

Today, we celebrate the feast of “The Epiphany of the Lord,” The word “Epiphany” means *'revelation,'* or *'manifestation.'* So “The Epiphany of the Lord” means manifestation of Jesus Christ to the entire world as the Savior of the world and King of all kings. Christmas is all about God coming to us to seek us out, then Epiphany is all about our seeking out the God who has come among us. So the feast is based on the visit of the wise Men Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, who searched for Jesus to worship Him . Their presentation of gold, incense, and myrrh are not just gift but it's a total surrendering of the Magi to Jesus, the symbol of their faith, prayer, sacrifice and their humility before God. These three things reveals that the magi accepted Jesus as the King of kings, the eternal Priest and who had to sacrifice His life for the human salvation. The wise men came with the treasures of earth in their hands and left with the treasures of heaven in their hearts. The three wise men were kings and the representatives of the gentile nations. It shows that Jesus is the king of all kings and there are no barriers of religion, race, and ethnicity to search for God. Jesus came to all of us without any distinction. He wants every one of us to be saved. We are all sons and daughters of the one God. Nothing can separate anyone from others in the human family.

The wise men made a long journey, seeking the Savior of the world. Their journey was really a symbol of the inward journey they made in their hearts, a journey of their faith, a journey from paganism to belief in Jesus as the Savior of the world. In spite of many difficulties they had to face on their journey, they were not discouraged but persevered in their attempt to meet Jesus. They teach us great wisdom i.e. to seek God in our lives with a sincere faith and perseverance even when we meet difficulties and problems. Indeed, it is not just the Wise men but all of us are on a journey towards Jesus our Savior. Faith is indeed a long journey, a life-long one. Most of us miss the way to reach our destination because of choosing the wrong direction or stop to proceed because of lack of fuel or problems in vehicle, the lack of perseverance in faith and trust in God, As the wise men were guided by the star we need the grace of God, the help of someone, the road signs and GPS to guide us to walk in the right way to reach God.

God who revealed Himself to many people starting from Abraham in Old testament and Magi and St. Paul in New testament also reveals to us every day. God reveals Himself to people in their difficulty, in their needs as He revealed to the people of Israel in their suffering and needs in Egypt and in the desert. God still reveals to us every day through different incidents, in the Word of God, in the sacraments, in prayer and different people who we meet, especially the poor, needy, sick and suffering. God reveals Himself to people who seek Him with sincere heart. The wise men searched for Jesus. Whom do we search in our lives ? Where are we journeying towards ? More than we seek for money, power and pleasure, we should seek God with humility. As the light of the star guided the kings to Jesus, the king of kings, God gives us the light in the scripture to shine in our life as the light of peace, joy, hope and love. Like the magi, let us give our love, fidelity, perseverance and sincerity to Jesus. Let us offer Him our prayer and our human weaknesses too. Let us search Jesus , see Him and with humility submit ourselves to Him. After finding the child Jesus, the Magi went home by another route, carrying with them the treasures of heaven in their hearts. We have come to meet Jesus on the altar, where Jesus is born every time in the Eucharist. We also need to change the route, change our way of life and live a new life, a life of real faith, hope, love, joy and peace. Let us seek the lord in the word of God, in the Eucharist, in our prayer, in the poor and needy, in our family , in the true relationship with others and in our humble service to others. Amen.

