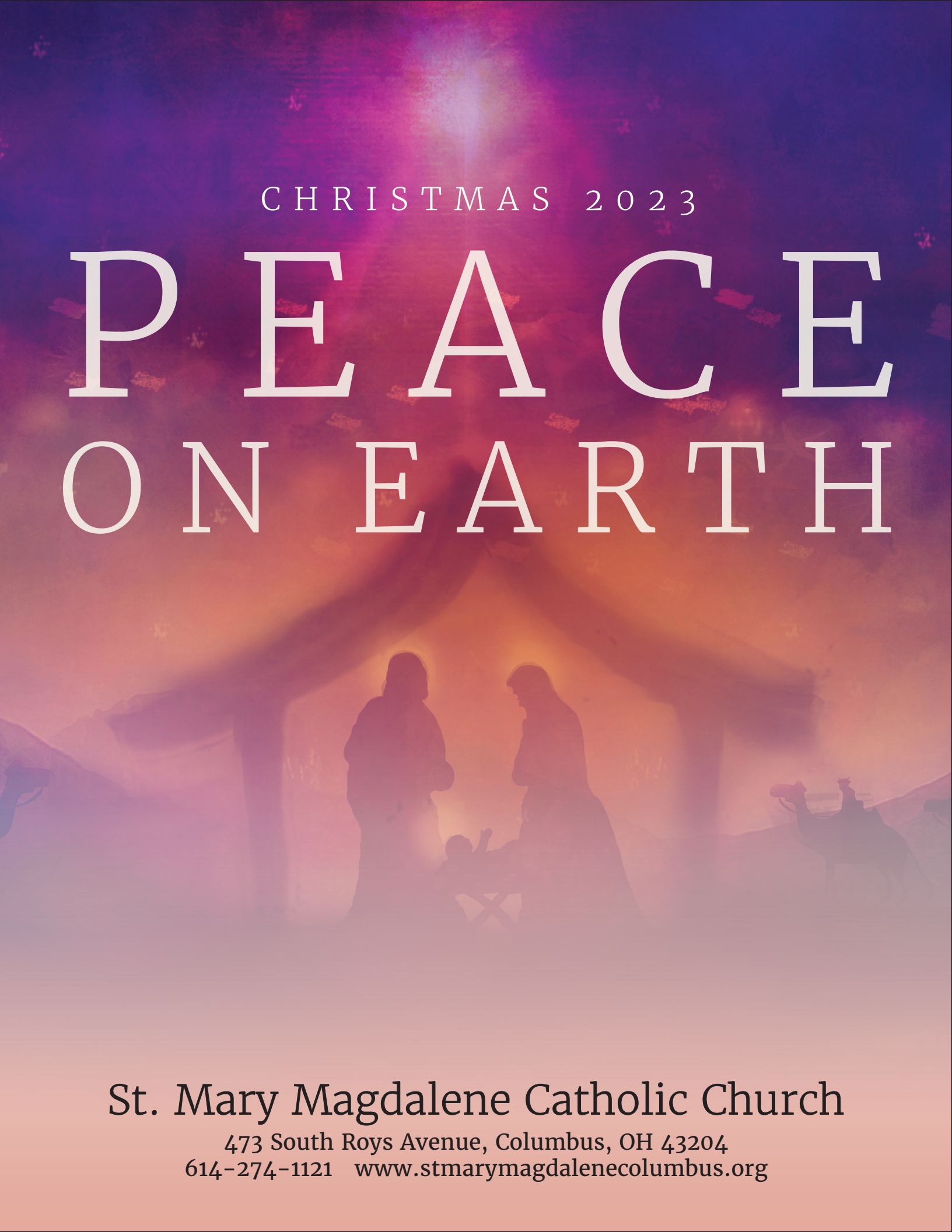


A silhouette of a nativity scene is centered in the lower half of the image. It depicts the Virgin Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, with a camel and other figures in the background. The scene is set against a warm, glowing orange and yellow light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The background of the entire image is a deep purple and blue gradient with a subtle, ethereal light effect.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**Saturday, January 13****4:00 p.m.**

Lector: S. LaBrake

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Sunday, January 14**9:00 a.m.**

Lector: A. Kaiser

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11:00 a.m.

