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January 7th & 8th 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord

From the Pastor's Desk

In today's Gospel, it is Matthew's turn to give us a hint about the significance of Jesus born in Bethlehem. The device that Matthew uses is the story about a few wise men coming from the East, who inquire about Jesus. Christian folklore has filled in details about the wise men, making them kings. These details are very interesting, but they are not the issue. In fact, if we get too preoccupied with them, we may miss the point of the story altogether. The star cannot be observed with eyes of science; it can only be seen with the eyes of faith. That is perfectly demonstrated by those who could not. Would not, did not want to see the star. They lacked the necessary and basic faith to see the star... faith is what leads us to the star!

The point is that the phenomenon of the star is a beautiful literary device which says something very profound about us. If we imagine ourselves under a brilliant night sky, we can see the heavens peopled with living stars. There is a star up there for everyone. The star of very significant person is much brighter, of course. As each human being makes his or her entrance into human history, that person's star appears on the horizon. But among all those stars, one is extra special. It is the star of Jesus. The star of Jesus outshines all the others which gather around it. It is the star of Emmanuel, God-with-us. And if we take our lead from today's Gospel story, then it becomes immediately evident what it takes to be able to see the star. The issue for Matthew is that people, of whom you never would have expected it, are inquiring about Jesus. They are open and receptive to him. Of all people, this time it is the pagans who are prepared to acknowledge Jesus for who he is. They do not come with any preconceived ideas about God. In fact, they are quite prepared to let themselves be shaken up, be disoriented and be changed by Jesus. They are overjoyed when they find Jesus, and they bring him homage. They are really open for what Jesus has to offer. The way Matthew puts the story together makes it of lasting significance to us. Here, two groups of people react quite differently to the news that Jesus is born. Already from the start Jesus elicits quite contrary reactions. Are you wise?

Wise men and women today are ones who are open to the Kingdom of God, those who seek God's presence, those who are prepared to be with God, as God is with them. They have what it takes to really see the star. They are the questioning people, the peaceful people, who are eager to give of whatever they have. The star of Jesus can only be seen by those who really want to bow down before the divine King in worship and to offer the very best of what they have. What does it take to see the star of Jesus? This is what it takes: letting our lives be shaped by the Kingdom values of love, peace, justice and truth that Jesus proclaimed, lived and died for. What it takes in unceasing prayer for the coming of God's kingdom, but especially a willingness to be part of that kingdom by being men and woman, young and old, who live together in harmony, in respect and care for each other under the peaceful reign of Jesus, God-with-us.

There is an interesting, not insignificant detail at the end of the story. When the wise men had found Jesus Christ, when they had acknowledged and adored him, they returned to their own country by a different way. Their encounter with the Lord, their leader and shepherd, had changed them. It had made new people out of them. Can we say that of ourselves too, when we have met Jesus? A real encounter with Jesus cannot but make us different, new; it is bound to leave its mark on us, otherwise we have not really met him.

Star shining brightly,
Fr. William

Youth Ministry

EDGE: - Well, our next EDGE night happens to fall on Friday the thirteenth, that fateful, notorious day of bad luck. What is superstition, what's it all about, and does it really have a part in my life? We'll look at all this and more on Friday at EDGE. Anyone in grades 6 or 7 is welcome; night begins at 7pm and runs till 8:30 in the St. Joseph's School gym. Good luck!

iGNight: - iGNight will be starting up again for the New Year on Sunday, January 8th, and we're getting right back into things with a night on the liturgy of the Eucharist. The Catechism says the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324); it is truth, love, and life for our souls; it is the fount that satisfies our deepest needs, it is an unending stream of grace and strength, of light and consolation. It was for the saints their everything, the center of their very lives! Christ still, at EVERY Mass, offers to us that same indescribable gift of Himself; are we ready to take in the God-man, the Word made flesh, the bread of the strong, the body of Christ? Come and join us January 8th following the 6pm Sunday Mass to dig deeper into this mystery of our great faith.

