



January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of Our Lord– Year C

Who Knew?

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime?

In this Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too. For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate?

Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the

Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing.

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Songs for The Epiphany of Our Lord— Year C

Gathering: As With Gladness Men Of Old - 109

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

30 December 18

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES ARE NEEDED:

Altar Server, Eucharistic Ministers, and Choir. Please contact Isaac Gusman and Mary Gusman for details. Volunteers please don't forget to log your volunteer hours to the chapel you can do this at the website or at the Log book located in front of the Chapel's Office.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! Time to record your 2018 hours in VMIS!! Either enter the hours directly, or contact Howard James, Chapel Volunteer POC (301-619-3860; hjames@ncmi,detrick.army.mil <<mailto:hjames@ncmi,detrick.army.mil>>). Questions? Call or visit Daphnie Freeman, Fort Detrick Volunteer Coordinator, phone: 301-619-3171; daphnie.l.freeman.civ@mail.mil <<mailto:daphnie.l.freeman.civ@mail.mil>> ; Community Support Center, Bldg. 1520

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are offered at 0830 to 0900 before Sunday Mass or after Mass by request and availability of the Priest.

ROSARY GROUP: Meets every Tuesday Evening at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Rosary will also be said every Sunday after Mass in activity room #1 during the CCD season.

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION: 301-619-7611, 1-800-256-7621 and Hearing Impaired 301-619-2293 or

CCD REGISTRATION: The Registration for this coming CCD Year is ongoing. Please get registration forms at the entrance table or get with Mary Gusman for more information.

COUNCIL MEETING: The next Council meeting will be on 13 January 2019 at 12:00 PM. All are invited to participate.

SCHEDULE

Date	Priest	Greeters	Altar Servers	EM	Lector	Children Liturgy
6 January 19 0915	Father Donohoo	Jones Family	Joseph M. Faith M.	R. Casillas M. Gusman	J. Muniz	
13 January 19 0915	Msgr Cummings	Bedard Family	Jayden H. Jared H.	L. Muniz J. Kelly R. Debes	L. Cazares	
20 January 19 0915	Msgr Cummings	Corpuz Family	Joseph M. Faith M.	I. Gusman R. Casillas V. Bonilla	M. Stubbs	
27 January 19 0915	Msgr Cummings	Kuhens Family	Jayden H. Jared H.	L. Muniz K. Bedard	L. Debes	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

Sunday, 30 December 2018 \$494.50
Attendance 50

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS FOR FY19:

The following are the Regular Designated Offerings for FY19 for the Archdiocese for The Military Services and The Mustard Seed:

7 OCT 2018 – AMS – Done
20 JAN 2019 – AMS
17 MAR 2019 – MUSTARD SEED
21 APR 2019 - AMS
21 JUL 2019 - AMS

You also have the choice of contributing to the Regular Collection or to both. Now during collection time there will be two marked plates one for Designated Offerings and one for Regular Offerings during the time for designated offerings.

The Lectors will announce this before Mass starts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

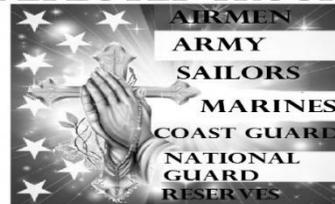
Howard & Debra James – Prayer – Travel mercies over holidays. Prayer – comfort deployed service members and their families

Debra James – Praise – safe travels & cherished family time in California. Praise – Darren James now waling after hip surgery. Prayer – Good fit of Caregiver (Helen) with my parents; continued safety for my parents (Sam & Pauline Lee)

PRAYER FOR SICK IN THE COMMUNITY

Helen Lauritano Isaac Gusman

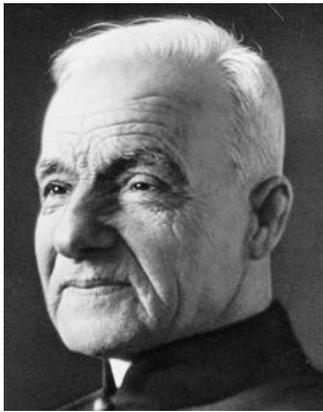
PRAY FOR OUR DEPLOYED TROOPS



SAINT OF THE DAY

Feast: **6 JANUARY**

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE



Saint André Bessette was orphaned at 12, and eventually worked in the United States during the Civil War. At 25, he became a Brother of the Holy Cross. Having a deep devotion to Saint Joseph from childhood, Saint André built the Oratory on Mount Royal in his honor. Although sickly most of his life, Saint André lived to be 92.

