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The Epiphany of the Lord – Year C

January 3, 2016

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...and they followed the star until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. ...and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

A Gospel reflection from Fr. Alphonse:

The Gospel recounts the first manifestation of Jesus to the non-Jew: *the Magi here symbolize the Gentiles.*

What we celebrate today is not merely a commemoration of what happened, a historical remembrance, but a reality: *the manifestation of God to experience now and all through this New Year.*

We are also called upon like the three Wise Men to open our eyes to see the signs of the times and obey the call of God. It must have been their heroic faith that led the Magi to face all the difficulties, insecurities and dangers and seek out the King of the universe.

Faith dares and fears not. The three Wise Men were not disappointed when they saw things very different from what they expected. Still they continued their search and found amidst poverty and simplicity the King of the world. They offered themselves to God in faith, hope and charity.

We cannot go to Bethlehem or Jerusalem or Rome in search of Jesus; we also do not see any sign of a star for guidance. Rather, we have to look closely at our brothers and sisters to recognize Jesus in them. God's manifestation today takes place in various ways: *In His creation, in His word and in our fellowmen.* But do we really recognize Jesus?



Mass Intentions

Sat. 1/2	OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
		5:30 pm	Curtis Fry †
Sun. 1/3		9:00 am	All Parishioners
Mon. 1/4		NO MASS	
Tues. 1/5		NO MASS	
Wed. 1/6		NO MASS	
Thurs. 1/7		NO MASS	
Fri. 1/8		NO MASS	
Sat. 1/9	OLOL	4:00 pm	Special Intention
		5:30 pm	Gerald Brokmeyer †
Sun. 1/10		9:00 am	All Parishioners

*Our Christmas
Altar Flowers
this weekend were left in
thanksgiving to all who
donated to our Christmas
Flower Fund.
God Bless You.*

That child, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, came not only for the people of Israel, represented by the shepherds of Bethlehem, but also for all humanity, represented today by the wise men from the East. It is on the Magi and their journey in search of the Messiah that the Church today invites us to meditate and to pray.

These wise men from the East were the first in that great procession of which the prophet Isaiah spoke in today's first reading (cf. 60:1-6): a procession which from that time on has continued uninterrupted; in every age it hears the message of the star and finds the Child who reveals the tenderness of God. New persons are always being enlightened by that star; they find the way and come into his presence. *Pope Francis*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS
WEEKEND FOR THE POOR

Reminder that on Sunday January 10th after the 9 AM Mass The St. Charles/OLOL Men's Club will be having their Taco Breakfast. Join us for good food and a nice social time.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm at Our Lady of the Lake,
Sunrise Beach

Saturday 5:30 pm at St. Charles, Kingsland

*Sunday 9:00 am at St. Charles, Kingsland

(*The rosary will be prayed every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Please join us each Sunday for this special prayer before the Mass.)



Weekday Masses at St. Charles

6:00 pm Tuesday

8:00 am Wednesday - Friday

Reconciliation

Before Masses and by appointment

The Sacrament of Baptism

on the 3rd Saturday of the month immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Charles.

If you have questions or need to schedule a Baptism please contact the office.

Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 am till noon

WHAT IS THE BEST PRAYER?... Say to the Lord: "Please tell me Thy will." Don't say: "I want this and I want that," but have faith that He knows what you need. You will see that you get much better things when He chooses for you. *(In the Sanctuary of the Soul)*



Knights of Columbus Tamale Sales: The Knights of Columbus Council has ordered extra tamales for those that may have missed the ordering period or would like more. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. See Richard Collins or Angelo Anzivino to fill your tamale needs.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

St. Charles	\$ 1628
Christmas Eve 5:00	\$ 353
Christmas Eve 10:00	\$ 1078
Christmas Day	\$ 1431
Holy Family	\$ 184
Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 905
Christmas Eve	\$ 670
Holy Family	\$ 241

"Give and it shall be given to you... For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 We've been promised that God will not be out-done in generosity. May God bless you a hundredfold for your generosity to His Church.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS OR VISITORS: Newcomers or visitors wishing to become members of St. Charles or Our Lady of the Lake, please fill out a membership form located in the back of church and give the form to one of the greeters/ushers.

