The star
stopped over
where
the child was

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12:15(Spanish) 4:30pm(Vietnamese)
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Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00am, 8:15am
Holy Days 7:00am, 8:15am, 7:00pm
1st Friday Exposition 12:30 - 4:45pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00pm or by appointment

Baptism:
4th Sunday of every month 2:00pm
Contact Parish Office for information.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2014

They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11b

Three wise men

In Matthew 2: 9-11, the ageless story describes a Star in the East guiding three wise men, or magi, to the place of the divine birth of Christ. Legends of the Celtic peoples tell that their druids and seers, through study of astrology and signs seen in the sacred fires, also foretold this divine birth.

According to medieval legends, the three wise men were named Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar. Each of them came from a different culture: Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was Persian and Gaspar was Ethiopian, thus representing the three races known to the old world. These three priest-kings and wise men brought royal gifts to the divine infant: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Melchior brought a golden cup, which, according to legend, was preserved by the Blessed Virgin Mary and was the same cup used in the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Balthazar brought a gold box of frankincense. Gaspar brought a curiously chased flask of myrrh, a royal embalming oil.

The gift of gold symbolizes the kingship of Christ, which represents our own sharing in Christ’s kingship. The gift of frankincense symbolizes the Godhead of Christ and our own gifts of honor and reverence to our indwelling Divinity. The gift of myrrh is a prophecy of the death and burial of Christ, which represents our understanding and empathy for the suffering of humanity.

The word Epiphany comes from the Greek meaning “to appear” or “to be shown forth.” According to Roman Catholic tradition, Epiphany signifies the first appearance of Christ to the gentiles in the story of the visit of the three wise men to the divine infant Jesus. As the three wise men represent all the known peoples of the world, this signifies an appearance to the entire world, not just a few who call themselves Christians. The Christ appears in many names and many guises throughout the world. In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims: “Other sheep have I that are not of this flock.”

The wise men went on a journey to Jesus, a journey from star reading to worshiping Jesus. We each are called to allow Jesus to be Lord of each part of our lives, not just when it suits us. We each have a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is yet fully converted and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus’ healing and redemption. We pray that God may lead us like them ever closer to his Son Jesus. We pray that all nations may come to know that Jesus is the one Savior, that all nations may fall prostrate before Jesus.

The wise men found Jesus through their wisdom. Through our wisdom, work and study may we and all people find Jesus and worship him!

Father Augustine
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2014

Second Collection: Maintenance

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Coffee & doughnuts after Mass

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Reflecting on God’s Word

They were men in love with the lights of night—astrologers, star-gazers, meaning-makers tuned in to the signs in the heavens, as Matthew tells it. A strange star moving across the sky led them into Israel. Arriving in Jerusalem, they asked where the newborn king of the Jews was, so they could offer homage.

Herod was less than delighted, indeed “greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him,” at hearing of a new king on the block (Matthew 2:3). But he assembled the chief priests and the scribes, who remembered that the prophet Micah had proclaimed that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

So they set out again, with Herod’s duplicitous request whispered into their ears. The star reappeared and led them to the house where the child and his mother were. Falling down in worship, they offered gifts, and went back home.

End of story—as we like to remember it.

Of course, that is not the end. Receiving no word, Herod is enraged and orders the death of all children under the age of two. Joseph, Mary, and the child flee to Egypt. Power does not welcome competition, even in the form of a child. But God wills all people to know salvation. Jesus came to draw all into the reign of God and to empower them to live the God-life that is the Father’s gift. The darkness of evil continues to threaten but it will not overcome as long as there are those who seek the light, follow it, and allow it to lead them to the child.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Stewardship

Last Week’s Stewardship went to: Alameda County Food Bank

This Week’s Stewardship will go to:

A wise old owl lived in an oak, The more he saw the less he spoke, The less he spoke the more he heard, Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?

Living God’s Word

We pray that the light of God’s love, shown to us in Jesus Christ and placed within us with the gift of faith, may lead others to this same faith. We also pray that we may continue our own journey into the mystery of God and find Christ waiting for us at journey’s end.

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### Pray for The Sick and Homebound

Anne Tran (Mother of Fr. Tom), Julie Chin, Luu Tien Nguyen, Michael & Lora Babik, Angelita Mangahas, John Thao Ha, Sheila Bickerton, Daniel & Raymond Bautista, Maria Garcia, Connie & Joyce Guaraglia, Remedios Mangila, Pearle Cezair, Maria Vargas, Leticia Delapena, Mary Helen, Andy Duarte, Ed Fletcher, Susan Pulido, Mia Vicedo, Joseph Tinh Tran, Diane Nielson, Alfred Caires, Gerry Toro, Joseph Hoang, Gary Cordano Jr., Christina Cayabyab, Lam Dinh, Trinh Nguyen, Joseph Dinh, Joe Carson, Lory Stark, Hazel Soares, Ronald Bennet, Sara Le Fargo, Aileen Basila, Teresa Tran, Juanita Estrellas, Maureen Nolan, Maria Silva, Louis Valenzuela, Alice Martinez, Fr. James Nguyen, Jim Lachemeyer, Maria Nguyen, Rachel Bonjiorino, Mimi Duarte, Mauro Salinas, Br. Joseph Seiler, Lucy Ferreira

*If any person in this list passes away to eternity, please inform the parish office so that we can update the list. Thank you.

