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## Remember In Prayer

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# The Epiphany of the Lord January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

#### **JOURNEY TOWARD GOD**

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

#### .PRAYER OF THE WEEK

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day

revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations

by the guidance of a star,

grant in your mercy

that we, who know you already by faith,

may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday: St. John Neumann

Thursday: St. André Bessette

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday

Julian Calendar Christmas

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,

3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The office will be closed December 20th through December 31st.

Deacon Moss will not have class on Tuesday,

December 21st or the 28th. Classes will resume on
Tuesday, January 2nd at 10:00 am

There will be no PRE classes on the following Sundays, December 19th, 26th and January 2nd.

#### TTLE MINUTES

Little drops of water,

little grains of sand,

make the mighty ocean

and the pleasant land;

so the little minutes,

humble though they be,

make the mighty ages

of eternity.

—Julia A. Fletcher Carney

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Not available