

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2023

Where is the newborn
KING
of the
JEW S?

MATTHEW 2:2



St. Mark's Catholic Church

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The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Lectionary: 18

Reading I

Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses:

“Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them:

This is how you shall bless the Israelites.

Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us;

may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;

among all nations, your salvation.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the nations be glad and exult

because you rule the peoples in equity;

the nations on the earth you guide.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the peoples praise you, O God;

may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,

and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading II

Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,

born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Alleluia

Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who

heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things,

reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had

heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he

was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 12 Noon
5PM in Spanish

Daily Masses

Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet after Daily Masses

Monday-Friday at 7:30 AM and 11 AM

Saturday 7:30 AM Only (No 11 AM Mass on Saturdays)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM and

Thursdays after the 7:30 AM and 11 AM Masses

Devotions and Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena after daily Masses on Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays after 11 AM Mass.

Benediction at 1:45 PM

1st Fridays Spanish Adoration beginning at 7 PM.

Rectory Office 732-449-6364

Bulletin	Ext. 114
Pastoral Council	Ext. 116
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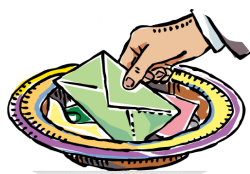
Ministries

Altar Rosary Society	732-282-1244
Bereavement Ministry	718-637-1162
CYO	732-685-6011
Music Ministry	908-415-0212
Rosary Makers	732-245-8405

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and its ministries!

We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.

January 1, 2023 Sunday Collection Total \$ 10,272.



Pray FOR THE SICK

Please Note: Names will remain on the sick list read at mass for 4 weeks and then removed unless the requester calls to remain on the list for another 4 weeks. To ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Names will remain in the bulletin until the person or family request it be removed.

Winifred Reilly, Richard Russo, Danny Suskenich, Brian Nall, Marilyn Woerner, Bob Patrignelli, Nick Costantini, Caroline Viggiano, Teresa Corcoran, Kaitlin Wason, Baby Mac Simonson, John Cinciarelli, Michael Sheridan, Erik Rofi, Jim & Andrea Trischitta, Erin Rubas, Dr. William Burns, Robert Czech, Janet Thomas, Edward Morea, Rosalie Renda, Alice Healy, Benjamin Ohlweiler, Robert MacPherson, Jake Gilbert, Bill Lesniak, Jim Bogan, Bruce Bogan, Sr., Ken Hauck.

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† Jimmy Azzollini,
† Mary Jane Lorenzo
† Charles McCauley
† Ken Farrell

May the angels lead you into paradise.



January 8, 2023

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

† This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9

7:30 AM

† Mary McCluskey by Estate

11:00 AM

† Betty Geiger by Maria & John Checton

† Patrick McCormack by Paulette McCormack and Family

Tuesday, January 10

7:30 AM

† Ken Farrell by The Longo Family

11:00 AM

Living & Deceased Members of St. Mark's Social Concerns

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 AM

† Dorothy Wright by Family

11:00 AM

† Jim Kemper by Saint Mark's Parish Family

Thursday, January 12

7:30 AM

† Catherine Donatelli by Family

11:00 AM

† Sr. Jean McLoughlin S.S.N.D by Peggy Hardiman
Susan Wright by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr.

Friday, January 13

7:30 AM

† Souls in Purgatory by Geri Zalom

11:00 AM

† Michael Gabler by Marilyn and Bob Healey
† Eileen M. Walker by Family

Saturday, January 14

7:30 AM

Michael Sheridan by Friends

4:30 PM

† Jean Schaefer by Raymond and Patricia Schaefer
† Nancy Beyer by Kathy and Bob Flammer

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM

† Timothy Ragan by Family
† Andy Burt by Maryann Keller & Family
† Jay Green by Donatelli Family

10:00 AM

† Rosemary Mylod by Jim and Marianne Sheridan
† Carmen Yolanda Frio by Eileen & Peter McHugh
† Kenneth Farrell by Pat & Joe Casey

