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January 6, 2013 CHURCH BULLETIN - 1/2013

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings: Is 60.1-6 Eph 3.2-3, 5-6
 Mt 2.1-12

Responsorial Psalm: „Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.” (Ps. 72)

WE OFFER THE HOLY MASS FOR:

9:00 ✠ Nemes Ernő, 3.évf. (felesége és családja)
✠ Gáspár Boldizsár (fia, Gyula és családja)
✠ Magdic Mariska (Bedics Rozália és István)
11:00 az egyházközség (plébános)
Kinga születésnapja (anyukája)

Katalin nővér

Jaschkó atya

Mária Kongregáció élő és ✠ tagjai (kongreganisták)

Karitás élő és ✠ tagjai (Karitás tagjai)

élő és ✠ Szendi és Szervó családtagok (Szendi cs.)

Lengyel család élő és ✠ tagjai (Stadler Ilona és cs.)

✠ Bek Géza (Bek család)

✠ Kolozsvári János (családja)

✠ Sikler Anna (Sógor Elizabeth)

✠ Doncses F. és Fekete C. (E. Fekete és családja)

✠ Murguly János (felesége és családja)

✠ Fülöp Sándor (Anna és Steve Somlai)

✠ Fülöp Sándor (Gabriella és János)

✠ Magdic Mariska (Bedics Róbert)

Monday (7) Saint André Bessette

7:30 Blessing on Jay Sazon on his birthday
our Jesuit provincial's intention

the Holy Father's missionary intention

✠ Magdic Mariska (ifj. Bedics István & family)

Tuesday (8) Saint Raymond of Penyafort

7:30 ✠ Fr. Máté, on his birthday (Piri)

7 PM Cursillo

Wednesday (9)

7:30 the conversion of atheists and non believers

7 PM a magyar politikai élet megtisztulása

Thursday (10)

7:30 the conversion of sinners

the Holy Father's general intention

Friday (11)

7:30 our benefactors (the Jesuits)

Saturday (12) Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

7:30 Etelka and Pál

Baptism: Ivory Colin, Rédly Gyula,
Sztójka Kevin, Zsidai Landon

Marriage: Magyaródy Nóra & Meret Aleksander

Funeral: Magdic Mária (77)

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for January

General: That in this **Year of Faith** Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of faith in him.

Missionary: That the Christian communities of the **Middle East**, often discriminated against, may receive from the Holy Spirit the strength of fidelity and perseverance.

EVENTS

January 12 Hungarian School, Scouts, and First Communion classes restart ❖ Mass of the Roma Hungarians at 3:30 **13** Lángos sale **20** Sit-down or take-out lunch of the Catholic Men's League, everyone is invited ❖ 44th Ecumenical Prayer Service of the Hungarian Christian churches of Toronto at 8 Robert St at 3 PM **26** Scouts' Dinner and Dance **February 3** First Communion at the 11 AM Mass, followed by reception **6** all-day adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

❖ **New Beginnings:** For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce. Come and join us for an informative evening: Our Facilitators will be Henny DeLange MSW., RSW. and Greg Badcock MSW., RSW., The Topic: Demystifying Anger. Date: January 8, 2013, Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: 1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor. Enquiries 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

Like the Wise Men we too are called to Journey to Jesus

by Fr. Tommy Lane

If you ever visit Cologne (Köln) Cathedral in Germany you can walk around the sanctuary, and behind the main altar there is a large reliquary said to contain the bones or at least the skulls of the three wise men. "How did they get to Cologne?" you might ask. Ireland has been privileged to have been visited by the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (2001) and St. Anthony of Padua (2003) so that makes it easier for us to understand the explanation. The wise men's bones are said to have been located in Persia and then brought to Constantinople by St. Helena. St. Helena was the mother of the emperor Constantine who was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity. The bones were transferred from Constantinople to Milan in the fifth century and to Cologne in 1163. So not only did the wise men journey during the lives but even after deaths their relics went on a journey. Although Matthew does not tell us the names of the wise men, in the West they have traditionally been given the names Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Matthew does not tell us the number of wise men, he simply states that they offered three gifts.

The journey the wise made to Bethlehem was not the only journey they made. They also made a journey in their hearts from paganism to worshipping Jesus. They were not Jews; scholars tell us they were priests of an Eastern religion who consulted the stars (Zoroastrian priests). One of them may have been a king (there is speculation that one of them was Azes II of Bactria who reigned from 35 BC to 10 AD). Therefore we could say that they were followers of some kind of pagan religion. Before they set out on their journey to Bethlehem to worship Jesus they were star-readers but they went on an interior journey from reading stars to worshipping Jesus as Savior. Their old way of life as astrologers when they consulted the stars before they came to belief in Jesus, reminds us of those who look to horoscopes for guidance. Those who follow horoscopes are called to journey like the wise men from reading stars to worshipping Jesus. Horoscope readers need to ask themselves who is in charge of their life, the stars or God? Believing that the stars control our lives contradicts believing that God is in charge of our lives. Remember that the first commandment asks us not to have any strange gods. Indeed the fact that God has sometimes revealed the future to prophets or saints (*Catechism of the Catholic Church §2115*) shows that it is God and not the stars that control our destiny. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states,

"Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a

desire for power over time, history, and in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate power. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone." (§2116)

The wise men journeyed from that kind of life to worshipping Jesus as the Savior.

The wise men's journey of a thousand miles or more westwards from Persia, which could have taken three months, is really a symbol of the inward journey they made in their hearts, a journey from paganism to belief in Jesus as the Savior of the world. Indeed not just the wise men but all of us are on a journey to get closer to Jesus our Savior. Our journey may not be from reading stars and consulting horoscopes but we each are called to allow Jesus be Lord of each part of our lives, not just when it suits us. We each have a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is yet fully converted and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus' healing and redemption. Like the wise men we too are relying on the grace of God to lead us to the light of Jesus our Savior.

The wise men through the grace of God came to faith in Jesus. What about those who do not yet know that he is the Savior? What about those who have not yet made that journey to him? Can those who are not Christians get to heaven? Yes, they can. I think we can see part of the answer in the account of the wise men. By the grace of God the wise men were led to Jesus. Even though they did not know Jesus they had a desire to meet him. In their own way, with their beliefs, they lived as best they could and this eventually led them to Jesus. Vatican II says, *"Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation."* (Lumen Gentium §16)

Of course this does not mean that the Church does not have to spread the Gospel and can sit back and be lazy. The Church's mission and vocation is to help people make the journey to Jesus, to come to know that Jesus is the one Savior of the world, worth journeying towards. Jesus' last command before his ascension was to baptize all nations, so we have the duty to preach the Gospel to those who have not yet heard of Jesus. Again we remember that the wise men were not members of the Chosen People, the Jews. Yet God revealed to them that Jesus was born. This is to show us that Jesus came not just for the Chosen People, the Jews, but Jesus came to save all people, Gentiles as well as the Jews.

We pray that God may lead us like the wise men ever closer to his Son Jesus. We pray that all nations may come to know that Jesus is the one Savior, that all nations may fall prostrate before Jesus.