

Like the Wise Men, We too are called to Journey to Jesus

If you ever visit Köln Cathedral in Germany you can walk around the sanctuary, and behind the main altar there is a large reliquary said to contain the bones, or at least the skulls, of the three wise men. “How did they get to Köln?” The wise men’s bones are said to have been located in Persia and then brought to Constantinople by St. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine who was the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity. The bones were transferred from Constantinople to Milan in the fifth century and to Cologne in 1163. So not only did the wise men journey during the lives but even after death their relics went on a journey. Although Matthew does not tell us the names of the wise men, in the West they have traditionally been given the names Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Matthew does not tell us the number of wise men, he simply states that they offered three gifts.

The journey the wise men made to Bethlehem was not the only journey they made. They also made a journey in their hearts from paganism to worshipping Jesus. They were not Jews; scholars tell us they were priests of an Eastern religion who consulted the stars. One of them may have been a king. Before they set out on their journey to Bethlehem to worship Jesus, they were star-readers but they went on an interior journey from reading stars to worshipping Jesus as Savior.

The wise men’s journey of 1,000 miles or more from Persia over 3 months is really a symbol of the inward journey they made in their hearts, a journey from paganism to belief in Jesus. Indeed, not just the wise men but all of us are on a journey to get closer to Jesus our Savior. Our journey may not be from reading stars, but we each are called to allow Jesus to be Lord of our lives.

Like the wise men, we each have a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is yet fully converted and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus’ healing and redemption. We pray that God may lead us, like them, ever closer to his Son Jesus. We pray that all nations may come to know that Jesus is the one Savior, that all nations may fall prostrate before Jesus.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



January 6, 2018

Feast of the Epiphany

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)

Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)

Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)

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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
(January 13, 2018)**

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**Readers:** W. Allen / P. Dalton / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
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**January Sacristan:** ..... Denise Romer  
**Hospitality:** ..... Linda Savastano  
**KoC Round Table Coordinator:** ..... George Savastano  
**Mass Intentions:** ..... Sarah Mahon  
**Webmaster:** ..... Stormy Allen  
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**Bulletin:** ..... Mary Germann  
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INTENTIONS



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Mollie Ann Wenzel, daughter of a friend of Allen Bigard; Laverne Marsch; Kate Cunningham; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs, we pray to the Lord.

ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS

December 30, 2017

Parish: \$ 287
Building Fund: \$ 60
Candles: \$ 3

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 45 / 4
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 6, 2018**

For the repose of the souls of **William and James Murray**, father and brother of Peggy Dalton;  
Requested by **Peggy Dalton**.  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A note from Sharon Brayton:

The **Saint Mother Teresa Guild Christmas party** has been rescheduled for **tomorrow Sunday**, feast of the Epiphany. We will have finger foods, relax, enjoy the company of friends and have our white elephant gift exchange. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite finger food, and a gift (valued at \$15 - \$20) to exchange. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Saint Christopher Hall **at 2:00 pm CST on Sunday, January 7, 2018.**

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)

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**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>** **Readers:** R. Germann / B. Rindler / S. Mahon  
**Altar Servers:** A. Cruz / J. Rindler  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Hailey / J. Vaughn  
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Jan. 27th **Readers:** S. Mahon / W. Allen / P. Dalton
Altar Servers: F. Schuch / A. Stucker
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Savastano / J. Vaughn