The pastor of his parish, the Rev. André Provençal, noticed the devotion and generosity of the young man. He decided to present Alfred to the Congregation of Holy Cross in Montreal, writing a note to the superior, "I'm sending you a saint." Although he was initially rejected by the order because of frail health, Archbishop Ignace Bourget of Montreal intervened on his behalf, and in 1872, Alfred was accepted, and entered the novitiate of the congregation, receiving the religious name of Brother André, by which he was known for the rest of his life. He made his final vows on February 2, 1874, at the age of 28.

André was given the task of porter at Notre Dame College in Côte-des-Neiges, Quebec, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said. His great confidence in Saint Joseph inspired him to recommend the saint's devotion to all those who were afflicted. On his many visits to the sick in their homes, he would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel and recommend them in prayer to Saint Joseph.^[6] People claimed that they had been cured through the prayers of the good Brother and Saint Joseph, and they were grateful their prayers had been heard. Brother André steadfastly refused to take any credit for these cures. Bessette's desire to see Saint

Joseph honoured led him in 1904 to launch a campaign to build a chapel for that purpose.^[5]

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year. Stained Glass window with Andre Bessette at the University of Notre Dame

As tensions increased at the College with so many of the sick coming to see the porter, the school officials decided that Brother André could no longer continue with his ministry. He was permitted to receive the sick in the nearby tramway station rather than the College. As his reputation spread, Brother André became quite a controversial figure. There were many religious in the Congregation of Holy Cross, teachers and parents of students at the College who supported him but many others opposed him and even considered him dangerous to the well-being of the school's reputation because they regarded him as a charlatan. Others were concerned for the good health of the children, fearing the possibility of contagion in the school spread from diseases carried by the sick who frequented Brother André.

In 1924 construction of a basilica named Saint Joseph's Oratory began on the side of the mountain, near Bessette's chapel.

On December 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated a decree recognizing a second miracle at Blessed André's intercession,^[14] and on October 17, 2010, formally declared sainthood for him. Blessed Brother André was the first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the same religious order that founded the University of Notre Dame

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Lord our God,
friend of the lowly,
who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette,
a great devotion to Saint Joseph
and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted,
help us through his intercession
to follow his example of prayer and love
and so come to share with him in your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Bringing Home the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

Our Undeserved Inheritance

By Janel Esker

Several years ago, our family's longtime neighbor died. She had no children. My mom had helped her in her later years, so we weren't surprised when she received some money from the estate. What was shocking was that a check arrived at my house as well. I hadn't done anything to deserve this money. I had always been polite and kind to our neighbor and had visited her sometimes, but I was amazed at her generosity. Without knowing it, I had become an heir to this lovely woman.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Matthew 2:1-12

On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, we celebrate our own unexpected inheritance—the quite undeserved gift of Jesus. Saint Paul writes that the Gentiles are “coheirs” to this great gift, but what have we done to deserve such grace? Our culture tells us how much we “deserve” (clothes and so on). But from the simplest of places—the tiniest of towns, this little hamlet of Bethlehem—comes a gift we could never do enough to deserve. The Magi recognized this; they prostrated themselves in homage and were changed by their encounter with Jesus. They went home “by another way,” not just physically but spiritually.

As the Christmas season winds down and the long-awaited gifts are unwrapped and put away, maybe we can look at the gift of Jesus with Epiphany eyes. May we welcome Jesus today like an unexpected inheritance check—with delighted hearts, humble spirits, and grateful souls. +

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this hamlet of Bethlehem,
comes a gift we could never
do enough to deserve.*

A Word from Pope Francis

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly....They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, who works in all people.

—Homily, Epiphany
of the Lord,
January 6, 2016



REFLECTION
QUESTIONS

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- What are some of the undeserved gifts that God has given to me?
- Do I remember to thank God for the gift of his Son, and do I share Jesus' good news with others?



Called to Be Peacemakers

By Kathy Coffey

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matthew 5:9).

Forging peace is an arduous job that takes time. As we know from family squabbles, genuine peacemaking doesn't simply gloss over differences. If those aren't addressed, they will surface again like dandelions on a lawn. Instead, peacemaking explores areas of disagreement and seeks common ground.