Lector: V. White, J. Rudolph

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stmarymagdalenechurch.flocknote.com**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS****Saturday, January 6 –****Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 p.m. Jan Breedlove – Heather Breedlove

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Tom Gerlach – Pat Martindale

11:00 a.m. The Special Intentions of Carl Shroyer

5:00 p.m. The Living & Deceased Members of SMM

Monday, January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 p.m. Delores Harrison – Pat Higgins

Tuesday, January 9 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. Marion Morrison – The Rhodes Family

Thursday, January 11 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. James Mentel – Joe and Betty Regan

Friday, January 12 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. The Special Intentions of Joan Allen

Saturday, January 13 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. The Special Intention of the Priest

Saturday, January 13 –**Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Janice Holtschulte – Marilyn Durbin

Sunday, January 14 –**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Rose Capretta – Lisa Sherman

11:00 a.m. James Policaro – Connie Manno

5:00 p.m. The Living & Deceased Members of SMM

IT'S TAX TIME... All parishioners who made financial contributions during 2023 for more than \$250.00 (total) will automatically receive a tax statement. If you do not receive your copy by January 31st or have questions – contact Alice at acarrier@saintmarymagdalene.org or 614-274-1121. **For the Appeal and Faith Direct Tax Statements...** you should receive a statement directly from the Diocese or from Faith Direct.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are sponsoring a Euchre Tournament in the Church Hall on Friday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Seminarians of our Diocese. To reserve your seat, call Dick Briggs at 614-493-8988. Come join the fun! The cost is \$20.00 per person (40 person limit).

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

John 1:35-42

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE

Monday, January 8 –

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Hour with Mary –
Miraculous Medal Novena, Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary
and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- 7:00 p.m. Novena Mass followed by
Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9 –

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 6:00 p.m. PSR and RCIA

Wednesday, January 10 –

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 11 –

- 8:30 a.m. School Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Friday, January 12 –

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. K of C Euchre Tournament

Saturday, January 13 –

- 8:30 a.m. Mass



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We recall the Magi, who, drawn by the star, journeyed from distant lands to find the Newborn King of the Jews and present him with their finest gifts. We each make our own journey to the Lord, and when we come to celebrate the Eucharist we offer our finest gifts—our prayers, our lives, our future—to Him whose birth we have just marked. Let us, in turn, welcome all those who are making their journeys from near and far to worship the Lord.

It is a long-held Catholic tradition to bless one's home on (or near) the celebration of the Epiphany by using chalk to write a special inscription above the home's entrance. **This weekend, the Spiritual Life Committee has provided Blessing Kits at Mass for you to take home and participate in this tradition. There are instructions and a prayer included!**

Monday, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord**. When the Solemnity of the Epiphany is transferred to Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the following Monday. This Feast brings to an end the season of Christmas.

The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church, this feast is called *Theophany* because at the Baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The Baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the Baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's Baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism, the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His Baptism, Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism, we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism, heaven was opened to us. At His Baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism, we must pray to avoid actual sin.

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1 Corinthians 9: 7-8



DR. ALAN MOSTROM

On Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Parish at 20 E. Dominion Boulevard, Columbus will be hosting Dr. Alan Mostrom. Dr. Mostrom will present a talk as part of the parish's Eucharistic Revival Speaker Series. The talk is titled: *The Presence of God in the Soul, and the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. For more information, including bio information, please contact @Katy Wyatt at Our Lady of Peace.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

December 17, 2023 Offeratory	\$ 2,186.00
December 24, 2023 Offeratory	\$ 2,445.00
Christmas Offeratory	\$ 4,092.00
December 31, 2023 Offeratory	\$ 2,020.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,581.00
Other Income	\$ 310.00
Maintenance Repairs Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Total Income	\$ 15,634.00
Budgeted Expenses (3 weeks)	\$ 25,629.72
Net	(\$ 9,995.72)

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY-DECEMBER 2023**

Offeratory Envelopes	\$ 80,325.00
Online Giving	\$ 53,919.00
Other Income	\$ 24,266.00
Total Income	\$ 158,500.00
Budgeted Expenses	(\$ 222,124.24)
Net Income	(\$ 63,624.24)

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The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, greatly needs volunteer tutors for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners. Please contact Annette Cohn at 614-444-7330, ext. 11104 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org for more information on this rewarding opportunity or to register for our next training on Saturday, January 27th. Visit <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/>.

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**THE GRACES THAT COME WITH HAVING
A MASS SAID FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION
ARE IMMEASURABLE.**

Since the Catholic Mass is the most powerful form of prayer, it is a common practice to have it offered for a specific intention. Having a Mass said for someone is a powerful way to intercede or pray for them on their behalf. Mass Intentions can be requested on behalf of another living person – for example, the healing of someone who is sick or to commemorate a wedding anniversary. However, Mass Intentions are most commonly offered in remembrance of a person who has died.

We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones to aid them in their journeys to heaven. We pray with hope that the graces imparted by the Mass usher them further towards eternity with God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the **Eucharistic sacrifice**, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God” (CCC 1032).

The Mass unites the Church on earth to the Church in heaven. The intentions of the Mass are lifted by the Body of Christ in its entirety.

These graces are especially important for the dead, as they can no longer pray for themselves. Pope Francis said that offering the celebration of the Eucharist for the dead “is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.”

We are currently scheduling Mass Intentions for 2024. You can request a Mass by email (acarrier@saintmarymag.org), on our website (stmarymagdalenecolumbus.org) or by calling the Parish Office. The suggested stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10.00.