Ministry Liturgical Schedule...January 14th & 15th, 2012

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00 pm
Altar Servers Coordinator-A. Grohovac/ T. Kerr	MC. b. Hoole A. Hoole, A. Evangelista	MC. M. Poulin E. & A. Blair	MC. K. Tanguilat C. Hardy, A. Westhaver
Hospitality Ministers Coordinator- Ken Kelly	P. Stevens R. Stevens	K. Kelly J. Roberts Kelly	iGNight
Lectors Coordinator-Linda Chatton	M. Mcauley Linda Chatton	T. Phillips P. Daniels	Reine Mykyte Ian Mykyte
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Children's Liturgy Coordinator-Brenda Bella		M. Underdown, T. Aerts	
Vacuums Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	B. Bella, & family		
Hospital Ministers Coordinator-Claude Mury		C. Mury M. Tonge	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for date of next Baptism preparation class. Baptisms are held during all masses of last weekend of each month.

Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: Contact Laura at 250-479-8282 for more information.

Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761 ask for Fr. Frank Franz or email [ffj.hospital@gmail.com](mailto:fjf.hospital@gmail.com) to make this request.

Theme: The Epiphany is about the divine mysteries becoming known.

Question for Children: How does the light of God shine in your life?

Question for Youth: How does the world around you reflect the glory of God?

Question for Adults: How does what you know through revelation complete what you know through the natural world?



A big thank you to one and all who made our Christmas liturgies meaningful and welcoming! To all the musicians, choirs, ministers and art and environment committee members abundant thanks. There are so many reasons I am grateful for being entrusted to pastoral leadership as your pastor and as we set sail into a year where we celebrate 50 years we truly have a reason to celebrate.

If you have been pondering about the opportunity to join us on the parish pilgrimage the time to act is now. This is the last call for pilgrims! If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Stuart Andrie at sandrie@cisdv.bc.ca. Or call him during the evening at 250-884-1870.

Canadian singer/ songwriter and Catholic evangelist Mark Mallett will invite us to encounter Jesus with soul soothing music.. and a life changing message. Join us and bring family and friends on Sunday, Jan 22 from 7:30 to 9:30pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish.

Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Tuesday ~ NO MASS
Wednesday~ NO MASS
Thursday ~ NO MASS
Friday ~10:00am
Saturday ~5:00pm
Sunday ~10:00am & 6:00pm

Father William will be away at the National Federation of Priests in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Pray for our priests as they discern important matters for our priests



Keeping in Contact

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian companionship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to register in the parish please fill out the **pink registration form** located outside the church office or back of church.

Newsworthy and Noteworthy

GODSPELL Practice - should anyone want to sing in this please come to the practice on Tuesday at 7:00pm which is upstairs in the community room while hall floors are being replaced.

Greeters - Share our wonderful hospitality by greeting parishioners before Masses - Contact Ken Kelly 250-386-2239

Presenters of the Gifts - Carry the Collection, Hosts and Wine to the altar. Please contact Jenny or Sandi in the parish office - 250 479-7413 Ext.0 We are also looking for a coordinator for this ministry.

Ushers - Guide people to pews, hand out collection baskets and usher congregation to receive communion. Contact Maryellen Trudeau 250-386-1368

CWL Members - Your 2012 membership fee of \$30.00 is now due. You can pay at a General Meeting or by simply putting a cheque or cash in the Sunday collection plate in an envelope marked "CWL". Please DO NOT use abbreviations on your cheques (the bank will not accept them). Make your cheques payable to "St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League".

Please note that our downstairs hall - will be out of action for a week while End of the Roll replaces the flooring as a donation to the church. This is on top of all the other flooring and donations they have given to us. The floor will be laid down the week of the

The Church Part II - Presented by Dr. Les McKeown @ Holy Cross Parish 4049 Gordon Head Rd on Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13; 2012. Call 250-477-5321 to register. Course includes a review of Vatican II documents, collegiality, Catholic social teaching, the role of Mary and envisioning a Vatican II parish.

Application Forms for St. Andrews High School - are now being circulated. Please join us on Wed. Jan. 11 2012 at 6:30pm in the school library, 880 McKenzie Avenue.

2012 Collection Envelopes - these are in the community room outside the office. Special envelopes for PAD donors are just to the right of the other envelopes.

Could you ever come back to the Catholic Church? - the next 6 week series has started on Jan.4th from 7 - 9pm at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. See bulletin board for more details. News from the High School

An invitation to all grade 7 students and their parents. - an information evening on Wednesday, January 11 for all those interested in joining us at St. Andrew's Regional High School for the 2012-2013 school year. commencing at 6:30 in the library at St. Andrew's Regional High (880 McKenzie Ave).

Up Coming Events & Start Dates

- Jan 8 Children's Liturgy starts up again
- Jan 9 1:00pm CWL general meeting
- Jan 9 7:30pm K of C in COMMUNITY ROOM
- Jan 13 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
- Jan 17 Parish Supporter Form Meeting 3 - 4pm
- Jan 18 Parish Supporter Form Meeting 3 - 4pm
- Jan 19 7pm Parish Council Meeting
- Jan 18 12:00noon Lunch Bunch
- Jan 22 7:30pm "Encounter with Jesus" - by Mark Mallet Canadian singer and songwriter.

This Week in our Community

Monday January 8 Baptism of the Lord Parish Office Closed

1:00 CWL General meeting - community room

7:00pm West of Eden Choir

Tuesday January 10

No Mass

7:00pm Godspell practice in the community room

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Wednesday January 11

No mass

7:00pm "Could you ever come back to the Catholic Church?"

7:00pm Ignight

7:00pm Adult Scripture Study

7:00pm RCIA - Rectory

7:30pm Saturday Night Choir Practice

Thursday January 12 Memorial St. Marguerite

Bourgeois

No Mass

7:30pm Christian Rocks Choir Practice

Friday January 13

10:00am Mass Spec. Int. for the disaster in the Philippines

7:00pm Edge Youth - School

Saturday January 14

5:00pm Mass + Rita Blois

Sunday January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary

10:00am Mass (Pro populo)

11:00am Sunday Coffee

11:15am Catechism Classes - School

6:00pm Mass + Rose Mason

7:00pm Ignight (Hall)

Prayers Needed

For families in conflict, and for those who find preparing for Christmas burdensome or depressing.

For the sick who have asked for our prayers:

and for all who care for them and journey with them.

We pray especially for all members of our parish who are sick in mind, body or heart.

Votive Candle - suggested donation \$2.00
Give what you can.



Parish Supporter Forms

4 Meetings

Jan. 17 and 18 2012

at St. Joseph Church

3:00pm-4:00pm. Two extra meetings have been

scheduled for parents who work. They are 21st at 4pm and 22nd at 9am before the 10am Mass. Given the sheer volume of forms all questions and queries will be addressed at these 2 meetings.

Please do not drop off forms at the office.

Hence these 4 meetings are the ONLY time that Father William will discuss and collect these forms.

BEQUESTS AND WILLS

In your kindness, please remember St. Joseph the Worker Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will or added by codicil: I give devise and bequeath the sum of \$.....to St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria, BC, to be used for the benefit of the Parish and its pastoral activities.

Contacts in the Parish

Pastor

Administrative Assistant/Secretary

Youth Minister

Bookkeeper

Baptism

Catholic Women's League(CWL)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Religious Education

Cursillo Movement

Development and Peace

Adult Scripture Study

**Could You Ever Come Back -
to the Catholic Church?**

Knights of Columbus

Prayer Group (Spirit Led)

Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA)

St. Joseph's School

St. Vincent de Paul

Social Justice and Environment

Building and Maintenance Committee

Finance Committee

Liturgy Committee

Social Committee

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. William Hann

Jennifer Smith/Jenny Daniels Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday

Donny McGeragle (778) 977-3947 e-mail: ignight.victoria@gmail.com

Liz Hayward

Parish Office (250)479-7413 Jenny and Peter Daniels(250) 658-6782

President: Shirley Cummins (250)479-3383

Brenda Bella (250)474-4700

Laura Gerlinsky (250)479-8282 Sunday 11:15 am

Doreen Keizer (250)380-0158.

Leslie Forest (250)658-2215

Theresa and Gordon Phillips (250)477-9181 Wednesday 7:15 pm

Charlie Allen (778)433-5772 Lecture Series

Shawn Leckie (250)360-2620 2nd Monday of the month 7:30 pm

Dave MacIntyre (250)383-9955 Thursdays 7:30 pm

Fred and Doreen Keizer (250)380-0158

Pre School-Grade 7. Call school office (250)479-1232 for more info.

Robin Garman (250)479-8806 - 3rd Monday of month

Lorraine Parsons (250)472-6499

Rick Wysiecki (250)478-7955

Mike Fox (250)391-0160

Shannon Hryhoryshen (778)433-4365

Angela Grohovac (250)744-2213

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