12 Noon

People of the Parish

5:00 PM

† Merced Medel by Family
Lorenza Rito by Juana Zaragoza
† Edith Garcia Gutierrez by Avila- Baltazar Family



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE



**SATURDAY
02.04.23**

**DONOVAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
711 HOOPER AVE, TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753
10AM-6PM**

Advanced Registration \$25
ENDS 1/30 (TO GUARANTEE A FREE T-SHIRT REGISTER BY 1/23)

Walk-in Registration \$35



REGISTRATION & MORE INFO AT
WWW.DOTYOUTH.ORG/DYC



"The Diocesan Youth Conference is a gathering for ALL teens in the 8 - 12th grades of the Diocese of Trenton.

It is an exciting day filled with great music, powerful talks, fun service projects and more! Most importantly it is a chance to connect with other Catholics teens beyond your parish or school and grow in your faith!

Please contact Mrs. Diana Zuna for more information.
diana@stmarkseagirt.com
(732) 449-6364 ext. 105

Next Weekend's Ministry Scheule

January 14/15, 2023

	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Sunday 12 Noon
Celebrants	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn	Fr. Carlos	Msgr. Flynn
Readers	Tom Malloy	Peggy Hardiman	Joseph Stillo	Colleen Rivera
Eucharistic Ministers	Connie Duffy Maria Checton	Anna Nuzzi Pat Scatuorchio	Dolores Linqinto Eileen Sugrue	Marge Loenser Helen Hopkins
Ushers	Joe Walsh Walter Henry Anthony Granato	Bob O'Neill, Leo Hurley, Pat Ahern, Glenn Skola	Rich Siderko Jim Sheridan	Howard Flood Richard DeGroote



St. Mark's Bereavement Ministry: Our Bereavement Ministry helps those who are grieving the loss of a loved one during their most difficult times. They meet on Wednesdays at 11 AM at St. Mark's. **Please call Sue Nolan at 718-637-1162 for more information.** All are welcome!

Eucharistic Devotion



The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us on Friday's immediately after the 11 AM Mass for Adoration. Benediction begins at 1:45 PM. It will also be broadcast on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

The Social Concerns Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 10th at 1 pm** in Father Child's Hall. Please note the new time! We won't be having lunch this month but will enjoy desserts and coffee or tea. Please join us to see how you can help those in need!

Rosary Makers will meet on **Monday, January 23rd at 1pm** in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's basement). We welcome anyone interested in learning how to make rosaries, as well as our faithful rosary makers. Rosary making experts are available to show how easy and rewarding it is to make rosaries. "The Rosary is THE weapon" *Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*
Questions? Contact Maria Checton at 732-245-8405) or mgchection@gmail.com.

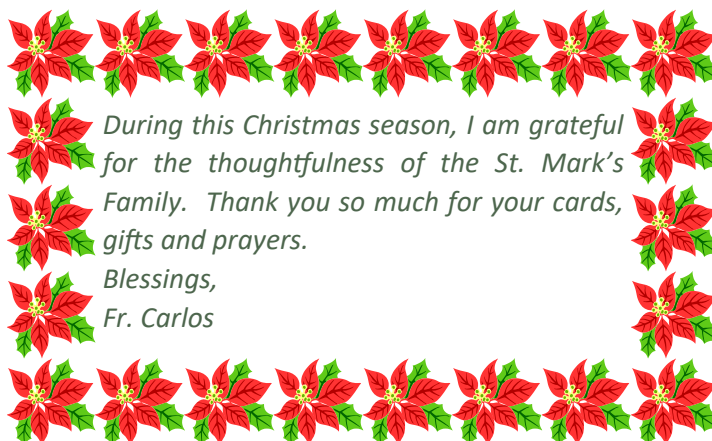
St. Marks Altar Rosary Society will be praying the **Rosary for Life on January 23rd after the 11 AM Mass** in Thanksgiving for the overturning of Roe versus Wade and for the continued defense of the unborn. **Please join us as we continue to pray for life.**



