

Dear Padre,

A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

JANUARY 10

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE
LORD
JANUARY 3, 2021**

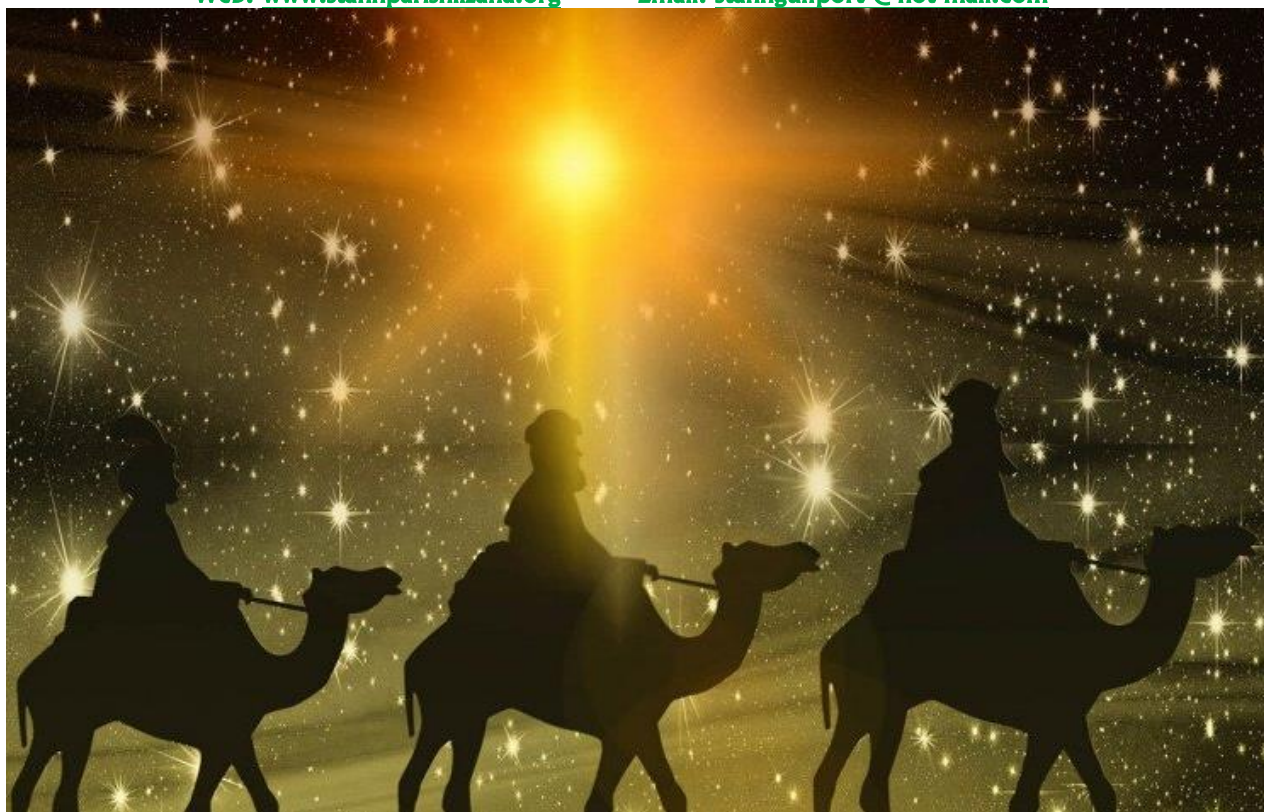


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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Jan 2nd Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Jan 3rd Sunday 9 am Parish

Jan 3rd 6:00 pm Int Donor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

Mon 8am Int Donor

Wed 6pm Int Donor

Thurs 8am Int Donor

Fri 8 am Int Donor

Jan 9th Sat 4 pm Int Donor

Jan 10th Sunday 9 am Parish

Jan 10th 6:00 pm Int Donor

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Parish family

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Do You See What I See?

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the

established homeowner, and the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Reflection: *How open are you to new thinking? God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?*

With prayers and blessings
Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 29,

Identifiable: 1,187.00; Loose: \$80.00 Total: \$1,267.00; ACH: \$.5.00. **Christ mass: 1157.00**

OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable \$55.00 Loose: \$114.00 Total: \$169.00.

Christmas: 275.00

RCIA: Thursday at 6pm. Any Question Please contact Sherrie Demello.

Updating Envelopes: I plan to update the weekly envelope numbers. Anyone who wants envelopes for 2021, please meet Fr. David to get them. Thanks

Search Retreat: Jan 9, 2021, St. Mary Gautier. If anyone would like to go, let me know.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office

Bereavement Committee: Please contact Sharon Leimer at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Jan 2 nd 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun Jan 3 rd OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Jan 3 rd 9 am	John Davis	Page and Samantha	William and Demelo
Sun Jan 3 rd 6pm	Judith Martinez		Richard Dunlop
Sat Jan 9 th 4pm	Mike West		Mike West
Sun Jan 10 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Jan 10 th 9 am	Eddie Duran		William and Demelo
Jan 10 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuevas		Jodi T

2021 The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish:

from February on we will have adoration on first Friday from 8:30am to 12pm and 5pm to 9pm. Come and spend an hour with Jesus. There should be one or more in each hour. Please sign up on the sheet.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive information. One's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic pre-nuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

Lizana Light: Every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. If you know someone needs food, please refer them.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill
 Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby

Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaize, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran , Robin Shamplo.



I Wish in this New Year God gives you

- 12 Months of Happiness
- 52 weeks of Fun
- 365 Days of Success
- 8760 Hours of Good Health
- 525600 Minutes of Love
- 31536000 Seconds of Joy!

Happy New Year!

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