Send bulletin announcements by **5:00 PM** on **MONDAY** to stcharles@nctv.com. You **must** put in the subject line of email **"bulletin announcement"**. This will help us and it will ensure your important information is not overlooked.

Please drop any notes to Fr. Alphonse or reimbursement forms, mass intentions, flower requests, etc. in the secure locking mailbox that has been placed on the wall by the rectory office door.



IN CASE OF DIRE EMERGENCY OR DEATH ONLY ~ THE CHURCH
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER IS 512-756-9003



SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2016... *If you would like to sponsor the Altar flowers for a special weekend ... to honor a loved one or for a special birthday or anniversary or some other occasion.. please complete the following information and drop in the collection basket or drop in the 'notes for Fr. Alphonse box'. The money for the flowers is due two (2) weeks prior to your special date.*

I would like to sponsor altar flowers for: DATE: _____ 2016
 Amount I want to spend: \$40/\$50 other \$ _____
 Tell us the Occasion: Anniversary, Birthday, Wedding, in memory of, or other.... _____

Wording for Bulletin: _____

Name _____ Phone # _____

St. Charles Available Dates: January 9,16, 23, February 6, April 9, June 4, July 2, 30, August 13, 20 September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12

If you need a receipt for your 2015 contributions to St. Charles Catholic Church for your taxes, please email stcharles@nctv.com or drop this note in the collection basket or drop this note in the 'notes for Fr. Alphonse box' by the office door. If you need a paper copy please confirm your correct mailing address. If you would prefer your statement by email please confirm your email address.



PLEASE SEND MY STATEMENT BY EMAIL TO: _____@_____

PLEASE SEND A PAPER STATEMENT TO: _____

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR...

We are approaching another cold and flu season. Please consider the health of your fellow parishioners. Please if you have been coughing, have a sore throat or feeling ill, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood at this Mass.



Lord, accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the sacrifice and food they symbolize: Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen



Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in this Eucharist and welcome Him with love, for He is Lord for ever and ever. Amen (WAU)

MY THREE GIFTS

The Jewish people were expecting the Messiah for thousands of years. However, my coming into the world was a humble event very obscure to them, but for the light given off by a star.

I am the light of the world that came to give light to those in darkness. The people who had the light of God through the Holy Scriptures were living in darkness just as the rest of the world. Only the humble servants of God and a few shepherds received the knowledge of my coming and participated in the coming of the great light that would overcome darkness.

In the same way three very special humble men were chosen from different cultures to perceive in wisdom the great event that was taking place, the coming of the Savior of the world.

Just as the rain comes for the good and the bad, and the sun shines to virtuous and sinners alike, I have come for everyone. Every human being has been made in the image of God, but sin has destroyed that image. I am the Lord who forgives sins and restores the image of God in every person.

The enemy has always been around trying to destroy the work of God, Herod was preparing to destroy the New King, but the plan of God has always been superior to the plan of the wicked. The three wise men represent all the peoples of the world, who live in darkness and need my light to survive spiritually. I accepted the homage of these three humble men who went out of their ways to give glory to God by accepting the coming of His Son into the world.

The offering of the incense represents faith in me, Jesus, the Son of the Living God. This is the greatest gift anyone one can offer me. This I accept through your prayers and your acceptance of my Word and the Church I left to represent me.

The offering of myrrh represents the suffering that I endured and the sufferings that all those who believe in me must suffer for my sake. It is the cross, which is given to every one of my followers and requires the acceptance of the Will of God.

The offering of gold represents the treasure of praise, adoration, honor and thanksgiving offered to me, your Lord, God and Savior. It is the gift that I receive from every soul who appreciates that I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

<http://www.theworkofgod.org/Devotns/Euchrist/HolyMass/gospels.asp?key=103>



CATHOLIC CORNER: A gentle reminder of what we learned but perhaps have forgotten or not thought about in a long time.

DID YOU KNOW.... The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." We celebrate the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. *"Catholic Answers"*

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OLL Library is open before mass. Make your selection, sign, date and put your telephone number down in the spiral.

Contact person: Nancy Winkler 325-388-3296

Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady of the Lake before Mass on Saturday at **3:25** pm, please join us.



Our Lady of the Lake altar flower dates are available. Forms can be found at the entrance of Church.

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