

YOUTH

"Young man, I say to you, arise!" Lk 7:14



VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CHURCH
YOUTH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CORNER

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Reading 1: IS 60:1-6
- Responsorial: PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
- Reading 2: EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6
- Alleluia: MT 2:2
- Gospel: MT 2:1-12

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THE EPIPHANY

At the beginning of the new year we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father, and a new baby.



One day something amazing happens. Some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

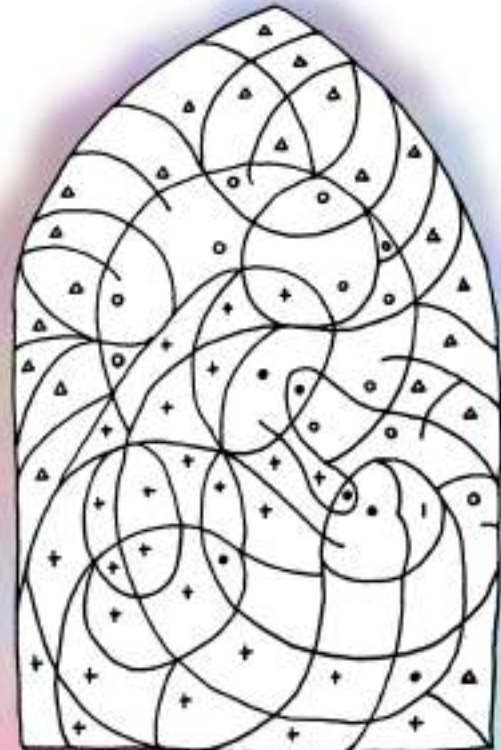
The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.



Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.false 3.true 4.true 5.true 6.true 7.false

The Kids' Bulletin

January 1, 2020: Mary the Mother of God
and Feast of the Epiphany January 5 or 6, 2020



Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?
Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:

- + Blue
- ▲ Pink
- Yellow
- ↓ Brown
- Skin colour



Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's

flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles'

search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

Saint John Neumann January 5



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SETTLING IN AMERICA. HE DID NOT LET HIS OWN POVERTY SLOW HIM DOWN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING GOD TO THE WORLD NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE WE HAVE.

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Epiphany: True or False?

How well do you know the story of the wise men?
Which of these are true and which are false?



1. Wise men came from the West to find the Baby Jesus. True or false?
2. The wise men went and asked King Caesar where the Messiah would be born. True or false?
3. The king told them to come back and tell him where the Baby was once they had found Him so that he could go and worship Him. True or false?
4. When the wise men found the Child and His mother they bowed down and gave Him gifts. True or false?
5. The gifts they gave were gold, frankincense and myrrh. True or false?

6. When they were going to go back and tell the king where the Baby was, they had a dream that told them not to. True or false?

7. The wise men went back to their land by the same road that they had come. True or false?

