

# WORD FROM THE PASTOR

**SERVING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH  
GENTLENESS, LOVE, AND HUMILITY.**



Brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,  
**Happy Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior.** I would like to begin my reflection with an important question that invites us to explore deeper within ourselves. The response can be personal or community. **What did we bring to the child God hiding in the manger?** Our life, service, and mission, or our complete selves. Today we celebrate the Epiphany or the manifestation of God in the little Baby who invites us to take another path in search of the true God. The Three Wise Men according to Judeo Christian tradition are visitors who appear in the Gospel of Saint Matthew who heard something extraordinary happened in Bethlehem. God has given them the ability to recognize in the course of events in their lives His Divine Hand to guide them. Likewise, for us in our daily life, He reassures us, protects us and helps us to become, day after day, more faithful to His promises, to His Words, to His truths. We just need to listen to Him and obey Him.

The three Wise Men's mission is **to bring the good news of salvation to all men and women at every corner of the earth, race, culture, and belief so that everyone can discover the beauty of our faith in Jesus Christ who came as the Light of the world.** It is a “grace of enlightenment.” The Magi have a mission of adoration and prayer. It teaches us how we should worship God in truth and spirit and live the sacramental life more intensely. Finally, the Magi received a Grace of Conversion, as St. Matthew writes that they returned home by another way. The Wise Men were called by Herod and asked them about little Jesus. They weren't afraid to tell the truth. But what we need to know in this story is that God is in control of the whole situation. Even if sometimes we are confronted with the hostility of the world and its indifference, we must not divert ourselves from our path knowing that God is always there. It is up to each baptized person to communicate the precious gifts that the Church gives. These graces received by the Magi are ours today and these three missions can be summed up in one: **to announce God's Love for the world through Gentleness, Love, and Humility.**  
loves us.

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