

# The Epiphany of the Lord



Come,  
let us  
adore  
Him.



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#### SUNDAY MASSES:

5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass  
7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish  
7:00 a.m./9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m./  
1:00p.m./5:30 p.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday  
12:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 a.m. on Saturday

#### HOLY DAY MASSES:

As Announced

#### RECONCILIATION:

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday  
or, if necessary, by appointment

**BAPTISM:** For more information and how to schedule a baptism,  
please visit our website: <https://nativityburke.org/baptism/>

**MARRIAGE POLICY:** Please contact the Church as soon as  
you are engaged, and at least six months prior to your  
wedding date.

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**A Message from our Pastor  
Fr. Bob Cilinski**



*“Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” ~Mt. 2:11*

My dear parishioners,

Happy Epiphany Feast! Just as the Magi recognized the self-revelation of God in the Christ child and offered him their gifts, so this Sunday’s feast allows each of us to respond to the mystery of the Incarnation and make it our own. Despite the fears and troubles of our world, *“upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory” (Isaiah).*

The good news of salvation is now revealed to extend beyond Bethlehem to every nation. Perhaps this reminds us to look all around us for other divine epiphanies. God continues to come to each of us, to all of us. In what ways is Nativity parish giving birth to the Savior every day? How is the Lord revealed in the various ministries of our parish? Name the surprising places you have found the Lord. Who in your life is like a star that leads you to the manger? What gifts do you produce from your coffers when you kneel in adoration before your King? How diligently are you searching for the Lord?

Those three Kings were wise. When they saw the new star indicating a new life, a new King, a new ruler, a new child, they followed faithfully despite the many risks.

Let us follow too, until we arrive. Tomorrow ends the Christmas season with the feast of the baptism of Jesus. We have once again been renewed in God’s love.

Love and Christmas blessings,

*Fr. Bob Cilinski*

Fr. Bob Cilinski,  
Pastor

On January 1, 2023, Fr. Mike Schmitz started the Catechism in a Year. The Marriage Enrichment Ministry will be hosting meetings every quarter to reflect on the Catechism. The gatherings will be open to all adults in the parish (not just those engaged or married). Please register with us to receive information on upcoming gatherings at: <https://nativityburke.org/catechism-in-a-year/>

The Stella Marina, Operation Starfish project is collecting new and gently used Pack ‘n Plays for moms in Haiti to use for their babies and young children. The collection runs year round. Feel free to contact Susan at [swelchparis@stellamarina.org](mailto:swelchparis@stellamarina.org) to coordinate pick-up or leave in the parish office marked Stella Marina. Please visit <https://nativityburke.org/packnplay-needed/> for more information. Thank you!

**On This Date in Nativity History  
20 January 2015**

On this date, January 20, 2015, Nativity’s founding pastor, Father Frank Ready, died in INOVA Fairfax Hospital after a long illness. Only a little more than four months had passed since he had visited Nativity to participate in the groundbreaking for the Father Martin Center. After leaving Nativity in 1984, Father Ready served as founding pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Manassas, and as pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Annandale, where he served until 2005. From that year until his retirement in 2013, he served as the vicar general for pastoral services of the Arlington Diocese. Even after retirement, he continued to serve as coordinator of spiritual formation, moderator of the diocesan Peace and Social Justice Commission, member of the diocesan presbyterial council, chaplain to the diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and associate state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. Following his funeral Mass at Holy Spirit on January 27, Father Ready was interred at Fairfax Memorial Park.



*This historical note is the 31st of a weekly Bulletin feature leading up to Nativity’s fiftieth anniversary, 11 June 2023.*

**SCAM ALERT - PLEASE BEWARE**

Most recently, someone using a fake email address pretending to be Fr. Bob Cilinski, was requesting gift cards for the staff. Please note that Fr. Bob (or any of the other priests) **DOES NOT and will NEVER email, text or ask anyone** for gift cards or any kind of financial assistance. Please be careful and delete these kinds of emails or messages immediately. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call the parish office at 703 455 2400.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING SPECIAL COLLECTION - JANUARY 21/22

On the weekend of January 21/22, the Knights will be speaking at all the Masses asking for your help to continue their home building effort in one of the poorest counties in our country. For the last 22 years, the Nativity Knights and Nativity Parish have partnered with the Appalachian Construction Crew operating out of Bellevue, Nebraska, to build one or two homes in McCreary County, Kentucky, which is rated as one of the top counties in this country for income below the poverty level. Throughout the year both crews raise money to offset the normal cost of approximately \$82,000 to build the home. Last year, because of the COVID impact on the supply chain and the three-bedroom home, our costs exceeded \$102,000. With the generosity of Nativity Parish, Nativity has raised over \$90,000 in past collections and is the main funding source for the annual home building effort. Without Nativity's support, the home building effort would have ceased in 2005. Last year, the combined crews built a home for the New family. The family had a total income of approximately \$24,000 and the family of four lived in a rundown trailer with significant mold and electrical issues. We are trying to exceed our past collection efforts to reach \$100,000, but we can't do it without your help. This will be the 25th home built by Nativity and the Knights.

This year Good Shepherd Chapel in Whitley City selected the Creekmore family of three to receive the next home. The family has been living in a dilapidated trailer with mold issues that is nearly impossible to heat in the winter. The family's total income is \$17,000. Over a very compressed two weeks in June, the combined crews will build a 1,100SF, three-bedroom home, complete with porches, heating/AC, appliances, and a septic system -- the family assists if they are able. A handyman prepares the foundation and because of county requirements, we must hire local electricians, HVAC specialists, and plumbers who work side-by-side with our crews to complete the home which has significantly added to our costs. Nativity will again provide new complete beds for all the family members.

