



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate this weekend the feast of the Epiphany when the Magi brought gifts to Jesus, I want to once again thank all who sent me Christmas greetings and gave me gifts for Christmas. Also, I thank all of you who use your gifts and talents in service to our parish and thank the Lord for the gifts that all of you are.

Further on this feast, let us all seek Christ and reflect upon the mystery of Epiphany according to the observations of Pope Benedict:

"The wise men followed the star. Through the language of creation, they discovered the God of history. To be sure – the language of creation alone is not enough. Only God's word, which we encounter in sacred Scripture, was able to mark out their path definitively. Creation and Scripture, reason and faith, must come together, so as to lead us forward to the living God. There has been much discussion over what kind of star it was that the wise men were following. Some suggest a planetary constellation, or a supernova, that is to say one of those stars that is initially quite weak, in which an inner explosion releases a brilliant light for a certain time, or a comet, etc. This debate we may leave to the experts. The great star, the true supernova that leads us on, is Christ himself. He is as it were the explosion of God's love, which causes the great white light of his heart to shine upon the world. And we may add: the wise men from the East, who feature in today's Gospel, like all the saints, have themselves gradually become constellations of God that mark out the path. In all these people, being touched by God's word has, as it were, released an explosion of light, through which God's radiance shines upon our world and shows

us the path. The saints are stars of God, by whom we let ourselves be led to him for whom our whole being longs." (from homily for Epiphany 2012)

May the "explosion of God's love" that has been made known to us in Christ and the shining example of the faith of the saints throughout the centuries touch our hearts throughout this new year and always! I encourage all of us to choose a saint during this Year of Faith to read about and therefore to learn from how to find Christ and to follow Him as the Light of the World.

Have a grace-filled week.
God bless, Fr. Gutowski



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 7 THRU JAN. 13

Monday	George Erhart
Tuesday	Eileen Erhart
Wednesday	Ann Boro
Thursday	Robert Masters, Jr.
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Frances Herman
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

