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REFLECTIONS ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

by Fr. Ben Hawley, S.J.



January 8. The Solemnity of the Epiphany. The wise men. The angry king. The slain babies. The flight into Egypt.

The Epiphany presents us one moment within the epic narrative of Salvation History. Each of these moments invites us to enter more deeply into the grand narrative and to appreciate more deeply our unique role in this narrative.

Let's take a closer look.

First, the Epiphany story reminds us that if we wish to be wise, we must be **seekers** after the Truth of who we are and of who God is.

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY:	8:00 AM – Chapel
	5:30 PM – Chapel
SATURDAY:	8:00 AM – Chapel
SATURDAY (VIGIL):	5:30 PM – Church
SUNDAY:	5:30 PM – Church
	7:30 AM – Church
	9:00 AM – Church, Trinity Hall, Livestream
	11:30 AM – Church
	5:30 PM – Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:30 - 5:15 PM – Church

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The Magi found Jesus because they had engaged the arduous, life-long task of discovering the Truth no matter the cost. As we engage the process, as they did, Truth reveals itself to us. So, what Truth are you seeking today?

Second, the stories remind us that **Truth** is a real thing and that our living in Truth grounds our lives in the **Truthfulness** that is the foundation of authenticity, honesty and integrity. Anyone in 12-Step Recovery will tell you that self-delusion and self-deception are enemies. Both present us a hall of mirrors that lead toward the destruction of our Selves and of those around us. Knowing the Truth and living Truthfully are the only means of salvation from that which is destructive, as it opens us to new and richer life.

Remember, all you older Catholics, that the most fundamental truth about yourselves is not that you are sinful and bad and going to Hell, but rather that you are created in God's image and moving into the freedom of God's love and peace.

Remember, all you younger Catholics, that personal choice entails acting according to discoverable moral values and that we become what we choose. The serious things of life are not just life-style choices nor unjust impositions but rather they are building blocks to authentic life.

So, how will the Epiphany story inspire your choices today?

Third, the story reminds us that the source of Truth is **Jesus, the divine one who comes to us in human dress**. He is the object of our search. He is worth all our personal treasure. In giving him our treasure, he gives his treasure: a life of meaning and significance, lived in truthfulness and authenticity in relationships. And what he gives us—divine love and affirmation—he asks us to share, while giving him the glory. What are you asking of him today?



Fourth, the story reminds us that Jesus the divine truth-speaker and divine love-giver was born in the morass of **human sin**, the ego-driven destructiveness of Herod and his elite. So are we, and the capacity for violence exists in each one of us. We must choose each day to know the Truth, to hold our tendency to violence in check, and to allow it to be transmuted by God's love inside us into righteous, productive, outward-looking indignation that strives for justice and truth.

The close-at-hand, threatening presence of disorder and violence reminds us that we need God as a fundamental reality, God's protection and God's peace. Oddly enough, desperation is a wonderful motivator for prayer. So, better not to miss a single day, a single moment of prayer grounded in love and hope. Remember too: prayer isn't a thing; it is a mode of relationship.

This desperation is a far cry from the charming, candle-lit Victorian Christmas of cards and gifts. But that is where the story takes us: to truth and hope that the Child represents and offers. This is His revelation to the world. That is what Epiphany means. He is His gift to us, and through this gift He offers us a full life and hope for the world. How will you choose today?



JOIN THE HOLY TRINITY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve your parish community in 2023? We invite you to join us for an interest meeting to kick off the new year! For details, email Isabelle Rohr, Director of Communications, at irohr@trinity.org.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION SESSION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 | 12:30pm, Chapel

Please join Father Kevin and former Holy Land pilgrims for an information session to learn more about the upcoming Holy Land Pilgrimage led by Father Brendan Lally, S.J. This year the pilgrimage will take place from June 14 - 24, 2023, and will include visits to Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, and The Dead Sea. In his various Jesuit ministries, Father Lally has led more than 35 pilgrimages, three of which included HT parishioners.

Please visit pilgrimages.com/frlally/june/ to learn more. You can also contact Father Lally directly with questions at blally@sju.edu. Space will be limited to 25.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us for a presentation on ecumenism by Fr. Bill O'Neill, S.J. Sunday, January 22, 10:15 am in Trinity Hall.

Opportunities to Serve:

So Others Might Eat

Last October, our SOME team transitioned to breakfast kits and casseroles. Due to the success of this new model—thank you!—we will continue through March. Collection dates:

January 22 • February 26 • March 26

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SOME2023>

Saturday Suppers in 2023

Saturday Suppers will be offered inside the parish hall at Mt Zion beginning in January 2023. Pastor Selena has relaxed the COVID precautions to allow our guests to sit at tables and be served hot food. This was the traditional form of service before the pandemic hit us. We shall now end the preparation of sandwiches and focus on preparing hot food.

The Sign Up Genius (SUG) will suggest dishes and the quantity needed. We shall begin this service on January 7. Volunteers are asked to continue wearing a mask, but our guests will take off their masks to eat and drink. For those anxious about virus transmission, we understand your reason for dropping off your dish, but not staying to serve.

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ssjan2023#/>

Environmentally, we shall now offer water, lemonade and iced tea in cups from pitchers. We shall end the offer of water and gatorade in plastic bottles. Our intent is to reduce significantly our use of plastic. This also includes the plastic grocery bags currently offered to each of our guests. Questions? Contact Diana Negropontne at negropod@gmail.com.

Cupcakes for Christ House

We will continue to provide monthly birthday cupcakes for the guests at Christ House. Christ House provides comprehensive and compassionate health care to sick, homeless men in the District of Columbia. If you love to bake, consider signing up to bring some birthday joy in 2023!

