

## Dear Padre,

*I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?*

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



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## Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 4, 2026

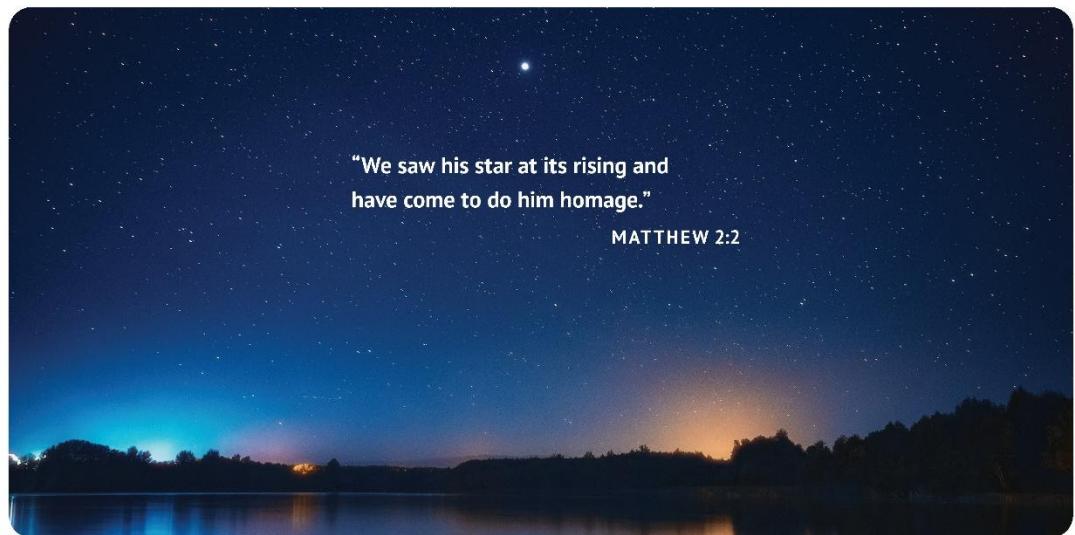
**The Epiphany of the Lord (A)**

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



**"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."**

MATTHEW 2:2



## Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

**"W**e saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●

### Reflect

**How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?**



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**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm availability. Also by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, [at least one month](#) prior to desired date.

**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor [at least six months](#) prior to desired date.

**Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will**  
THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00  
12/24/25: \$2,055.00 12/28/25: \$925.00  
Building Fund Donations: \$600.00

**ON-LINE DONATIONS** can be an easy and inexpensive way to routinely support St. Genevieve. Go to [methowcatholic.org](http://methowcatholic.org) and look for the little blue stick man. Questions? Call Nancy at 253-370-0798.

**CAFFEINE & CALORIES:**  
The weekly social hour continues, after Mass



Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.

## **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet food is especially needed in the winter. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.

## **Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Jan 04 @ 11:00 am, Epiphany of the Lord,**  
**Rosary @ 10:20 am**

**Wednesday, Jan 7 @ 9:30 am, Rosary 9:00 am**

**Sunday, Jan 11 @ 11:00 am, Baptism of the Lord,**  
**Rosary @ 10:20 am**



## **Liturgy of the Word**

**Isaiah 60:1–6** The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

**Psalm 72** “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

**Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6** The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

**Matthew 2:1–12** The magi come with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**Jesus, the light of the world**, draws foreigners from all over the earth to bring gifts and proclaim their reverence. Isaiah foresees the light from Jerusalem attracting people from faraway lands, bringing gifts and praising the LORD. Paul himself travels to distant regions, preaching the message that Jesus came to Jews and Gentiles alike. The magi come from the east to pay homage and offer treasures to the newborn king. As God’s word is proclaimed, may we show our reverence.

**Question of the Week:** What will I do this week to manifest the presence of Christ in me to others?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## **ADORATION**

Following First Friday Mass and Benediction, there will be Adoration of the Lord until 12:00 p.m. Come and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for a few minutes or an hour or more. Of course, you can always come into the church and adore the Lord present in the Tabernacle whenever it is convenient for you.



Adoration of the Magi  
by Bartolome Esteban Murillo



*“ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS DAWNED UPON YOU.”*  
-ISAIAH 60:1



## **PRAY**

**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

Wannita Knox  
Malachi Knox  
Jeff Springer  
Hal Groat  
Ana Cotner  
John Spannuth  
Joseph Carbajal  
Mark Crum  
Roland Cruz  
Duncan Bronson  
Jim Perra  
Brooke Stendera  
Lupe Garcia  
Bill Wilburn  
Sheila Kerr  
Jonathan Kessler  
Fr. Sean Thomson  
Thomson Family  
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Howard Burcham  
Terry & Barb Anderson  
Bernice Morgan



**Repose of the Soul of**