

Sunday, January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of The Lord

- 1) Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- 2) James 5:7-10
- 3) Matthew 11:2-11

FOCUS: 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?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

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

- 1) For all Church leaders, may they be filled with joy in their mission to radiate God's love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations, may the witness of committed Christians foster an increased respect for human life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For women in crisis pregnancies, may they receive the support they need to carry their babies to term, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may we be inspired to deepen our faith and place our trust in God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they experience the glory of God forever, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

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.