

**The Epiphany of the Lord      Year B**

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

**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. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all nations,  
may the witness of committed Christians foster an increased respect for human life.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For all who are sick in mind, spirit and body,  
For hope, help and healing.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord hear our prayer.**

**For all who have died, may they rest in peace.  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, 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. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For our own personal intentions... (pause).  
We Pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**PRIEST:**

**Father, in your goodness hear our prayers today and answer them,  
we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.**