

# FATHER PAT'S SERMON NOTES

*We have come from the East*



*to visit the King.*

## The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

### The Magi's Travel Guide and Helpful Tips!

The Magi set out in search of the Messiah and newborn King and after a long arduous journey, they found him! To aid you in your searching, I present to you the **"Magi's Travelers Guide and Helpful Tips"** to help you along.

**Tip #1 - Do not be afraid to follow the deepest longings of your heart.** Fear of the unknown or untried is a poor reason to stay in your current misery, frustration or hopelessness. Fear of the disapproval of others can also lead you into spiritual paralysis. Seeking wise counsel or insight is good; trying to please everyone is not! Many of the Magi's contemporaries would have certainly thought they had lost their minds... and would likely lose their fortune and possibly their lives as well! Yet for some strange reason, they were willing to risk it. We should wonder "Why?" What would you risk losing to have a life-changing encounter with Christ?

This leads us to **Tip #2 - The things that matter most in life, aren't things!** These men from the East were by no means men with the least! However they were people that would earn the title "wise" because they knew that human beings have a higher calling; a deeper longing; a more profound purpose for existing. The Magi believed that the Messiah prophesied long ago would have the answers for which they searched. In fact he would BE the answer to life's real meaning and purpose. But how would they know which direction to search?

**Tip #3 - Seek wise counsel and obvious signs.** The Magi would never have found the Child in the manger had they not first discovered the "Star of Bethlehem". Fortunately, they took the time to prepare before they set out. They studied the Scriptures, asked for advice and would have agreed with the saying: "A person with no spiritual director is guided by a fool!" The Holy Scriptures, Church teachings, our elders, spiritual leaders, parents, teachers, our youth, a stranger, even unexpected setbacks and unforeseen obstacles - are all ways that God can order your steps in the right direction and, like the star, illumine your path. Trusting that God would guide them through the counsel of the right people, at the right time and the right circumstances, the wise men could set out with confidence that, despite the odds, they would reach their destination.

Finally, **Tip #4 - When you seek the Lord and find the Lord, then follow the Lord!** When they arrived at the manger, they did three things: They worshipped him, they offered their gifts and then they continued on life's journey but now in a completely new way. So, now that you know, get up and go and be among the wise who seek him out in our day!

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Sunday, January 8, 2017

## Scripture Readings

The Epiphany of The Lord

Is 60: 1-6

Eph 3:2-3a

Mt 2:1-12

2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34



## 8:15 am Daily Mass Intentions

Mon	Jan	9	Rev. Charles Green	- Living
Tues	Jan	10	Mildred P. Gordon	- Deceased
Wed	Jan	11	George Queen	- Living
Thurs	Jan	12	Royal Robinson	- Living
Fri	Jan	13	Bertha Williams	- Deceased

Attendance 850



## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held on every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the School Cafeteria.



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Friday, January 27, 2017

Verizon Center and the DC Armory

7:30am Rally and Confessions

9:30am Mass

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Next Sunday's Second Collection is for Church Missions within the US. Thank you for your continued support.**

**St. Augustine School** *Love to Learn; Learn to Love*

SR. GLORIA AGUMAGU, HHCJ PRINCIPAL

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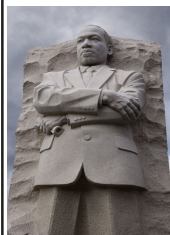


#### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

**“Out of the mountain of despair,  
a stone of hope.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



4:00pm — Archdiocese of Washington Mass  
Gospel Choir

5:00PM — Most Reverend Mario E. Dorsonville  
Auxiliary Bishop Of Washington

Saint Thomas Moore Catholic Church  
4275 4th Street SE, Washington, DC 20032

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#### Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound

Gwendolyn Adams  
John Adams, Sr.  
Beatrice Alexander  
Francis Arnold  
Ronald Ausbrooks  
William Barksdale  
Valerie Barrows  
Althea Black  
Frances Brooks  
Norma Brown  
Mary Burgan  
Williams Burgan  
Andrew Burton  
Angela Callighan  
Elizabeth Carter  
Phillip Cephas  
Ollie Mae Clark  
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Karen Dickerson  
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Theola Douglas  
Susan Epps  
Barbara Ferguson  
Julie Fish  
Toni Fisher  
Richard B. Fowler  
Daniel Galloway  
Inez Gaskins  
Charles Gathers  
Rev Charles Green  
Valencia Green  
Robert Greenfield  
Frances Gulston  
Louise Harrison

Grace Hansberry  
Brian Harvey  
John Harris  
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Emily Hill  
Jeanne Hinckley  
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Eleanor Johnson  
Paul Joy  
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Royal Robinson  
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Doris Silas  
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George Simmons  
Mary Smith  
Zedekiah Smith  
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Willis Thomas  
Juanita Towns  
Selma Twitty  
Hayden Vaughn  
Lillian Vaughn  
Terry Vaughn  
Shirley Ward  
Betty Washington  
William Waters  
Elliot Weaver  
Cynthia Wilkins  
Bernice Williams  
Teresa Wilkinson  
Lozzie York

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FROM 9am — 4pm  
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