

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

As at Christmas, the birth of Jesus introduced him as Saviour to the poor Shepherds, today's feast of the Epiphany introduces him as the King above all kings to the three Wise Men who came from the Far East, led by a star.

Upon their arrival, overwhelmed with joy, they entered the house where "they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11), thus acknowledging his kingship, his divinity and his humanity.

Today's feast shows that the Son of God became man not only to save Israel, but also all peoples from all nations from their sins.

What does this event tell us?

The three Wise Men undertook the long, arduous journey, and trusted the light of a mysterious star to guide them in their search for the new born King.

What about us? Who or what is leading our journey?

We, too, have been unexpectedly, on a long, difficult and painful journey with pandemics. We search for meaning to all this!

The GOOD NEWS is that we, too, are being led by a STAR on our journey: the star of FAITH in a loving and merciful God, who walks with us and never abandons us. He shows us the way as we read and meditate His WORD in Scriptures, and lets Himself be found whenever we seek him in prayer.

Like the three Wise men we bow down in worship in the presence of our God, who comes to us as a baby.

LET US OFFER HIM THE GIFTS THAT HE MOST WANTS FROM US: A REPENTANT HEART AND OUR SINS; IN EXCHANGE HE GIVES US PEACE, JOY AND LOVE.

LET US ENTRUST OURSELVES DURING THIS NEW YEAR TO ST. JOSEPH, JESUS' FOSTER FATHER AND OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER.

Have a Blessed New Joseph Year.