**ATTENTION:****ALL CATHOLIC LADIES 18+**

Knights of Columbus is seeking all ladies interested in joining a new auxiliary Chapter of the Columbiettes, to be affiliated with K of C Immaculate Heart Council 5899. Please respond directly to K of C Grand Knight Eric Finchum at eric.a.finchum@gmail.com by January 31st, 2024.

For more information on the Columbiettes – A Catholic Women’s Organization go to www.columbiettes.com.

LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN patrocinarán un Torneo Euchre en el Salón de la Iglesia el viernes 12 de enero a las 7:00 p.m. Las ganancias beneficiarán a los Seminaristas de nuestra Diócesis. Para reservar su asiento llame a Dick Briggs al 614-493-8988. ¡Únete a la diversión!

El costo es de \$20.00 por persona

LAS GRACIAS QUE SE OBTIENEN AL CELEBRAR UNA MISA POR UNA INTENCIÓN ESPECIAL SON INCONMENSURABLES.

Dado que la Misa católica es la forma más poderosa de oración, es una práctica común ofrecerla con una intención específica. Celebrar una misa por alguien es una forma poderosa de interceder u orar por esa persona en su nombre. Se pueden solicitar intenciones de misa en nombre de otra persona viva; por ejemplo, la curación de alguien que está enfermo o para conmemorar un aniversario de boda. Sin embargo, las intenciones de misa se ofrecen más comúnmente en memoria de una persona que ha fallecido.

Ofrecemos Misas por nuestros seres queridos fallecidos para ayudarlos en su viaje al cielo. Oramos con esperanza para que las gracias impartidas por la Misa los lleven más hacia la eternidad con Dios.

La Misa une a la Iglesia en la tierra con la Iglesia en el cielo. Las intenciones de la Misa son elevadas por el Cuerpo de Cristo en su totalidad.

Estas gracias son especialmente importantes para los difuntos, ya que ya no pueden orar por sí mismos. El Papa Francisco dijo que ofrecer la celebración de la Eucaristía por los muertos "es la mejor ayuda espiritual que podemos dar a sus almas, particularmente a las más abandonadas".

Actualmente estamos programando Misas de Intención para 2024. Puede solicitar una Misa por correo electrónico (acarrier@saintmarymag.org), en nuestro sitio web (stmarymagdalencolumbus.org) o llamando a la Oficina Parroquial. El estipendio sugerido para una misa de intención es de \$10.00.

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LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Recordamos a los magos que, atraídos por la estrella, viajaron desde tierras lejanas para encontrar al recién nacido rey de los judíos y presentarle sus mejores regalos. Cada uno de nosotros hacemos nuestro propio viaje hacia el Señor, y cuando venimos a celebrar la Eucaristía ofrecemos nuestros mejores regalos (nuestras oraciones, nuestras vidas, nuestro futuro) a aquel cuyo nacimiento acabamos de marcar. Acojamos a su vez a todos aquellos que de cerca y de lejos viajan para adorar al Señor.

Es una tradición católica de larga data bendecir la casa en (o cerca) de la celebración de la Epifanía usando tiza para escribir una inscripción especial sobre la entrada de la casa. Este fin de semana, el Comité de Vida Espiritual ha proporcionado kits de Bendición en la Misa para que los lleve a casa y participe en esta tradición. ¡Hay instrucciones y una oración incluidas!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I've recognized an encounter with Christ? If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA:

¿He tenido una epifanía, una percepción repentina, después de una experiencia en la que reconocí un encuentro con Cristo? Si no puedo recordar ninguno, ¿me imagino cómo pudo suceder?

HUMILDES COMIENZOS

Reflexión sobre Mateo 2:1-12

El profeta Isaías prevé que todas las naciones de la tierra, con sus riquezas, acudirán a la radiante Jerusalén, que se erige como faro de la gloria de Dios. Esta peregrinación de las naciones comienza en el relato de la Epifanía, cuando los magos de Oriente llegan a Jerusalén buscando esta gloria radiante, esta Luz, el Rey de los judíos recién nacido.

Naturalmente, los magos se dirigen al palacio, donde uno espera encontrar a la realeza. Pero, en cambio, al seguir la luz de la estrella, son conducidos a una casa humilde. Un nacimiento en un entorno humilde, la visita de estos exóticos extranjeros, una aterradora huida a Egipto para escapar de la ira asesina de Herodes... no son el tipo de grandes acontecimientos que uno esperaría que acompañaran la llegada de un nuevo Rey. Sin embargo, es precisamente aquí donde se revelan la gloria y la luz de Dios.

Vemos en la Encarnación, y en todas las experiencias que se desarrollan en torno al nacimiento de Jesús (así como en su vida, muerte y Resurrección), la voluntad decidida de Dios de llevar luz a las tinieblas, esperanza a los oprimidos, sentido al sufrimiento, paz a la confusión, vida nueva a la muerte.

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