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The Epiphany tells the story of the Magi's search for the King of the Jews. Like the Magi, we are invited to become pilgrims on our personal journeys which will enable us to delve deep into ourselves and come to terms with what we expect from life. This self-exploration leads to questions about what we consider our secure places. When God is present, first and foremost in our lives, we are secure because our foundation is firm.

Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. This quotation reminds me of a story of a missionary sister and one of her students who arrived at her convent and brought her a New Year's gift. She graciously accepted it and said: "You have walked these forty kilometers to give me this gift, I thank you." The student responded: "The long journey was also part of the gift." The sister was overcome with emotion.

We come to understand that the most difficult path, which may also be shortest, is to start with our minds and end with our hearts. In the New Year we will have opportunities to journey with those who are ill, the elderly, our friends, relatives and many others. Rest assured that the Lord is grateful for these journeys which ultimately benefit us.

Happy New Year!

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Epiphany of the Lord

St. Matthew writes very simply: *In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea....* These are his only words about Jesus' birth. He is very low key about the event that has marked the history of our planet. This brief passage contrasts with our traditional Christmas celebrations.

While the people of Jerusalem were comfortable in their homes, the Magi followed a star, headed into the unknown, embarked on a long journey – and were ready to take great risks. At times they would find the road relatively clear and easy to follow. Other days, it was dark and uncertain. They were prepared for all eventualities.

The Magi were on a quest to find the One, the Lord who is above all. They found the Child, lying on a bed of straw. They did not remain in Bethlehem and wisely chose to return home by another route. God often makes us follow new paths which inevitably produce changes and enable us to see life from new perspectives.

We are not mere tourists visiting our churches, we are seeking God. The first step on any adventure is always the most difficult. Stepping into the unknown inevitably brings moments of hesitation and curiosity. This Sunday, we are invited to make God our priority and reject distractions such as the pursuit of fame, success and wealth. Choosing to worship God liberates us and strengthens our values.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Jan 5	7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Joe Greaves
Sun Jan 6	9:00 am Mass in Arborfield For the people 11:00am Mass in Carrot River For Relatives of Neil & Wilma Wheeler
Mon Jan 7	Fr Travis' day off
Tues Jan 8	9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For †Lucienne Fortier
Wed Jan 9	9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For Pope Francis
Thurs Jan 10	6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River 7:00pm Mass in Carrot River For †Duane Engele
Fri Jan 11	10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home 7:00pm Adoration in Zenon Park 8:00pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Madeleine Marchildon
Sat Jan 12	7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Gilles Favreau
Sun Jan 13	9:00am Mass in Arborfield For the people 11:00am Mass in Carrot River For †Andre Laforge

Mass Times for Jan/Feb

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Mass Time	Jan Feb	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct	Nov Dec
7:30 PM	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR
9:00 AM	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP
11:00 AM	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR

Announcements and Activities

Ministry	Jan 6	Jan 13
Commentator	Liz	Lisa
Reader	Mark	Pam
Cup	Guy, Sue	Beatrice, James
Hospitality	Bob & Lisa	Brian, Pam
Offerings	Gabe, Mary	Bob, Lisa
Sacristan	Sue	Pam

Last week's collection total: \$ **385.00**

New Year's Day: \$ **160.00** **Thank You**

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018:

"What Must We Do... to Build the Kingdom of God?"

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

Parish Contributions to date **\$3,310** of our goal of \$4075