Please help if you can, but above all pray that we may be able to continue this important mission! The Knights will be collecting at all the church exits after all the Masses—checks may be made payable to Nativity Catholic Church but annotate Appalachia Home Building on the check and your church envelope number to facilitate posting to your account. Please consider electronic giving if at all possible; Appalachia Home Building is one of the designated charities. If you would like to mail your contribution, please send it to Nativity Catholic Church, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015. Please call Bob Corsi at 703-239-2890 if you have any questions or email him at [bobcorsi@cox.net](mailto:bobcorsi@cox.net).



### APPALACHIA HOME BUILDING

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – NATIVITY'S 25<sup>TH</sup> HOME**

**JANUARY 21 & 22**





**PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!**

### Mass for World Marriage Sunday

Married couples are invited to attend the Mass for World Marriage Sunday at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 5 p.m., celebrated by the Most Reverend, Michael F. Burbidge. There will be a dinner directly following the Mass for the first 100 couples who RSVP. Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/wms](http://arlingtondiocese.org/wms). To learn more, call the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at (703) 841-2550.

### MEM | Book Reflection with Fr. Hayes

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry invites all engaged and married couples to read *“Spousal Prayer: A Way to Marital Happiness”* by Deacon James Keating and join us for a book reflection with Fr. Hayes taking place on Friday, January 27 at 7:00 pm in the conference room (Training Room) in the back of the church. **To RSVP, visit: <https://nativityburke.org/mem-book/>**

Interested in advertising in the bulletin? Call Mike Jurosky at 717-648-5996 or email: [mjurosky@diocesan.com](mailto:mjurosky@diocesan.com)

### Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender.

The tour features an event at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community. For single women ages 18-50.

**Upcoming: January 22, The Dominicans, Congregation of St. Cecilia; February 5: Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; March 26: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist.** RSVP by the Monday before each event to [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). More info at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour).



Police and Faith Community (P&FC)

January 2023 Police & Faith Community Meeting

**When:** January 11th from 7-8 PM

**Where:** West Springfield District Station's Community Room; 6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield, VA 22152

**Presenters:** Crime Prevention Officer Tony Capizzi and Community Outreach Officer Liam May

**Topic:** Hidden in Plain Sight (H.I.P.S.)

"The Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS) program is an IN-PERSON program for adults to be educated about the signs of risky behavior in teens and young adults. It touches on drug and alcohol use, mental health concerns, eating disorders, risky sexual behaviors, and more. This is a learning experience for PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ONLY! We guide you through a presentation that opens your eyes to what is right in front of you. Times have changed since we were teenagers... so we created an educational PowerPoint presentation detailing what you should be looking for and how it is indicative of — or used in — risky behavior. We include up-to-date statistics and local trends, and law enforcement officers will share the experiences they have had in our community identifying risky behavior and helping to put kids on the right path to a healthy life. Let's open the door to communicating with our teens!"



Challenges of diabetes keeping you frustrated? Come join us at the next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Our next meeting: Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00PM, in class room 204. For further info, please contact RoseAnne Zivich at brzivich@aim.com.

For Young Adults (21-39)

You are part of a larger community that...

Serves with Christ House cooking breakfast every 3rd Saturday



Grows together in 6-week Bible studies



Plays Basketball every Thursday at 8:30pm in the Father Martin Center



Serves at Mass as a greeters, ushers, musicians and more!

New? Contact our Director Alison Fram to join our newsletter

afram@nativityburke.org  
(703) 577-5329



SAVE THE DATE: St. Lucy Winter Food Drive  
Saturday, February 11th from 9:00AM-1:00PM

The St. Lucy Winter Food Drive will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, 11 February to support Catholic Charities in its continuing fight against hunger in the Diocese. The St. Lucy truck will be parked at the rear of the church parking lot nearest Old Keene Mill Road (like in the October drive). During that time, you can drive to the truck and our team will take any donations from your vehicle (please place your donations in your trunk for safe and easy removal). Catholic Charities also accepts monetary donations, including grocery gift cards (Giant, Safeway, etc.); any donation is welcome! Please make checks out to CCDA, with "St. Lucy Project" in the memo line. We can always use help with loading donations; if you'd like to volunteer, please follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ADAE29A6FE3-stlucy1>. If you have questions, please email the St. Lucy Team at nativity.stlucyteam@gmail.com. Thank you and God bless you!



Engaged and Married Couples are invited to be a part of the Marriage Enrichment Ministry (MEM)

You are invited to the upcoming events and programs

- January - Small groups meet at homes for the Better Together program
- January 27 - Book Fellowship with Fr. Hayes "Spousal Prayer"
- January 28—Virtual Date Night with Greg and Stephanie Schutte on "Day-to-Day Marriage with the End in Mind"
- February 5 - St. John Paul II Shrine Pilgrimage (all day)
- February 18 - Date Night with Messy Family Project "Growing a Family Culture"
- March 25 - Date Night "Marriage & Intimacy"
- April 22 - Mini Retreat (10:00 AM-Noon)
- April to May - six week Marriage Program
- May 20 - Date Night "Comedy & BBQ" combined with the Knights of Columbus

Plus fellowship events: meeting for ice cream with our families, Paradise Springs, hikes, Pizza Friday, Coffee Connections, sharing resources, NFP support, and more. Email Jennifer Sturgeon at marriage@nativityburke.org to be added to our monthly

