

**Solemnity of the  
Epiphany  
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## **Living Catholic in the 808: Journey toward Jesus**

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As we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Solemnity of the Epiphany proclaims that this child is truly the King of Kings and is to be made manifest to all people. By the coming of the magi, we are reminded that we are called to journey toward Jesus, to worship him, and to make his message and his love known to all.

We are called to journey toward Jesus. Like the magi, we find ourselves often travelling in the dark and wondering where we are going. But, God gives just enough light to find our way. We ask God to give us the perseverance and courage that we need so that we will not give up or get side-tracked and become lost or led away from God.

We are called to worship Christ, as the magi, did. We do this best when we offer to God what is most precious to us. It is not easy to honor God in this way. Often we hesitate to give God our best. We are willing to give God something, but not all that we could offer. We hesitate to surrender. We ask God to give us the willingness to let go of what we are holding on to that has gotten a hold of us.

We are called to make his message and his love known to all. The radiance of the star reminds us that we should be radiant with God's light and reflect it to all that we meet. The magi symbolize the fact that Christ did not just come for a few people in a particular place, but Jesus has come for all time and for all people. We can be guilty of being ashamed of our relationship with Jesus and unwilling to let others know about him. We ask God to set us on fire with his love and presence so that it will be evident to others.

At the end of the gospel, we are told that the magi returned to their country by another way. This reminds us that once we meet Jesus Christ the way that we travel must change. As we celebrate this new year, let us resolve to change the path of our lives in such a way that it leads us more directly toward God and toward making Jesus Christ known to all. On behalf of myself, our Cathedral priests and staff, I wish you a new year filled with the radiance of Christ. And thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful!