

**January 1-2, 2022**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Ephesians 3:2-6**

**Matthew 2:1-12**

The recent hours, surrounding Christmas and New Year's Eve, could well have been VIVID examples of **EPIPHANY**, as we sought misplaced particular paper or ribbon with which to wrap special gifts, hunting for a 'missing' special set of champagne glasses by which to toast the New Year or searching for a cherished heirloom ornament of importance that had unexpectedly disappeared in the havoc accompanying the dismantling of holiday decorations. **EPIPHANY**, the Magi, the WISE men (sorry ladies), these individuals sought out what they did not fully understand, trusting that God was leading them and would reveal WHAT THEY WERE TO FIND when the time was right. Starting a New Calendar Year with **EPIPHANY**, is a TIMELY EXCLAMATION MARK in our lives for we who have experienced so much upset and confusion from the ongoing pandemic during these last two years. God AWAITS us within the months to come, JESUS is subtly waiting to be invited into our lives afresh, to be newly discovered, welcomed and appreciated. Like the Magi, they did not fully understand for whom (or what) they were searching...but when they found the infant, with Mary and Joseph...they knew they had struck GOLD! The temptation is to PRESUME we already know Jesus...it is sort of like meeting a college-aged nephew or niece whom we have not seen for several years...and realizing he/she is a whole new person! So it can be with Jesus...our task is to OPEN ourselves to what is NEW...and **NOT** expect Jesus to be the same old-same old.

**Glory to God**

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Responsorial Psalm Response:**

'Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.'

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

### **Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE trash receptacles at the back of the Hall.**

Thank you for sharing these first hours of the New Year of 2022 with our Santa Clara Community. Please review the BULLETIN which awaits you on the tables as you exit the Hall, there is news of the Women's STAY-treat coming up on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, as well as other odds and ends regarding assorted Parish organizations and ministries. As you pack away your decorations from Christmas and finally tidy the house from the festivities of New Year's...please open your heart and mind to the fresh graces offered you by Jesus and **please...always remember, YOU ARE LOVED!** FKB