

Father's Notes

January 5, 2025

Happy Epiphany to all! This weekend the church celebrates the 3 Magi who came seeking a new King. We all know the story well, especially told in the song “We Three Kings.” However, these three individuals provide a crucial lesson for believers during this Christmas season. In Advent, we heard of preparing for the Coming of Jesus and were invited to renew our waiting either at His second Coming or at the moment of death. Advent is more than a countdown until December 25th, it is a time for renewal and redirection in our walk with the Lord.

The joy of Christmas renews the truth that God comes to save His people and there is victory over suffering, sin and death. The miracle of the manger reminds us that God comes to save His people—to save YOU—out of love, and often through the most unlikely circumstances, in the darkest moments of life.

The three wisemen call us to respond to this special message. God comes to save us, but there is a part we must claim. Catholics often believe they must check certain boxes and aimlessly wait for God to arrive. However, God is not found by being stoic. God is found in the search. This does not mean God is purposely hiding, but there's something of our faith that requires effort in seeking. The path of faith moves us to action and refinement, looking for God and answers to our questions.

Where do you and I need to set out anew this 2025, in seeking the Lord? Where are we waiting, when we need to consult, pray and seek out decisions? Let us like the three kings, seek the Lord over “Field and fountain, moor and mountain” that is, for those areas of life that are inviting and challenging. May we never tire seeking our Lord, who is found with our efforts as a response to His grace and love!

God bless,
Fr. Ben