**JOIN US FOR A fiesta!**

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING AUCTION

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023  
6:30 - 10:00PM

WHERE: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, FATHER MARTIN CENTER

## Save the Dates for two Significant Pro-Life Events in Early 2023!

### National March for Life in Washington DC – Friday, January 20, 2023

Join us as we march to Capitol Hill! Please let us know if you tentatively plan to attend so travel arrangements can be made! Simply sign up using Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4eacac29a2f58-2023>

### **Depart Nativity ~ 11:00am**

### **Rally at Noon, and March to the Capitol at 1:00pm**

### **Return to Nativity around 3:30pm**

*“We will celebrate the 50th annual March for Life and the momentous overturn of Roe v. Wade! We will honor those who have gone before us making this historic victory possible. We will present the strategic plan for building a culture of life ...*

*This year, rather than marching to the steps of the Supreme Court, where we have for decades asked our highest Court’s Justices to undo the destructive decision that was Roe v. Wade, we will now march to a new front in our battle for life, the steps of the United States Capitol.”*

Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life

Guest speakers/performers for the Rally include:

- Jonathan Roumie, best known for his award-winning role as ‘Jesus’ in the series, THE CHOSEN
- Coach Tony Dungy, Pro-Football Hall of Famer and a New York Times best-selling author
- We Are Messengers, the Dove-nominated and K-LOVE Award-winning musical group

### Virginia Defending Life Day & Virginia March for Life – Wednesday, Feb 1, 2023

Join Bishop Burbidge and us—your personal presence will powerfully support pro-life members of the Virginia General Assembly and encourages others to reconsider their views. We want our legislators to see that we expect them to pass life-affirming legislation. Bishop Burbidge, as the new Chair of the USCCB Pro-Life Committee, is keenly aware of how important this state-level representation is. Although this may be a bit out of the norm for you, we believe you will enjoy the comradery and find it empowering to stand up for this noble cause!

What's the plan?

- 6:30am Depart Nativity
- 8:30am Gather at the Richmond Convention Center
- 10:00am Senate and Delegate Meetings
- 12:00pm March for Life Rally
- 1:00pm Virginia March for Life
- 2:00pm Depart Richmond
- 4:00pm Return to Nativity

Don't worry! Should you be interested in talking, tips for effective advocacy, talking points and legislative updates will be provided by the organizers to make your day fun, easy, and successful. Please let us know if you tentatively plan to attend so sufficient travel arrangements can be made!

Simply sign up using Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EACAC29A2F58-20231>

More details to follow. Please contact Rick and Linda Loffredo at [rickloffredo@outlook.com](mailto:rickloffredo@outlook.com) if you have any questions.



## MASS INTENTIONS

*"We are God's People"*  
*1 Peter 2:10*

### Monday, January 9th

7:30 am † Lucille Hall

### Tuesday, January 10th

7:30 am † Steve Daniels  
12:00 pm † Anne Marie Pometto

### Wednesday, January 11th

7:30 am † Charles Hutchison

### Thursday, January 12th

7:30 am † Patricia Lynch  
12:00 pm † Bob McHugh

### Friday, January 13th

7:30 am † John Rowley  
9:00 am † Bob & Charlotte Kenefick

### Saturday, January 14th

9:00 am † Lucretia Rowley  
5:00 pm Parishioners  
7:00 pm † Arminda de Iriarte

### Sunday, January 15th

7:00 am † Karol & Catherine Golinowski  
9:00 am † Kathleen McHugh  
11:00 am † Cathy Yarros  
1:00 pm † Alicia & Antonio Yanes  
5:30 pm † Rosa Aviles de Navarrete

**In prayer, let us remember  
the sick and deceased of the parish  
visit [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) for the Priest Mass Schedule**



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl meeting for this month will be held on Monday morning, January 9th at 9:30am in the Fr. Ready room. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

## Family Christmas Movie Day

**January 8, 2:00–4:00pm Hosted for you by Nativity's Knights of Columbus & Young Family Ministry**

January is still the Christmas season in the Catholic Church. We will be showing a Christmas movie for families with young children. Whether you have babies, toddlers, or elementary school age kids (older siblings are of course included, too!), we would love to have you join us for a movie, hot cocoa bar and popcorn. For those who want something more, we will have ample coloring pages, crayons, and toddler toys available as well.

**When: Sunday, January 8 | 2:00–4:00 pm**  
**Where: Nativity School Cafeteria**

We hope you will join us after the Christmas and New Year break for a little extra Christmas magic!

## WORKCAMP 2023

# Registration Open!

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**JUNE 17-23  
FREDERICK COUNTY, VA**

Teens, parents and adult volunteers are invited to a week-long overnight camp providing the high school teens with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship.

Scan the QR Code to learn more!

Questions?  
Contact Brigid Williams | [wc@nativityburke.org](mailto:wc@nativityburke.org)








**Mass in Recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

All are welcome to join Bishop Michael Burbidge celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in the holy sacrifice of the Mass hosted at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield. Mass will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 11:00am, with a reception to follow. This Mass is organized and sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry, Office of Multicultural Ministries of the Diocese of Arlington. For any questions, please email [mcm@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mcm@arlingtondiocese.org) or call (703) 841 3881.



Ancient Order of  
**HIBERNIANS**  
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**“Trip to Ireland” RAFFLE WINNER**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), the oldest and largest Irish American Catholic fraternal organization, thanks Nativity parishioners for your outstanding support of last fall’s “Trip To Ireland” raffle fundraiser. The lucky winner is Jim Mullen, a parishioner at Our Lady of Hope’ Catholic Church in Potomac Falls, VA. Jim, who is a retired Navy veteran and member of the Knights of Columbus, is planning his trip for this year. Again, thank you for your generous support of the AOH’s Catholic charities and projects including Catholic Schools, Pro-Life, Religious Vocations, and Veterans Programs.

