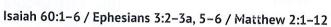
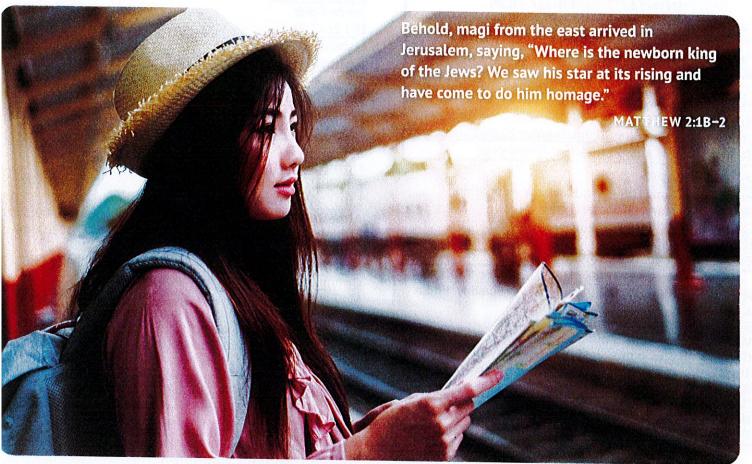
Our Parish

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)







In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

e are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, "When you die, do you think you're going to see God?" Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, "Well, you won't, because God doesn't have a body. There isn't something to see."

The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black noles and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn't sure how to but the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God.

-Reflect-

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday

& 1st Saturday

Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday

Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 p.m.: Saturday

Confession 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by appointment

*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the

Holy Rosary*

For more information, please contact the Church Office.



ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered the First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged for those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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B-I-N-G-O	
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Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our Godgiven talents, love, and service to our neighbors.

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery Burial Plots

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Dear Padre,

I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three



wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.

Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2–3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2).

Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like

the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the

fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.

common good. HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2022

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

Monday

January 6 *Christmas Weekday*1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

January 7 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 4:7–10 Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

January 8 *Christmas Weekday* 1 Jn 4:11–18 Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

January 9 *Christmas Weekday* 1 Jn 4:19–5:4 Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

January 11 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14–21 Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

or Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38

or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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