**Pray for the Deceased:** Oliva Blanco

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### “Young at Heart” Luncheon

**Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

Doors open at 11:00

Lunch served at Noon

**MENU**

- Salad
- Meat Balls / Pasta with Red Sauce
- Green Beans / Garlic Bread
- Assorted Puddings

Tickets ($6.00) are now on sale in the Parish Office.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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### READINGs FOR THE WEEK

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On Behalf of the Staff of St. Felicitas School
we wish you a Happy New Year! As we wel-
come in the New Year, let us be thankful for
all the wonderful blessings that we experi-
enced in 2013. We look forward to 2014 and
all the blessings that will come into our lives.

There will be new and exciting opportunities,
along with new challenges. We ask for God’s
grace and the Holy Spirit to come be with us
in all that we do this New Year. We know that
if we put our trust in God all things are possi-
ble.

May the God of hope fill you with joy and
peace, as you trust in him, so that you may
overflow with hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

For we know with the miracle that is Jesus
Christ - God shall supply all our needs accord-
ing to his riches and glory. (Philippians 4:19)

Blessings to all of you!!!

Meghan Jorgensen

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or
“wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young
couple adopted a two-year-old child in a mo-
rass of red tape, complications, and court
hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest
suggested appending an “adoption blessing,”
wherein the new relationship was expressed
and affirmed.

There is a place in that rite for the child to
speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you
give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of
his church, the young adoptive father sud-
denly welled up with tears as he embraced
the child.

Afterward, he explained that through all the
hassles and legal struggles he never until that
moment in church understood that he was the
parent of this child. The ritual claimed them
for each other, gave expression to their rela-
tionship that the legal documents never could,
and firmly cemented this child into the heart of
a community as everyone erupted into heart-
felt applause.

This assembly witnessed in a powerful way
what happens in every baptism: the mystery
of adoption, the free flow of grace, the over-
whelming sense of God’s presence at the
heart of our life’s journey.

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ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

PREPARING AHEAD:
The Gospel for Next Sunday

JANUARY 12, 2014

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to
be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him,
saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you
are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply,
“Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all
righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus
was baptized, he came up from the water and
behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he
saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and
coming upon him. And a voice came from the
heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with
whom I am well pleased.”
**LA LUZ DE LA FE**

La primera lectura de hoy nos trae la gloria del Señor que tiene tanta fuerza y pureza que puede inundar a Jerusalén. La lectura es tan gloriosa que los corazones palpitan y rebozan de júbilo. Todos aquellos que pueden venir a Tierra Santa vienen, caravanas repletas de gente a pie y en camellos y otros dromedarios.

Esta descripción de una ciudad tan llena de una luz irresistible nos prepara para la historia de los magos. Van guiados por sus propias luces –su estudio de astronomía y astrología– y por la luz de una estrella peculiar. Su estudio les dice que un fenómeno extraordinario en el cielo es señal de un nacimiento extraordinario en la tierra. Determinan averiguar lo acontecido y salen con regalos dignos de un rey. Son bienvenidos a una casita insignificante en Belén, ofrecen regalos dignos de un rey, y reciben el regalo de la fe.

Pablo destaca el gran regalo de la fe disponible a los gentiles, representados en los magos. Lo que vieron y creyeron los ha cambiado, igual que cambió a Pablo y a todos los que escuchan su proclamación. Igual que los magos, y que Pablo, estamos invitados a recibir esta vida que está llena de la luz de la fe.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Es tiempo de añadir los reyes magos al pesebre. En 1448 llegaron los pesebRES italianos a las iglesias españolas, pero no fue hasta que el Rey Carlos III le regaló un pesebre a su hijo en el siglo XVIII que el uso de pesebRES se expandió en los hogares. Desde entonces, el uso de nacimientos llegó al continente americano en donde se convirtió en la decoración principal para las fiestas navideñas.

Así como en todo país latinoamericano el montaje del Belén es una tradición, lo es también en Venezuela. Con el pesebre venezolano llegan también aguinaldos, parrandas, Misas y patines. ¡Sí! ¡Patines!

Desde la mitad del siglo pasado los Venezolan's celebran la época navideña con “patinadas”. Estas “patinadas” normalmente se hacen por las mañanas y muchas calles están cerradas a los autos hasta las 8 a.m. para que niños y jóvenes puedan disfrutar de los patines, bicicletas y otros juguetes que les regala el niño Dios. Por esto, muchos niños duermen con un “cordoncito” atado al dedo gordo de los pies, que cuelgan por la ventana para que los despierten los que pasan patinado.