**Rosary Ministry News**  
*Attention all rosary makers, past and present. Mark your calendar for January 10th from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Fr. Ready Room for a “Bead” Party.*

If you have extra beads or rosary supplies bring them to the meeting. Most of us have a container of various colored beads. By consolidating our beads, we can create interesting rosaries as well as providing supplies for future classes. Help us to bring those lonely beads back to life and to make more rosaries for the foreign missions. For more info, please email: [rosaryministry@nativityburke.org](mailto:rosaryministry@nativityburke.org).

**Nativity is a tithing community  
Giving back a portion of God’s blessings in gratitude**

**Knights of Columbus Council 7992  
Basketball Free Throw Challenge**

This fun event will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the Father Martin Center and is open to all boys and girls ages 9 - 14. Each contestant will be scored on 15 free throws taken from an age-designated foul line. Boy and girl winners for each age group will be determined by highest score. In case of a tie, five additional tie-breaker free throws will be used to determine the winners. Participants can arrive any time between 6-9 PM and do not have to remain for the entire event. Participation time for each contestant is typically 15-20 mins. This is a community event so all are welcome regardless of parish affiliation. Bring friends and compete with each other! Group winners will be eligible to compete at the Knights of Columbus District Challenge in February at Holy Spirit in Annandale. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jim Batrla at [jbat747@gmail.com](mailto:jbat747@gmail.com).

**“In Mary’s Footsteps” a group for Widows**

Our next meeting of faith and fellowship for widows will be on Monday, January 9th at 11:00am in the "training room" at the back of the church. Meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month. Please feel free to join this group for widows, run by widows. Questions can be sent to Cat Sands at [csands@nativityurke.org](mailto:csands@nativityurke.org). God bless you!

**ECHO Food Room Most Needed Items January Collection  
will be this weekend, January 7 and 8**

Choose sizes appropriate for an average family size of four. Include an assortment of food to ensure a variety of items for clients. Because of the wonderful generosity of the community, ECHO is blessed to already have a more than ample supply of canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce and stuffing. However, we are short on many other items such as personal care products and the items listed below. ECHO cannot give clients food whose expiration date is long past or any open food or repackaged food (no zip-loc bags).

Condiments	Garlic Powder	Laundry Detergent
Masa Flour	Onion Powder	Shaving Cream/Razors
Lemon Juice	Hot Chocolate	Deodorant
Sugar	Tin Fish	Shampoo
Canned Fruit	Canned/Shelf Stable Milk	Toothbrushes (spec. kids)
Honey	Juice - Large Box/Bottles	Facial Tissues
Basmati Rice	Crackers	Feminine Hygiene Products
Pancake Syrup	Canned Meat (Spam is a favorite)	Paper Towels
Cinnamon	Laundry Detergent	Brown Paper Grocery Bags
Instant Coffee	Band Aids	
Toilet paper		

**Linktree Universal Sign-up Link:**

Want to volunteer for an event? **All** event sign-ups can be done through the following link. [https://linktr.ee/fr\\_sikora\\_council\\_7992](https://linktr.ee/fr_sikora_council_7992) Event leads can also fill out a form to announce an event, and file an After Action Report through the link.



**Family Christmas Movie Outing:** Sign up on the link tree to help set up and serve refreshments for the Nativity Young Family Ministry movie outing. Event will be on 8 January from 12:00-4:30 in the Nativity Cafeteria.

**National March for Life:** The annual march in support of the unborn is 20 January. Also, there is still a great need for parade Marshals. Sign up on the link tree to express interest for a bus or to serve as a Marshal.

**Annual Appalachia Collection:** On January 21- 22, we will need Knights to help with collections after every mass.

**Virginia Defending Life Day & Virginia March for Life:** Join Bishop Burbidge and us on 1 February for an exciting, full day of advocacy, prayer and witness at the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond! Sign up on the link tree.

**Art Auction Planning:** Br. Tom Savage and the Annual Art Auction Committee are seeking some help with organizing the 11 February Auction. Sign up on the linktree. Contact Br. Tom at [tomkc7992@gmail.com](mailto:tomkc7992@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Sunday Mass Coffee and Cookies:** We are providing coffee and cookies following Sunday morning Masses. Volunteer on linktree.

**Handy Knights Ministry:** If you are unable to perform basic maintenance tasks or small repairs in your home due to health or other factors, there is a ministry with the Knights of Columbus that may be able to assist – the “Handy Knights.” You can reach us at [handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com](mailto:handyknightsofnativity@gmail.com).

**The Fraternal Committee:** Brothers helping brothers in need of assistance: Brothers and the families of living and deceased brothers in need of a helping hand, please contact Br. John Landy at [navyy8@yahoo.com](mailto:navyy8@yahoo.com).

**Food for Others:** We need volunteers to help with our food distributions. The distribution picks up from the warehouse and delivers to Springfield. It should only take about an hour of your time on Friday evenings once a month based on the current number of volunteers in rotation. If you are interested in helping deliver, contact Br. Matt Stockburger at [mstock\\_w@yahoo.com](mailto:mstock_w@yahoo.com).

