28(306)

Wednesday January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10; 19-20 Mk 1:29-39(307)

Thursday January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45(308)

Friday January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7; 10-22a Mk 2:1-12(309)

Saturday January 13

1 Sm 9:1-4; 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17(310)

Our Lady of Trust Catholic Academy

up coming events

Open House for Pre-3, Pre – K4 & Pre K
9:00 to 11 AM

For more information call 718-241-6633

Record of PARISH contributions

If you use our church envelopes and need to have a record of your contributions to Our Lady of Miracles Church for the past year(2022) for income tax purposes, please contact the rectory during office hours or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to

Our Lady of Miracles Church, 757 East 86th street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. We will be happy to forward the information to you.

Due to the Corona Virus we will not be serving the Precious Blood we will let you know when we will be serving the precious blood.

Haitian Prayer group meet every Monday night at 7:00 Pm in the church. All are welcomed

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Office Of Faith Formation News

Registration for Religious Ed classes for 2023-2024 is closed. Thanks to all parents and guardians who enrolled their children for this year. Remember classes begin with the 8:30 mass after which the children will proceed to the school auditorium for the continuation of class.

Adults who are interested in learning more about Catholic Faith, please contact Sr Francesca at 718-649-1006

Our office Days and Hours

Tuesday: 9:30AM-4:00PM

Friday: 9:30AM-4:00 PM

Email: dre101163@diobrook.org

All children beginning the first grade in Public or Catholic school must register their child for the 2 year communion preparation program. After communion all public school children must register for on-going classes till the 7th grade at which time all Public and Catholic school children must register for the 2 year confirmation preparation program.

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Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday, from 9:30 AM till 12:00 Noon, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. We are looking for people to sit in church while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar. Please come to the rectory to put your name down for an hour or two.

The only time we will not have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is if we have a funeral

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

Loving Father, through Baptism you have made us members of the Body of your Son and His Priestly People. You have enriched us with the outpouring of the gift of your Holy Spirit. You continue to make your Son present among us through the Sacrament of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

We are ever grateful for what you do for us and we seek to respond by revealing your goodness through the witness of our lives.

Help us to nourish and support those members of the Body of Christ who are in need of our generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We make this prayer through Christ our High Priest and Lord. AMEN

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 Goal at Our Lady of Miracles R.C is \$35,000

Thank for your generous support.

God bless you!

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU ARE ENTERING THE CHURCH. THIS IS QUITE DISTRACTING TO THE PRIEST AND OTHER PARISHIONERS THANK YOU.

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Bible Puzzle

Adam and Eve Crossword

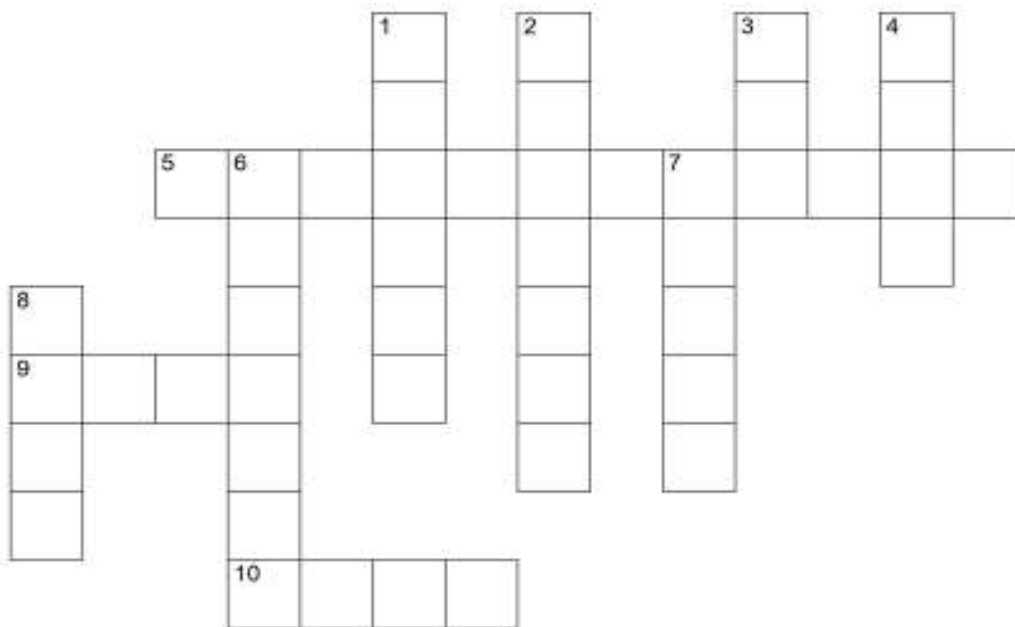
Work the puzzle to review what you know about Adam and Eve and their sons.
Look up the verses to be sure of your answers.

Across

- At first Adam and Eve lived in the _____ (3 words). (Genesis 2:8)
- The first man was _____. (Genesis 3:20)
- Adam and Eve's third son was _____. (Genesis 4:25)

Down

- God told them not to eat the fruit of the tree in the _____ of the garden. (Genesis 3:2-3)
- After Adam and Eve sinned, they were _____ (2 words) of the garden. (Genesis 3:23)
- The first woman was _____. (Genesis 3:20)
- God was pleased with _____. (Genesis 4:4)
- Adam named all the _____. (Genesis 2:20)
- Adam and Eve sinned by eating the _____. (Genesis 3:6)
- _____ was jealous of his brother and killed him. (Genesis 4:8)



Adam, Eve, and Cain all sinned against God. What should you do when you sin?