Thank you on behalf of Catholic Charities. Your support helped us reach hundreds of needy people. As we prepare to celebrate Our Savior's birth, we wish you, Msgr Flynn and all the staff and parishioners of St Mark a blessed Christmas and happy, holy, and healthy 2023.
Peace,
John Toman



While everyone is not yet able to participate in person at Masses, you can watch them online by visiting our parish website: **Saint Mark's Catholic Church – 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750 (stmarkseagirt.com)** and click on the Livestream logo or highlight the link below then right click and click open Hyperlink **St. Mark Church Streaming Player | Powered by StreamSpot.**



*During this Christmas season, I am grateful for the thoughtfulness of the St. Mark's Family. Thank you so much for your cards, gifts and prayers.
Blessings,
Fr. Carlos*

Bishop installs 12 deacon candidates into Ministry of Acolyte



Dr. Joseph Stillo, our deacon in training, (pictured second row extreme left) recently received the Right of Acolyte from Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., at St. Ann Church in Lawrenceville. Planned ordination in May of 2024.



Some Thoughts for January 2023

Well, Happy New Year, 2023! God's blessings to all. We begin a new liturgical year--year A Cycle One. On January 6th we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. I looked up the meaning of "the" Epiphany and it is a Feast Day that celebrates God becoming Incarnate in Jesus Christ. It is also a day we remember the visit of the Magi. Two years

ago I read a book written by Fr. Dwight Longenecker: *The Mystery of the Magi*. It was very interesting. Father did a lot of research and he believes the Magi, were not from as far away as earlier thought, but from the court of the Nabatean King of Petra, which was a city in southern Jordan which is a lot closer than Persia (ancient area of Iran). And get this, he reasons since they were from Arabia, they probably rode to Bethlehem on stallions, not camels! He had an epiphany! But just try to change all those Christmas cards and nativity scenes!

The 4th and 5th celebrates two great American Saints: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann. St. Elizabeth, a former Episcopalian, founded the first Catholic schools in the United States. John Neumann, also a pioneer in children's catholic education, founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. St. Elizabeth and St. John please pray for all our school systems, as parents struggle and fight for their right to have their voices heard as to the content and sway of the curriculum.

On the 26th we celebrate St. Timothy and St. Titus. St. Timothy (from the letter or epistle to Timothy from St. Paul) was from Lystra or Derbe in Asia Minor. His mother was a Jewish convert and his father was Greek. He met the Apostle Paul during his second missionary journey and became Paul's companion and missionary company along with Silas. St. Titus (from the letter to Titus from St. Paul) was also a missionary with St. Paul. The letter describes the requirements and duties of elders and bishops.

On January 23rd we will recite the Rosary for Life after the 11am mass. Please join us as we pray in union with the March for Life in D.C. Remember, "When two or three are gathered in My name...."

May our Blessed Lord Jesus, through His most Holy Mother, Mary bless you in 2023 with all the graces you can hold and with good health and joy in your heart.

Love,
Marge

Feeding the Hungry



Frozen Meals Program Resumes!

Are you looking for an easy way to help those in need? Here's one way you can make a difference. St. Mark's Social Concerns Ministry is resuming the Frozen Meals Program for the Center in Asbury Park which was discontinued due to the Covid pandemic. The Center in Asbury Park, Inc., is a volunteer-based New Jersey not-for-profit service organization, providing support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers since 1992.

The process is simple! Here's what to do:

- Pick up food trays and lids next to the kitchen refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall (St. Mark's Church basement)
- Fill the trays with generous portions of food
- Label the tray lids with the contents and date of preparation
- Return the meals to the freezer compartment of the refrigerator in Fr. Child's Hall.

Please use only the trays provided.

St Mark's volunteers will deliver the meals to The Center for distribution to their clients.

Please contact Marybeth or Joe Walsh at 732 449-5656 with any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Collecting Travel Size Toiletries

St. Mark's Social Concerns Committee is collecting travel size toiletry items (soap, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs etc.) for delivery by volunteers to those in need in the Asbury Park area. Containers are located at Church entrances. **Thank you!**



Retrouvaille and Marriage Encounter Weekend February 3 – 5, 2023

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. All inquiries are confidential. For more information, contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.