**Join the Knights!** The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Join today! Simply go to <https://info.kofc.org/us.html> and enter our council #7992 for local information and to register. E-membership for the first year is free using the new code “blessedmcgivney”. Please email our Deputy Grand Knight at [PMDELATTE@gmail.com](mailto:PMDELATTE@gmail.com) or the Grand Knight at [tjsgk7992@gmail.com](mailto:tjsgk7992@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Council Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Rosary at 7:15 PM; meeting follows at 7:30 PM. Fellowship follows every meeting. Meetings are now in person in the Nativity school cafeteria, with the option to attend virtually as well. The second meeting of the month is devoted to faith formation including the “Into the Breach” video/discussion series and guest speakers.

**Calling all 3rd Degree Knights:** The 4th Degree is calling. Members of the 4th Degree have the special honor of holding the title “Sir Knight,” participating in patriotic activities, color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the month; 7:30 pm rosary; 7:45 pm business meeting followed by fellowship.



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**HOME VISITS**

Are you or someone you know sick and/or homebound for any reason? We can arrange home visits from the parish and provide prayer and the sacraments.

We would love to bring God’s Grace and Peace to anyone in difficult times. Please contact Cat Sands, Pastoral Minister, at [csands@nativityburke.org](mailto:csands@nativityburke.org) to schedule a visit.

**Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine**

Join us on Sunday, February 5th from 10 AM- 4 PM at Saint John II National Shrine. Couples will come together for Mass, Adoration, Prayer at the Hour of Mercy followed by the Chaplet, Special Presentation on Marriage, Sacred Art Tour, and "A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II" exhibit. \$25/couple.

Contact Jennifer Sturgeon for more details:  
[jsturgeon@nativityburke.org](mailto:jsturgeon@nativityburke.org)

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The Altar Flower Book for 2023 is now open with many dates available. This is a thoughtful way to honor a loved one, living or deceased. If you are interested, please stop by the parish office to sign up. You can now also go online and reserve flowers on our website at: <https://nativityburke.org/altar-flowers/>.

**CHILDREN’S ROSARY**

Rosaries and prayer books are provided. No prior knowledge of the Rosary is needed. Parents are encouraged to attend in the role of “guardian angels” of the prayer movement. Second Saturday of each month in the Training Room from 4:00 - 4:30pm.



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**Join Us ~ OPEN HOUSE ~**  
**During Catholic Schools Week**  
**Sunday, January 29 \* 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**  
**We Have a Seat for Your Child ~ For details, contact**  
**Shannon Murphy at (703) 455-2300, or**  
**[smurph@nativityschool.org](mailto:smurph@nativityschool.org).**

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**~ Let's Celebrate ~ Catholic Schools!**



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**Upcoming Dates At-A-Glance!**

- Jan. 9: Third Grade Field Trip
- Jan. 13: 12 NOON Dismissal
- Jan. 13: Father/Father Figure Breakfast
- Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Day - No School
- Jan. 20: March for Life Day
- Jan. 20: Interims
- Jan. 21: PTO-Sponsored Talent Show
- Jan. 23: 100th Day of School!
- Jan. 29: Catholic Schools Week Begins!
- Jan. 29: OPEN HOUSE 10 a.m. - 12 NOON

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**JOIN OUR STAFF!** Consider joining our School Staff as part of our Extended Care Team, or a Lunch/Recess Monitor, or Substitute Teacher. Contact Rich Godwin at (703) 455-2300, or [rgodwin@nativityschool.org](mailto:rgodwin@nativityschool.org).

# YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: *Rebecca Judge*  
*cym@nativityburke.org*

Get connected to our Youth Ministry community by filling out the free 2022-2023 registration form. See the website to register or scan the QR codes below.

## LIFE TEEN: GRADES 9-12

Sundays | 6:30-8:30pm

Dinner

Fellowship

Prayer & Formation



## EDGE: GRADES 6-8

Alternating Sundays 3:30-5pm  
& Fridays 7-8:30pm  
See website for schedule

Meet new friends

Play games

Explore your faith



## EPIPHANY PARTY & WHITE ELEPHANT - JANUARY 8

Join us for our first Youth Ministry gathering of the new year as we celebrate our annual Epiphany Party! Bring a wrapped gift under \$15 if you want to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange!

Edge 3:30-5:00pm  
Life Teen 6:30-8:30pm



## Love Is Given Prayer Group

Please join us every Thursday evening from 7:15pm to 8:45pm for an evening of prayer, praise and community. We meet each week in the Fr. Ready room. Come in through the school entrance, first room on your left. We look forward to seeing you!

Join Bishop Burbidge at 9am on  
January 20th for a Mass in  
Defense of Human Life

*The morning of the March for Life*





SCAN ME



# MARCHING INTO A POST-ROE AMERICA

*"We will celebrate the 50th annual March for Life and the momentous overturn of Roe v. Wade! We will honor those who have gone before us making this historic victory possible. We will present the strategic plan for building a culture of life..."*

*This year, rather than marching to the steps of the Supreme Court, where we have for decades asked our highest Court's Justices to undo the destructive decision that was Roe v. Wade, we will now march to a new front in our battle for life, the steps of the United States Capitol.*

- Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life

Guest speakers/performers for the Rally include:

- Jonathan Roumie, best known for his award-winning role as 'Jesus' in the series, *THE CHOSEN*
- Coach Tony Dungy, Pro-Football Hall of Famer and a New York Times best-selling author
- We Are Messengers, the Dove-nominated and K-LOVE Award-winning musical group

Sign up below if you tentatively plan to attend so travel arrangements can be made!

