



## HOMILY ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – January 5, 2025

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12.

My dear friends in Christ Jesus, today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC no 528), "The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the World,"

In the gospel reading today, the magi, or wise men from the east saw the star of the newborn King of the Jews and followed the star to pay him homage.

The journey of the magi from the East is our journey too. It is the journey that our life is. Whatever we may go through on this journey of life, experiences that are smooth or rough, we must keep strong our faith in God. Faith enables us to survive in times of difficulty and in times when life is smooth.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC no 150), "Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God. At the same time, and inseparably, it is a free assent to the whole truth that God has revealed .." In every situation, God manifests himself to those who seek him.

The God whose face we seek has manifested himself to us in his Son, born in Bethlehem.

My dear friends in Christ, in the journey of our life, his light is there to guide us.

Peace be with you all!

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