MEALS ON WHEELS
MONMOUTH COUNTY
TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.

Homebound seniors can remain comfortably at home with the dignity of independence and the security of having someone visit once a day with a nutritious meal. Also, the warm smile of one of our wonderful volunteers or caring meals-on-wheels drivers is important to them and often serves as a wellness check.

If you would like more information, please call Meals on Wheels 732-502-3277 or Barbara Anderson 848-444-3123.



Mercy Center
Empower • Enrich • Educate

UPDATE!

**Juices • Diapers and Wipes • Coffee and Tea
Condiments • Toiletries (The Dollar Tree is a great source for these).**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Spring Fundraiser In Support of Food Justice at Trinity's Saturday Soup Community Meal



When: Friday, February 3rd at 6:30pm

Where: Spring Lake Community House Theater
300 Madison Ave, Spring Lake, NJ 07762

What: The Theater donates all their seats to Food Justice at Trinity, which currently serves 40,000 meals a year, provides case workers to work with our community, and does community organizing for justice in Asbury Park. Tickets are a minimum donation of \$30, but people are welcome to donate more per ticket.

Raffle and Coffee Desert Reception: Starting at 6:30pm.

There will be a raffle of great gift certificates and food from your favorite establishments.

For Tickets contact Diana Zuna: (732) 449-6364 ext. 105

Christmas Eve Mass

Our CCD Children welcomed Jesus and shared the Christmas story through readings, reenactment, and hymns, followed by a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. A special thanks for all the parents and children for their participation.



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ST. MARK'S CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022/2021</u> Variance
<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>			
Weekly Sunday Offerings	\$624,230	\$585,532	
Holy Days	6,437	7,296	
Christmas	84,012	64,435	
Easter	35,626	33,163	
Summer Appeal	6,113	1,450	
Diocesan Assessment	36,478	17,530	
Non Diocesan Appeals	<u>46,773</u>	<u>17,192</u>	
Totals	\$839,669	\$726,598	\$ 113,071
<u>Auxiliary Income:</u>			
Votive Candles	12,378	10,439	
Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals	31,399	23,050	
Unrestricted Donations, Miscellaneous	<u>5,829</u>	<u>10,521</u>	
	\$ 49,606	\$44,010	\$ 5,596
Religious Education	<u>\$33,145</u>	<u>\$ 28,581</u>	\$ 4,564
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<u>Total Operating Income</u>	\$922,420	\$ 799,189	\$ 123,231

<u>EXPENSES:</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022/2021</u> <u>VARIANCE</u>
Salaries and Benefits:			
Pastor and Assistant Pastor	\$41,701	\$40,420	
Visiting Clergy	16,430	14,275	
Lay Salaries	327,133	307,932	
Health Insurance/Pension	<u>90,509</u>	<u>97,602</u>	
	<u>\$475,773</u>	<u>\$460,229</u>	\$15,544
Operating Expenses:			
Maintenance/Repairs	44,081	59,694	
Purchased Services/Office Expenses	43,736	52,574	
Travel/Transportation	10,678	10,130	
Liturgical	18,342	21,155	
Utilities	34,478	31,546	
Rectory Expenses	11,063	11,641	
Liability/Workers Comp Insurances	40,566	37,763	
Charitable Appeals	<u>800</u>	<u>580</u>	
	<u>\$203,744</u>	<u>\$225,083</u>	(\$21,339)
Parish Programs:			
CCD, Adult and Youth Education	17,688	19,644	
Volunteer/Gratuities/Social Events	15,369	3,740	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>11,706</u>	<u>16,645</u>	
	<u>\$ 44,763</u>	<u>\$ 40,029</u>	\$4,734
Assessments:			
Diocesan Assessment	81,820	59,106	
Non Diocesan Appeals	43,748	15,547	
School Assessments	<u>42,300</u>	<u>32,076</u>	
	<u>\$167,868</u>	<u>\$106,729</u>	\$61,139
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$892,148</u>	<u>\$832,070</u>	<u>\$60,078</u>
 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	 \$ 922,420	 \$799,189	 \$123,231
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u>\$ 892,148</u>	 <u>\$832,070</u>	 <u>\$60,078</u>
 NET OPERATING INCOME/(DEFICIT)	 <u>\$ 30,272</u>	 <u>(\$32,881)</u>	 <u>\$ 63,153</u>