*Depart Nativity at 11:00am*

*Rally at Noon*

*March to Capitol at 1:00pm*

*Return to Nativity around 3:30pm*

Go to the [Sign-Up Genius!](#)

# MARCH FOR LIFE

## January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Washington, D.C.

**NEED TO TALK?**

Catholic Charities provides quality mental health services & counselors grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person. "Nativity's Counselor" Ms. Marguerite Turner, MS, LPC is back at Nativity counseling clients in-person and is available on Thursdays from 10:00am-6:00pm to talk with any parishioners who may be struggling. To set up an appointment, please contact Marguerite at 703-454-2415 or [mmturner@ccda.net](mailto:mmturner@ccda.net).

**Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)**

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "**Foundation for the CDA - SEEF.**" Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact John French at [john.french@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819 with any questions. Thank you!



Pack 'n Play's Needed

***'Making A Difference One Baby At A Time'***

The Stella Marina, Operation Starfish project is collecting new and gently used Pack 'n Plays for moms in Haiti to use for their babies and young children. The collection runs year round. (Amazon wish list link below)

Feel free to contact Susan at [swelchparis@stellamarina.org](mailto:swelchparis@stellamarina.org) to coordinate pick up or leave in the parish office marked Stella Marina. Please see the Stella Marina website for more information. Thank you in advance on behalf of Stella Marina!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QY29UGH8OSQO/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_3?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QY29UGH8OSQO/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_3?encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)

For more information visit:  
<https://nativityburke.org/packnplay-needed/>

**Love working with children? Want flexibility?  
Consider subbing for us...**

We are in need of substitute teachers with the following minimum qualifications:

- ◆ 2-plus years of college
- ◆ Ability to follow a lesson plan and give effective instructions in the absence of the teacher
- ◆ Proficiency in maintaining effective classroom management skills
- ◆ Successful completion of Virtus training
- ◆ Successful background check
- ◆ Adherence to COVID-19 Safety Protocols

To apply, email Rich Godwin at [rgodwin@nativityschool.org](mailto:rgodwin@nativityschool.org), or call him at (703) 455-2300, ext.146. Thank you!



**Series on the Mass**



**Dive Deeper into the Catholic Mass!**

Fr Hayes explains the significance of every part of the Mass according to Scripture, Theologians, & Tradition. Available now on the Nativity Parish Burke YouTube Channel

**Nativity Job Opening - Church Office Receptionist**  
**Evenings: Monday thru Friday from 4:00pm-9:00pm**  
**Saturdays: from 9:00am-2:00pm**

We are in need of an evening and Saturday receptionist (perfect for college student - work/study job).

Job summary: To meet and greet, by phone or in person, all parishioners, guests, and persons, assist them, and/or direct them to the appropriate location. Bilingual a plus. To apply, send your resume to [abenson@nativityburke.org](mailto:abenson@nativityburke.org).

**Give a Gift for Life**

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One after-abortion care retreatant wrote:

*"I would have NEVER had the courage to show my face at this [abortion healing] retreat... God works in mysterious ways and by His grace, I found the courage to step forward in my faith. I am so grateful that this ministry exists and was there for me... without judgement when I was ready to tackle the deep-rooted pain in my heart. I am forever grateful!"* For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

**Are you registered in the Parish?**

If you are not receiving mail or emails from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to fill out a registration form to become a registered member of Nativity Parish or go online to: [nativityburke.org](http://nativityburke.org) and download one. Registration is required to be a Baptismal Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor.

**Struggling with addiction in the family?**

Both the afflicted and affected don't need to be alone. There are many resources available including AA, NA, Alanon, Calix and a diocesan chaplain. Call the HELPLINE (970) 989-2670 for support. This is NOT LIMITED to addicts, anybody that would like to speak with a priest or a friend in Christ May call!



FEBRUARY 1, 2023

# DEFENDING LIFE DAY

Join us for our second annual Defending Life Day February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023!

## Richmond!

Join Bishop Burbidge and us for an exciting, full day of advocacy, prayer and witness at the Virginia General Assembly, Rally and March in Richmond! Your personal presence powerfully supports pro-life members of the Virginia General Assembly and encourages others to reconsider their views. We want our legislators to see we are engaged and expect to see them pass life-affirming legislation. Although this may be a bit out of the norm for you, you will enjoy the comradery and find it empowering to stand up for this noble cause!

### What's the plan?

- ~6:30am Depart Nativity
- 8:30am Gather at the Richmond Convention Center
- 10am Senate and Delegate Meetings
- 12pm March for Life Rally
- 1pm Virginia March for Life
- ~2pm Depart Richmond
- ~4pm Arrive Nativity

Should you be interested in talking with your representative, tips for effective advocacy, talking points and legislative updates will be provided by the organizers to make your day easy, fun, and successful.

### Join us!

Sign up below if you tentatively plan to attend so travel arrangements can be made!

Go to the [Sign-Up Genius!](#)

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

#### Monday January 9 Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
or Acts 10:34-38  
Ps 29:1-4,9-11b  
Matthew 3:13-17

#### Tuesday January 10

Hebrews 2:5-12  
Ps 8:2ab,5-9  
Mark 1:21-28

#### Wednesday January 11

Hebrews 2:14-18  
Ps 105:1-4,6-9  
Mark 1:29-39

#### Thursday January 12

Hebrews 3:7-14  
Ps 95:6-11  
Mark 1:40-45

#### Friday January 13

Hebrews 4:1-5,11  
Ps 78:3,4bc,6c-8  
Mark 2:1-12

#### Saturday January 14

Hebrews 4:12-16  
Ps 19:8-10,15  
Mark 2:13-17

Let's consider the humble adoration of the magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word "epiphany" means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.