We who prefer a quick fix may discover that creating peace is a slow process that some compare to the building of medieval cathedrals. Chartres or Notre Dame took about 400 years, sixteen generations in medieval lifespans. Those who laid the foundations never expected to see the final arches. Yet they knew their children and grandchildren would continue their work. In the same way, peacemakers know they may never see the outcome, but they encourage the next generations to seize the baton.

So we look over the centuries to Jesus our model. He came into a country brutally ruled by Caesar, a world that worshiped the power of the sword. Boldly, he offered two different kinds of power. He told the oppressed they are God's children who will inherit the kingdom. To those who can bring about change, he proposed a way of living that would make them happier than privilege ever had.

He asked them to do what they could for overpowering need, as he did—not run away, as we might be tempted. He suggested they spend time figuring out what was bothering the difficult child—not just ignore him. He wanted them to listen through the family conflict—not turn away because it's so draining. He told them to look at unrest and try to discover the underlying neglect or injustice.

Splendid Balance

Jesus didn't just talk peacemaking; he lived it. He began by making peace with himself. Jesus had the internal tensions we all have. When he wanted to preach, people demanded healing. When he wanted solitude, Peter and his companions interrupted. When he sought time apart with his disciples, the crowds surrounded him.

Yet he never exploded in rage. Despite the turmoil surging around him, he left a legacy of peace. Jesus forged within himself a splendid balance between meeting his own needs and relativizing them for God's work. He took time for prayer. But he could also be so moved by the crowds that he set aside his original intent in order to teach and feed them. While criticizing the Pharisees, he also guided Nicodemus, a member of that group.

Jesus teaches: If you want world peace, begin with yourself. We resist people who attempt leadership but carry loaded guns in their hearts. We respect people who name their grievance, then forget it. If we're honest, we admit we should quit carrying angry burdens best abandoned in high school. We also know that the more time we spend quieting ourselves in prayer, the less we're inclined to furious outbursts.

Step by Step

One step toward making peace might be to find examples that we can admire: skipping the perfect opportunity for a put-down; attempting to understand another person's values; finding ways to resolve conflict without guns; becoming more educated about our "enemies"; voting for candidates who seek alternatives to military solutions.

The way Jesus proposes is no easier than it was in the Roman world. Power and prestige are still enshrined; might is still revered today. We spend billions on destructive weapons. Yet Jesus offers an alternative: a way of living that will make us happy now and ultimately. Beneath the sometimes-weary exterior of the peacemaker, he points to the gleam of God's child. +



Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God.

Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace, and love within myself and others.

—From *Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*,

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

January 7-12

Monday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 3:22—4:6 / Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 4:7–10 / Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 4:11–18 / Mk 6:45–52

Thursday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 4:19—5:4 / Lk 4:14–22a

Friday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 5:5–13 / Lk 5:12–16

Saturday, Christmas Weekday:
1 Jn 5:14–21 / Jn 3:22–30

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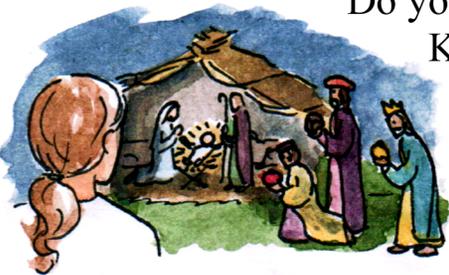
Finding Baby Jesus

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. On this feast we remember when the wise men came from the East and worshipped baby Jesus.



The wise men wanted to find the great King and give Him their best gifts. They studied long and finally knew where He was. Then they had to travel a great distance to find the baby King. When they found Him they knelt before Him and gave Him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which were all costly treasures.

Do you want to find the greatest King? You know Who He is! You don't have to travel far to find Him- He comes in every Mass!



Do you want to give your

best gift to the baby King Who loves you so much? You don't need to give Him gold or frankincense or myrrh. You can give Him your heart! Love Jesus and He will always be with you!



Answers to the Wise Men Puzzle:
Top: 3, 6. Middle: 5, 1. Bottom: 2, 4.

