

## Homily for the Feast of Epiphany Year A

There is a story about a little boy who drew a star on a piece of paper. His father asked, “Why are you drawing a star?” The boy replied, “Because I want to find Jesus like the wise men.”

The father smiled and said, “But Jesus is in heaven. How will a star help you find Him?” The boy looked up and said, “Daddy, the star is not for Jesus. The star is for me. *When I am kind, when I forgive, when I help others, when I pray those things become my star. They show me the way to Jesus.*”

The father paused and realized that *the star still shines today not in the sky but in our hearts, through every good choice and every act of love.*

Just as the star guided the Magi, **God guides us today through His Word, the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, and the people He places along our path.**

This Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany**, the great revelation of Jesus to the nations. While Christmas teaches us that **God comes close to us**, Epiphany reminds us that **God reveals Himself to all people, every nation, every culture, every heart that seeks Him.**

The Gospel tells us about the **Magi**, often called “wise men. The gospel doesn’t give their names. But the tradition says their names were **Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar**, representing **different ages and nations**, symbolizing that **Jesus came for the whole world.**

They were men with **restless hearts**, hearts that believed there was something more beyond what the world could offer. When they saw the star, they recognized that God was speaking to them, and they began their long journey.

Their journey was not easy. It was long, uncertain, and filled with hardships. But they kept going because they believed the star was leading them to Someone greater than themselves. Their journey teaches us three truths: **Those who seek God will find Him, God speaks to every sincere heart in ways they can understand., Faith always requires a journey, movement, effort, and trust.**

When they finally found Jesus, they knelt and worshiped Him and they offered their three different gifts to Jesus **Gold** stands for Jesus is our King, **Frankincense** stands for Jesus is our God and **Myrrh** stands for Jesus will suffer and save us.

These gifts represent their **profession of faith**, and they invite us to give our own gifts to Jesus not gold, but our **hearts**, our **faith**, and our **love**.

Today this feast of Epiphany, invites us like the Magi to seek God, find Him, worship Him and share His light with the world. May God bless all of us. Amen.