

Another Way!

Epiphany is the feast where we celebrate the visitation of the Magi to see the newborn Christ. This event expresses the response of each person's encounter with God. The Wise Men set out on the journey to find the newborn King. **Do we resolve ourselves to set out each week to seek the Lord Jesus in our lives?**

When they came upon Jesus, Scripture says they “rejoiced exceedingly with great joy” (Mt.2:10). **When we encounter “God moments” in our lives do we rejoice and give praise to God for them?**

Encountering Jesus bears joy which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. **Do others see the joy of our faith in and through our lives?** Scripture also testifies to the Wise Men arriving at the manger and entering the house where they “prostrated themselves and did him homage” (Mt. 2:11). They worshiped Christ who was in the flesh before them. **Do we likewise respond when we come into the presence of God by reverently genuflecting before the same Jesus Christ present in the tabernacle that the Wise Men worshiped?**



The Scriptures continue by saying: “They then opened their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh” (Mt. 2:11). The gifts symbolize for us our treasure and our talent that we offer to the Christ child just as did these strange and exotic visitors from the East. **Just as the wise men “departed for their country by another way” (Mt. 2:12) may we “go forth” from each Mass to live in that very presence in which we received and have adored.**