I wish to thank you for your very generous financial support of the parish during this past year. Because of an increase in revenue and our continued concerted effort to control expenses, we had a slight surplus in our operating budget, for the first time in many years. I greatly appreciate your truly outstanding, ongoing support of St. Mark's.

May the Lord bless and reward you for your generosity and grant you a very blessed, happy and healthy New Year.

Msgr. Sean P. Flynn

NON-OPERATING INCOME JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Extraordinary Income:

Restricted/Unrestricted Gifts	\$74,388
Bequests	5,000
Bishop's Appeal Rebate	11,943 (Faith to Move Mountains Rebates)
Interest on Loans	14,700
Investment Interest	<u>46,319</u>
	\$152,350

Construction loan to St. Isaac Jogues Church, Marlton \$250,000. Construction loan to Church of the Assumption, New Egypt \$180,000.
Charitable Donation, Carmel Connection Foundation, \$50,000.

- Funds not included in this Report are Mass Account, Lorette Jordan Scholarship Fund, Social Concerns, Altar Rosary, Holy Name Society and Spanish Ministry.

St. Mark's Renovation Projects

Beginning Balance Renovation Fund July 1, 2021:	\$487,024.17
Additions:	41,331.00
Interest earned:	3,377.00
Disbursements (expenses):	(44,416.40)
Unrealized Losses	<u>(5,181.66)</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2021:	\$482,134.11

Renovation Projects 2021-2022

Sound system equipment
Pave and restripe driveway
New fence around garbage corral
Replaced CO2 detectors
Replaced water heater in church
Updated Rectory bathroom
Reset marble wall panels in church
New A/C Unit 2 floor Rectory

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Iglesia de "San Marcos" Apostolado Hispano

Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

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8 de enero del 2023
Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor

Primera Lectura: Is 60, 1-6.

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti. Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos; pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor y en ti se manifiesta su gloria. Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora. Levanta los ojos y mira alrededor: todos se reúnen y vienen a ti; tus hijos llegan de lejos, a tus hijas las traen en brazos. Entonces verás esto radiante de alegría; tu corazón se alegrará, y se ensanchará, cuando se vuelquen sobre ti los tesoros del mar y te traigan las riquezas de los pueblos. Te inundará una multitud de camellos y dromedarios, procedentes de Madián y de Efá. Vendrán todos los de Sabá trayendo incienso y oro y proclamando las alabanzas del Señor.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13.

Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Comunica, Señor, al rey tu juicio
y tu justicia, al que es hijo de reyes;
así tu siervo saldrá en defensa de tus pobres
y regirá a tu pueblo justamente.

Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Florecerá en sus días la justicia
y reinará la paz, era tras era.
De mar a mar se extenderá su reino
y de un extremo al otro de la tierra.

Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Los reyes de occidente y de las islas
le ofrecerán sus dones.
Ante él se postrarán todos los reyes
y todas las naciones.

Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Al débil libraré del poderoso
y ayudará al que se encuentra sin amparo;
se apiadará del desvalido y pobre
y salvará la vida al desdichado.

Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Segunda Lectura: Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6.

Hermanos: Han oído hablar de la distribución de la gracia de Dios, que se me ha confiado en favor de ustedes. Por revelación se me dio a conocer este misterio, que no había sido manifestado a los hombres en otros tiempos, pero que ha sido revelado ahora por el Espíritu a sus santos apóstoles y profetas: es decir, que por el Evangelio, también los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mt 2, 2.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente
y hemos venido a adorar al Señor.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mt 2, 1-12.

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo". Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: "En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el profeta: Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel". Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: "Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avisenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo". Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

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"entonces tu luz brillará
como el alba".
Isaías 58:8-12

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