

The Epiphany of the Lord Year B

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Readings: 1) Isaiah 60:1-6 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 3) Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: Seek Jesus diligently in your daily life.

The Magi in the Gospel sought the newborn King diligently, willing to travel from the East to find him. We can find Jesus in our daily lives so much more easily, just by being open to the many ways he is present to us. How diligent are we at finding Jesus in our own life?

The first reading recounts the splendor of Jerusalem as it draws other nations to the glory of God. In his Epistle to the Ephesians, Saint Paul proclaims the Good News that the Gentiles are co-heirs of salvation with the people of Israel. The Gospel recounts the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem, where they worshipped the baby Jesus.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**As heirs of salvation,
we have confidence to approach God with the needs of our world.**

**For all Church leaders,
may they be filled with joy in their mission to radiate God's love,
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For people throughout the world,
may they come to know lasting peace through faith in Christ,
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For those who are sick in mind and body;
may they find companionship and support from those around them,
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For our beloved dead,
may they find peace in God's Holy kingdom,
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For the children of this community and the world,
may they be a sign of God's delight in creation,
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions..... (very long pause)
We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer**

PRIEST:

**God of glory,
we place these prayers in your hands,
trusting that you will grant the people
of our world what they most need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**