They worshiped Jesus as a King-Messiah before they knew how he would become king or how his kingship would save the world from evil. As scientific scholars, they had studied religious writings from beyond the scope of their own culture.

Then, they acted on faith in response to the Spirit of God who activated them, and it changed their lives.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word "epiphany" means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child.



Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. We know that they heard about his crucifixion and learned what his followers were teaching about it, for they became Christians – their relics have been venerated since very early times.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

† What sign from God, like the star that the magi followed, are you waiting to see?

† What signs is God already showing you?

† What epiphany – new understanding – is Jesus giving you about what God is doing in your life?

† God has given you faith to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. How do you act on this faith? And how do these actions evangelize non-believers?

## Fiesta de la Epifanía o Día de Reyes

**Los pastores y reyes del Oriente visitan a Jesús el Mesías, le llevan regalos y lo adoran con oro, incienso y mirra.**

**Por: Tere Vallés | Fuente: Catholic.net**

**Origen de la fiesta:**

El 6 de enero se celebraba desde tiempos inmemoriales en Oriente, pero con un sentido pagano: En Egipto y Arabia, durante la noche del 5 al 6 de enero se recordaba el nacimiento del dios Aion. Creían que él se manifestaba especialmente al renacer el sol, en el solsticio de invierno que coincidía hacia el 6 de Enero. En esta misma fecha, se celebraban los prodigios del dios Dionisio en favor de sus devotos.

La fiesta de la Epifanía sustituyó a los cultos paganos de Oriente relacionados con el solsticio de invierno, celebrando ese día la manifestación de Jesús como Hijo de Dios a los sabios que vinieron de Oriente a adorarlo. La tradición pasó a Occidente a mediados del siglo IV, a través de lo que hoy es Francia.

La historia de los Reyes Magos se puede encontrar en **Mateo 2, 1-12**

“Después de haber nacido Jesús en Belén de Judea, en el tiempo del Rey Herodes, unos magos de Oriente se presentaron en Jerusalén diciendo: ¿dónde está el que ha nacido, el Rey de los Judíos? Porque hemos visto su estrella en el Oriente y venimos a adorarlo.

Al oír esto, el Rey Herodes se puso muy preocupado; entonces llamó a unos señores que se llamaban Pontífices y Escribas (que eran los que conocían las escrituras) y les preguntó el lugar del nacimiento del Mesías, del Salvador que el pueblo judío esperaba hacia mucho tiempo.

Ellos contestaron: En Belén de Judá, pues así está escrito por el Profeta:

Y tú, Belén tierra de Judá  
de ningún modo eres la menor  
entre las principales ciudades de Judá  
porque de ti saldrá un jefe  
que será el pastor de mi pueblo Israel

Entonces Herodes, llamando aparte a los magos, los envió a la ciudad de Belén y les dijo: Vayan e infórmense muy bien sobre ese niño; y cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo.

Los Reyes Magos se marcharon y la estrella que habían visto en el Oriente, iba delante de ellos hasta que fue a pararse sobre el lugar donde estaba el Niño. Al ver la estrella, sintieron una gran alegría.

Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María su madre. Se hincaron y lo adoraron. Abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Luego, habiendo sido avisados en sueños que no volvieran a Herodes, (pues él quería buscar al Niño para matarlo), regresaron a su país por otro camino.”

**Podemos aprovechar esta fiesta de la Iglesia para reflexionar en las enseñanzas que nos da este pasaje evangélico:**

\* Los magos representan a todos aquellos que buscan, sin cansarse, la luz de Dios, siguen sus señales y, cuando encuentran a Jesucristo, luz de los hombres, le ofrecen con alegría todo lo que tienen.

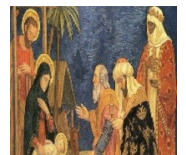
\* La estrella anunció la venida de Jesús a todos los pueblos. Hoy en día, el Evangelio es lo que anuncia a todos los pueblos el mensaje de Jesús.

\* Los Reyes Magos no eran judíos como José y María. Venían de otras tierras lejanas (de Oriente: Persia y Babilonia), siguiendo a la estrella que les llevaría a encontrar al Salvador del Mundo. Representan a todos los pueblos de la tierra que desde el paganismo han llegado al conocimiento del Evangelio.

\* Los Reyes Magos dejaron su patria, casa, comodidades, familia, para adorar al Niño Dios. Perseveraron a pesar de las dificultades que se les presentaron. Era un camino largo, difícil, incómodo, cansado. El seguir a Dios implica sacrificio, pero cuando se trata de Dios cualquier esfuerzo y trabajo vale la pena.

\* Los Reyes Magos tuvieron fe en Dios. Creyeron aunque no veían, aunque no entendían. Quizá ellos pensaban encontrar a Dios en un palacio, lleno de riquezas y no fue así, sino que lo encontraron en un pesebre y así lo adoraron y le entregaron sus regalos. Nos enseñan la importancia de estar siempre pendientes de los signos de Dios para reconocerlos.

Los Reyes Magos fueron generosos al ir a ver a Jesús, no llegaron con las manos vacías. Le llevaron: oro: que se les da a los reyes, ya que Jesús ha venido de parte de Dios, como rey del mundo, para traer la justicia y la paz a todos los pueblos;



## La noche de los Reyes Magos Reflexiones Adviento y Navidad Noche mágica y misteriosa...¡Qué bonito sería pensar que esta noche todos duermen con esta espera maravillosa!

Por: Ma Esther De Ariño | Fuente: Catholic.net

Noche de Reyes...

