

Meditation for the fest of the Epiphany.

During advent we focused on “light” here at St. Josephs—the light of Christ in our lives and being a light in the lives of others. The gospel for the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord tells of three wise men, astrologers used to studying the stars. Imagine their excitement when they saw a shiny new star in the night sky. It must have been more brilliant than those around it to have caused such a sense of wonder in these men, so much so that they decided to follow it. Or, was it God’s light coming into their hearts directing them to a very special destination?

Their journey following that special star was no doubt long and arduous, ending at a humble stable in Bethlehem. As the star shone above that lowly place, can’t you envision their confusion and surprise as they questioned why their special light stopped there? Upon entering the stable they found the Christ child, the creator of the very star they had been following. These three faith-filled travelers were privileged to be among the first people to see the light of Christ here on earth. What a miraculous experience this must have been for them.

We each have our own star, the light of Christ guiding us throughout our lives. At times we are confused as to where we are being led and we question, as the wise men no doubt did, what God wants us to do. The journey is often difficult requiring us to have the same kind of faith possessed by the Magi those many years ago. However, if we persevere and follow Christ’s light, He will surely come into the stable of our lives and be a light shining within us for all to see.

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