

# Journey OF Faith

January 3, 2010

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## In Word & Deed

A Global Positioning System (GPS) is a great device to have on a journey. It gives accurate directions and helps the driver navigate unfamiliar territory. With some models, however, it is important to use your computer to update its maps.

Otherwise, you might end up short of your destination or taking a very long route to get there—if you get there at all.

The Magi undertake a long and difficult journey because they are convinced that the star they see is of Divine origin. Their GPS is the Glorious Power of a Star and it serves to lead them to Bethlehem where they see the Holy Infant. By their actions, they acknowledge this special Child and leave their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Theirs was a successful journey.

We're all on a journey of faith and in need of guidance. Our GPS is the Great Power of our Savior. He becomes the Way, the

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WE HAVE SEEN

HIS STAR IN THE EAST

AND HAVE COME  
ADORE

WITH GIFTS TO

ADORE THE *Lord.*

BECAUSE YOU ARE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WHO APPEARED ON THIS DAY AS A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS, MAY HE MAKE YOU A LIGHT TO ALL YOUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

*Solemn blessing | Roman rite*

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## Scripture Readings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 3</b>
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 4</b>
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 7</b>
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 8</b>
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9</b>
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	

*Today the Bridegroom  
claims his bride, the church,  
since Christ has washed her  
sins away in Jordan's waters;  
the magi hasten with their gifts  
to the royal wedding; and the  
wedding guests rejoice,  
for Christ has changed  
water into wine,  
alleluia.*

MORNING PRAYER  
ROMAN RITE



## FAMILY LIFE:

# TO WALK AS ONE

Some kids in the parish school were doing an informal survey about New Year's resolutions. No one in our school is sure why we make them, since no one seems able to keep them, even though they focus on something we can do or change that will make us better people, or help us accomplish our goals. Have you made your New Year's resolution? More importantly, will you keep it?

New Year's Day marks a new beginning, another notch in the life that measures time's progress. We often use the image of a journey to describe it. Journeys are trips with a purpose and we journey through time, through faith, through life, with a purpose—something that we do that gives us a sense of meaning and value.

In the spirit of this feast day, here's a spiritual resolution that is one we can keep.

Make progress in your spiritual journey. Set a goal, make a plan, and then accomplish it. Choose something that will make a difference in the way you pray, or believe or practice your faith. Write it out and put it in a place where you will read it often, reminding yourself to stay on course. A year from now, you'll be amazed at just how far you've come!

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This is the glorious day on which Christ himself, the savior of the world, appeared; the prophets foretold him, the angels worshiped him; the magi saw his star and rejoiced to lay their treasures at his feet.

God's holy day has dawned for us at last; come, all you peoples, and adore the Lord. ~Office of readings | Roman rite



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Truth and the Light, leading us on the path to eternal life. Make sure you update frequently. Prayer, Scripture, Sacraments and good deeds will keep

us in contact with Him, enabling us to recognize Him wherever He may lead us.

~James Gaffney



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