Noche mágica y misteriosa...

Noche que hace palpar aceleradamente los corazones infantiles y que al cerrar sus ojos para dormir, los hará soñar con la tierna ilusión de una muñeca o de un tren de bonitos colores. Porque a pesar de que ahora los juguetes han alcanzado perfecciones insospechadas y técnicas admirables, nada podrá igualar al maravilloso encanto y tierna sencillez de una muñeca "vestida de azul" o de un tren de alegres y vivos colores.

Sueñan los niños y porque sus almas son inocentes y tienen fe, encontrarán sobre sus zapatitos, que esta noche brillan de tan limpios que están, los juguetes anhelados... "porque se portaron bien" y escribieron una carta que siempre empezó así: *Queridos Reyes Magos...* y los mágicos personajes, Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar, vendrán al conjuro de esos deseos ingenuos, con sus hermosas capas, con dos coronas y un turbante, para dejar sus regalos.

De tanto pensar en ellos, sienten los niños que en el silencio de esta noche han oído como un rumor de pasos, roce de sedas, terciopelos y brocados... Son los tres Reyes Magos que han pasado. Y ojalá que esos niños guarden para siempre la ilusión y magia de esta noche tan singularmente bella para que, cuando adultos, en sus nuevos hogares, siempre haya una "noche de Reyes". ¡Qué bonito sería pensar que esta noche todos los niños duermen con esta espera maravillosa!

Pero el cuadro tiene su claro-oscuro. Las sombras que nos estrujan el corazón de miles y miles de niños que esta noche no pondrán sus zapatitos porque no los tienen, porque sus pies caminan descalzos sobre la tierra de este Planeta. Que no pedirán ni un tren ni una muñeca sino un mendrugo de pan para tener algo que comer en esta noche de Reyes. Estos niños nos están gritando con el grito silencioso de su presencia, que de nada sirven los tecnicismos de esta era si a los hombres se nos ha endurecido el corazón. Pobre humanidad, envanecida y orgullosa... ¡de qué podemos estarlo! si los hombres se matan y los niños tienen hambre.

Hacer a los niños felices sería el mejor regalo y más aún para nuestras conciencias. Que la mejor meta al llegar el año 2016 sería que no existiera un solo niño sobre la faz de la tierra, en la calle, con hambre y descalzo.

Será sin duda el mas severo juicio al que seremos sometidos ante el Creador, porque estuvieron a nuestro lado y no los quisimos ver, tuvieron hambre y no les dimos de comer, tuvieron sed y no les dimos de beber...

Esta noche, noche de Reyes, la humanidad entera y cada uno de nosotros, tendríamos que convertirnos en un Rey Mago, abrazar contra nuestro pecho a un chiquitín, besar sus mejillas sucias, sus ojos tristes y caer de rodillas y pedirles perdón.





What gifts did the Magi bring?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

1. - at + - fower + - og

= \_\_\_\_\_

2. - inge + - c + - tte +

- ow + - pcil + - hor

= \_\_\_\_\_

3. - ilk + - an + - at

+ - ouse

= \_\_\_\_\_

What happened next?

Write all of the "1" words in order. Then return to the top of the puzzle and write all of the "2" words in order. Then return to the top and write all of the "3" words in order.



1 King	2 priests	3 to	1 Herod	2 and
3 be	1 was	2 teachers	3 born	1 frightened
2 and	3 They	1 He	2 asked	3 told
1 called	2 them	3 him	1 together	2 where
3 In	1 all	2 the	3 Bethlehem	1 the
2 Christ	3 in	1 chief	2 was	3 Judea

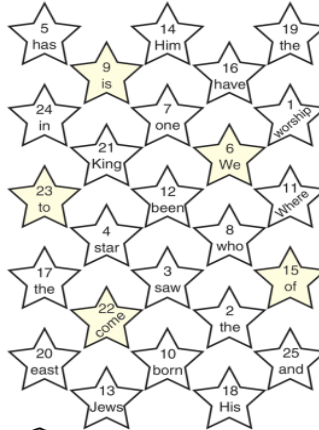
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The Magi Visit Jesus

Some Magi came to Jerusalem. What did they ask?

Match the numbers with the words in the stars.

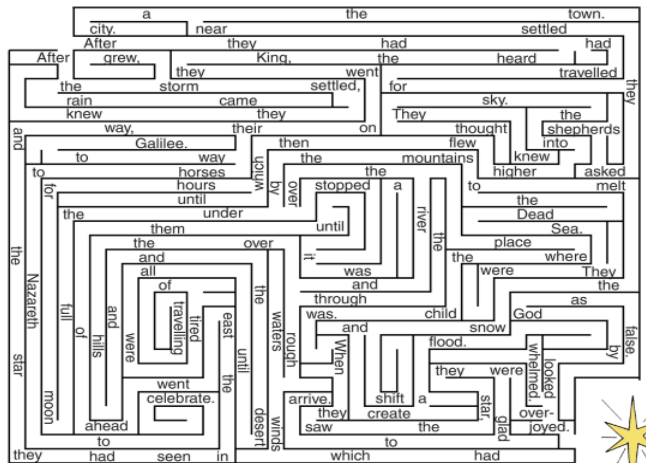


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Then Herod called the Magi secretly and sent them to Bethlehem.

Help the Magi find their way to Bethlehem. Read the story along the way.



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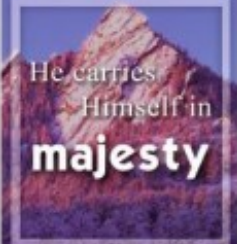
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