THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 5, 2020

Light of the World
Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus’ coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah reveals that the Light of the world was awaited king that we celebrate on December 25.

In Need of Prayer:

Flu Precautions
During the cold and flu season, we ask that you refrain from shaking hands, and drinking from the Communion cup if you are not feeling well.

Women’s Club– Jan. 14
All ladies of the parish are warmly invited to attend the first Women’s Club meeting of the year. Please join us on Tues., Jan., 14th, at 11:30 am in the hall for a pot-luck salad bar lunch. Please use the sign-up sheet near the church entrance.

Parish Offerings
Christmas: $4,085.00
Plate Collection (Dec. 28-29): $2,245.00
Charitable Giving: $45.00

God Bless You for Your Support!

Homebound Parishioners, Are You Interested in Receiving the Eucharist?
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
(Jan. 4-10)
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+Bob Chinmook
Fely Platou
Sun., 9:00 am - Int. Yolanda Grijalva-Zazuet
+Joe Zenk
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Mon., 6:00 pm - Peole of the Parish
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Our Poinsettia Waterers

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Scripture Study
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Men’s Club
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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
(1774-1821) January 4
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