

Jesus Makes Himself Known

Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Magi, who represented the Gentiles. According to Matthew 2:1–12, Magi came from the east to Jerusalem after they saw the star of the newborn king of the Jews. The Magi were searching for this newborn king, but instead they found the infant Jesus with Mary, His mother. The divinity of the infant Jesus was revealed to the Magi through a combination of divine guidance, their own astrological studies, thus culminating in their worship of the



child, the significance of the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that they offered, and God speaking to them in dreams. – gold, frankincense and myrrh, thus culminating in their worship of the child, with the star leading them and God's warning to them in a dream.

Traditionally in the Catholic Church, Epiphany includes three events: not only the visit of the Magi, but also the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan and His first miracle at Cana, for all three events manifested His divine identity. These events were necessary so that future believers can relate the way Jesus reveals Himself to them with the way that Jesus had revealed Himself to others in the past.

Today, Jesus continues to reveal Himself to us through Scripture, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, through creation, and through personal encounters with others. And the way that Jesus reveals Himself through the “breaking of the bread” in the Sacrament of the Eucharist has a deep significance for Catholics. One thing that we can be sure of is that Jesus makes Himself known to those who seek Him with their whole heart, especially through faith and obedience. This kind of revelation does not happen when we want it to happen, but often when we least expect it.

Every day, as I prepare for Mass, I read the daily readings from scripture. Although I have read these readings hundreds of times before, each time I read it again, God grants me the favor of a new insight – a new connection, a new application. Although these insights can hardly be considered as major revelations, together with the Eucharist, they are the daily spiritual food for my mind, heart and soul.

Then there are the special revelations that happened on rare occasions. When I was a boy, I had a little dog that got very sick. I felt so sad because he couldn't move and he couldn't eat. The sun was setting at the distance. For no known reason, I put one hand on my little dog and I raised my other hand up to the sky. I begged God to make him well. The next day, I saw my little dog running outside like nothing happened. Since then, I have always believed that God listens to the heartfelt prayers of little children.

Then there was the dream I had in my teens. There was a knock on the door and I saw a man wearing an immaculate white suit. He took my hand and off we went – he had his arm over my shoulder and I had my arm over his shoulder. I realized that we weren't walking on solid ground but on space, travelling not in time but through time over great distances. Finally, I saw a great number of people gathered together inside what seemed to be an enclosed building – there he left me right in the middle of all those people.

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As a young adult, I frequently went to Eucharistic Adoration at my home parish. One evening, as I left the chapel and went outdoors, I felt something like a raindrop or two; but it was a clear night. Suddenly, I felt the tiniest drops fall over me like a gentle shower. Right after, there was so much clarity in my mind that I felt that I understood everything – creation, the world, life. It was as if God allowed me to understand everything even if just for a very brief moment.

Jesus reveals Himself to us in many different ways, but with each revelation, Jesus gives us a special kind of grace; not so that we can bury it and keep it to ourselves, but so that it can produce thirty, sixty or even a hundredfold more grace for others.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention children and parents: We will not have Sunday School class on Sunday!

Fr. Bill will administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in the Sanctuary after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday.

We will have our monthly faith workshop in the Conference Room immediately after Mass this morning. The topic will be the “Spiritual preparation for the final thing in life.”

The 2026 Chinese liturgical calendars are still available for \$5 a copy. Please pick a copy for your home and give a copy to a friend or relative.

We will celebrate Chinese New Year on Feb. 15, 2026 in lieu of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The 10th year anniversary of the dedication of our church will be on November 19, 2027. We would like all church members to have their picture taken for the 10th year anniversary commemorative parish book. Please sign up with Tommy Puk.



Prayer List: Xie Yannong, Bian Meiyi, Chen Kun, Chen Shupeng, Ni Yufang, Lydia Chen, David Wang, Chen Jianxin, Liang Chenjing and Xu Taicheng.

Mass Schedule	Confessions	Bible Study
Sundays 10:30 AM (Chinese)	Sundays 9:00-9:30 AM	Wednesdays 10:00 AM (Chinese)
Sundays 2:00 PM (English)	Tuesdays 2:00-3:00 PM	Mondays 6:00 PM (English)
	By Appointment	
Mondays 12:00 PM (English)		Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesdays 12:00 PM (English)	Anointing of the Sick	Sundays 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chinese)	First Sundays after 10:30 AM Mass	Tuesdays 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Fridays 12:00 PM (English)		
First Friday 7:00 PM (English)		
First Saturday 10:00 AM (Chinese)		