

OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL

PRAYERS
OF THE
FAITHFUL

THIS WEEK:

We will ask for
Volunteers due to
Christmas Break.

**MONDAY
SHERRY**

NEXT WEEK:

5:00 PA

7:45 PA

9:30 3C

11:30 2A

MONDAY 4B

UPCOMING
DATES:

Jan. 21 VBS Planning

Jan. 24 Movie Night

Catechist Meetings:

CORE-January 9

ALL-January 22

Dinner- 6:30

Meeting 7:00 PM

Catechist Update

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Christmas-Finding God

Welcome Back!

I hope your Christmas was amazing and filled with the opportunity to enjoy time spent with family and friends. We are still in the Christmas Season and I just wanted to let you know how much each of you is appreciated. We can't do much, but we will provide a dinner for our catechist meeting as a gift to you, and the Parish once again has purchased the license for FORMED. If you have not used it yet, please do so. There are movies for all ages, and wonder-

ful sessions for all levels of learning. You may even count the FORMED sessions you watch as part of your 6 hours of diocesan required continuing education.

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany and as I reflect on the Christmas story, I notice the comparison between the shepherds and the Magi. Although the shepherds were the first to hear the news of God's Son born, it was the Magi who were attuned to the prophecy and eagerly watched for the signs in the stars. The shep-

herds were aware of what was written and waited for the Messiah, but they were frightened by the Angel's visit, because it came as a shock to them. The Magi were ready and came from far away lands in order to honor Jesus, the great King.

We can either be a shepherd or like the Magi. As Catholics we know our faith, but do we take it for granted? Are we able to see the goodness of God in everything around us? We should notice and be aware of God's presence always.

Some Notes

The weather is the weather, whether we like it or not. As such, remember there is anti-bacterial gel in each of the classrooms. Please make sure students use some before class.

Check out our newly designed website at Ourladyofmtcarmel.org

We are working on putting more information you need as well as links to continuing education opportunities.

All catechists are asked to complete at least 6 hours of Continuing Education. Please fill out the forms and turn them in to the office when some are completed. You may find extra forms in the copy room.

Feast of the Epiphany-Year A, January 6, 2020

*They opened their
coffers and
presented him with
gifts*

Question of the
Week:

*What gifts do
you present the
King?*

*Wise Men
Still
Seek Him*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,

for thus it has been written through the prophet:
And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star

that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.
Matthew 2:1-12



Gospel Insights

*From the Lectionary Link at <http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>

Matthew's Gospel clearly demonstrates that all the prophecies of old have come to fulfillment in Christ. As promised, Gentile

wise men recognize Jesus as Messiah even when the Jerusalem sages do not. The official priests and scribes quote the messianic prophecies

that identify Bethlehem, the city of David's birth, as the birthplace of the Messiah. However, they do not follow their own wisdom.