The Kids' Bulletin

Epiphany
Sunday January 6th, 2019



Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany is a special part of the Christmas season. What's it all about? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint André Bessette

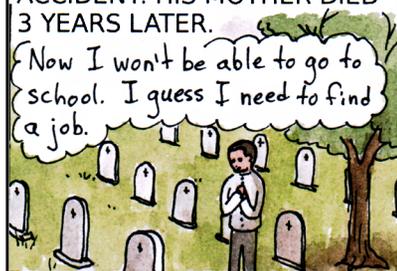
January 7*

ALFRED BESSETTE WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN 1845. HE WAS SO SICKLY WHEN HE WAS BORN THAT HIS PARENTS BAPTIZED HIM RIGHT AWAY.



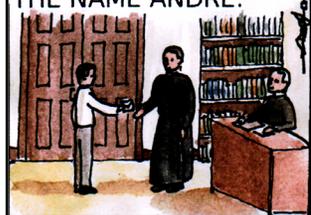
I baptize you in the name of the Father...

WHEN ALFRED WAS 9 HIS FATHER DIED IN A LOGGING ACCIDENT. HIS MOTHER DIED 3 YEARS LATER.



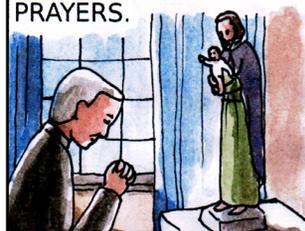
Now I won't be able to go to school. I guess I need to find a job.

ALFRED WAS ALWAYS SICKLY. AFTER TRYING MANY JOBS HE BECAME A RELIGIOUS AND TOOK THE NAME ANDRÉ.




BECAUSE HE WASN'T EDUCATED, HIS JOB WAS ANSWERING THE COLLEGE DOOR.

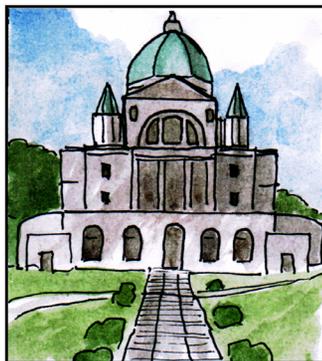
BR. ANDRÉ HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH. MANY PEOPLE WERE CURED BY HIS PRAYERS.



THOUSANDS CAME TO TALK TO HIM. HE WAS VERY KIND TO THEM ALL. HE WOULD ALSO GO TO VISIT THE SICK.



Here's a St. Joseph medal!



BR. ANDRÉ GOT PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHAPEL, THE ORATORY OF ST. JOSEPH, BUILT ON THE HILL IN MONTREAL. HE DIED BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED, AT AGE 92.

SAINT ANDRÉ WAS A SIMPLE MAN WHO COULD HARDLY EVEN WRITE HIS OWN NAME. BUT HIS DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH AND LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE MADE EVERYONE LOVE AND TRUST HIM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE THAT WE CAN HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE SAINTS, ESPECIALLY ST. JOSEPH!

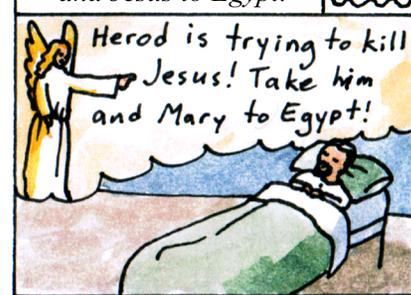
The Wise Men Puzzle

Do you know the story of the wise men who came to worship Baby Jesus?
What order do these pictures go in?
Write the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

The wise men found Jesus and worshipped Him, giving Him gifts.

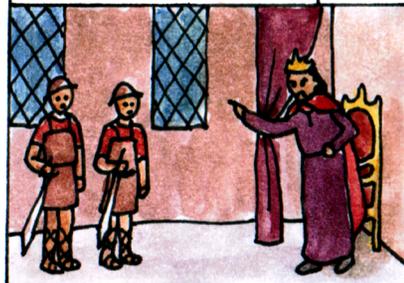


An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.



Herod is trying to kill Jesus! Take him and Mary to Egypt!

Herod sent soldiers to kill all the babies in Bethlehem!



Some wise men in the East saw a star that was a sign of something...



The Messiah must be born!

The men went to King Herod to see if he knew where the new king was.



An angel warned the wise men and told them to go home another way.



Don't go back to Herod - He wants to kill the Baby!

*His feast is January 7th in Canada, and January 6th in the U.S.