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

February 4: Twelfth Night Party

February 21: Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner to Benefit the Weekend Suppers

February 26: Winter New Parishioner Orientation

March 17: St Patrick's Day Potluck Party



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Meetings begin in 2023! Sign up at trinity.org/youth under Programs & Events to receive updates.

ABIDING IN GOD'S LOVE:

An Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

JANUARY 22-28, 2023

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 8, 2023

Join us in praying in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, engaging the intellect, feelings, and imagination. During the retreat, you will be invited to reflect on the Mystery of God's love spilling over into creation; become aware of God's comforting presence in your life; listen to God's call to you to be a receiver and giver of Divine Love; and become God's friend. Register: trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/gods-abiding-love-retreat. Questions? Contact moshea@trinity.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING MEETINGS

Youth Meeting

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 10:15 - 11:15 AM, Parish Center Library

Notre Dame Vision Info Session

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 | 10:15 AM, Neale Room

Notre Dame Vision Info Session

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 | 7:30 PM, Zoom

Holy Trinity Youth Ministry
Information Sessions
ND Vision for Rising 9th-Freshman in College

Sunday, Jan. 15, 10:15am, Neale Room
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7:30pm, Zoom

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HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

Come tour our campus with a student and parent tour guide and learn more about our wonderful program, and warm and welcoming community! Register at htsdc.org/visit. Apply through January 27, 2023, at htsdc.org/how-to-apply/.

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love, and transform lives. Join today!





A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO CARE FOR CREATION

The Pope's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. He challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature. Pope Francis reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, is recognized as a precious gift from God to be revered by all.

The Holy Father invites us to become aware and reflect deeply on the unsustainable environmental degradation around us and its consequences. Francis extends an "urgent challenge to protect our common home... to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change." The Pope asks us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, strive for greater simplicity and to focus less on material things.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?

Members of the Green Team presented an action plan for 2023 to the PPC at the December Meeting. Proposed actions include becoming a zero waste parish (composting/eliminating single use plastics) and advocacy. The Green Team is also planning for our 2nd Annual Green Fair on April 23. If you are interested in being a part of these efforts, please email aklick@trinity.org. All ages welcome!

TITHE LARGE GRANT FOCUS 2023

2022-23 marks the 39th year that Holy Trinity Catholic Church has set aside a percentage of its income to address social justice concerns within the Archdiocese of the District of Columbia and beyond. The Tithe Program seeks to address root causes of social justice issues across the DMV. We accomplish this in collaboration with members of the parish through prayer and discernment and by giving our time, talents and resources to vulnerable communities.

In 2014, Holy Trinity Catholic Church began allocating a tithe portion to large social justice grants focusing on a priority theme identified each year. These grants have supported social justice work by addressing issues systemically or by making investments to help sustain service and advocacy-oriented work.

The priority theme for 2023 is Women on the Margins. We are primarily interested in dynamic programs or projects that improve the health and well-being of women, specifically psycho-social health. The RFP is available on our website or you may email aklick@trinity.org for more information. Submissions for both the large grant and small grant programs are due March 3.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 9, 2023

Monday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Preston Pierce+
Tuesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Christopher Carroll+
Wednesday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Margaret James+
Thursday	8:00am	Charles Gill+
	6:30pm	Ferne H. Alderfer+
Friday	8:00am	
	5:30pm	Joseph P. Hickey+
Saturday	8:00am	Bill Plante+

Daily Readings

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Matthew 3:13-17

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Hebrews 2:5-12 | Mark 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Hebrews 2:14-18 | Mark 1:29-39

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Hebrews 3:7-14 | Mark 1:40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 | Mark 2:1-12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Hebrews 4:12-16 | Mark 2:13-17



Epiphany Season kicked off this week when we remember the visitation of the Wise Men to the young Jesus. In their coming, Jesus was revealed to be the Son of God. "Epiphany" means "revelation" or "manifestation" and during this season we celebrate the many ways in which Jesus was and continues to be revealed as The Son of God.

The Feast of the Epiphany marks the final day of our 2023 Pledge Drive. Those who Pledge make it possible for our parish to plan and to pay for the ways in which we witness Jesus as the Son of God, in our neighborhood, in DC and throughout our region, and in many nations around the world! Thank you to those whose pledges help us manifest Jesus as Savior! Your pledges are a Star of Revelation pointing to God's love.

If you have not yet had a chance to pledge for 2023, we pray you'll join the hundreds who have made this intention to support Jesus' work among and through us. Shine your light at trinity.org > Give > Pledge, or by scanning the QR code, or by emailing Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship, at RSchuler@trinity.org. Questions? Call Rock at 301-455-5437.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and faith formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. Those who want to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic are welcome to come to the inquiry meetings held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please contact Anne Koester at akoester@trinity.org or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at akaufmann@trinity.org or (202) 903-2832 for more information.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. Our lay-led ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. More information and upcoming meetings can be found at www.trinity.org/lgbtqia or by emailing LGBTQIA@trinity.org.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission. Contact President Jennifer Dorsey at ppcpresident@trinity.org and Vice President Gail Louis at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

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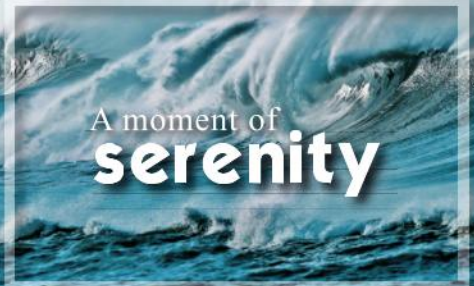
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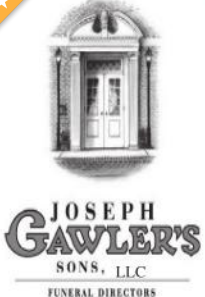
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