

Tomorrow: Feast of the Holy Family. Study the prayers in your Missal.

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Sunday; last day you can make Novena for Fr. O'Hara. Masses: 6, 7, 8:30 and ten.

Epiphany.

Novena, Lyons starts Monday

Today is the Feast of Epiphany. To many of you that's "greek." As a matter of fact it is Greek, literally, for showing or apparition.

The Infant Christ showed Himself to the Wise Men who came from the East with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Great day for the Wise Men. Great day for anyone when he first really learns to know Christ!

But this observation is worth your while. Epiphany emphasizes the part human beings, you, must play if Christ is to be known. The Wise Men had to travel hundreds of miles by foot and camel. They had to follow the Star. They had to persevere in their journey. The same holds for you.

You will never know Christ unless you go to Him. On First Fridays, all day; in the evening on Sundays and Holy Days He shows Himself to you in the Eucharist. You do not want to see Christ very much if you prefer to hide out in your room of a Sunday night during Benediction. You do not want to know your King very much, if you can't spare a half-hour in Adoration before Him every First Friday. Let the attitude of the Wise Men teach you the good habit of seeking out Christ wherever Christ is. Christ will be your reward. He will show you Himself!

But Where Is Christ?

He is in the Blessed Sacrament. You know that much. He sacrifices Himself for you daily at Mass.

And Christ is not only in churches. More important even, Christ abides in the souls of all who love Him. "If any man love Me he will keep My word and My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our abode with him."

Where is Christ? He is in you if you love Him-- if you're in the state of grace. He is in your roommate, if your roommate is in the state of grace.

So you have not far to seek Christ if you live among godly men. If you have formed the habit Christ has always insisted upon, of loving your neighbor for Him, of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the sorrowful, burying the dead, you have found Christ. And one day will come an eternal Epiphany. You will see Christ forever.

For when Christ, at the day of Judgment, separates the goats from the sheep, those who shall see Him from those who shall not, He will make his decision about you, depending how you answer these questions: "Did you feed the hungry? Clothe the naked? Visit the sick? Give alms to the poor? * * * Yes? Then you did it to Me. Come, enter the Kingdom." The dim light of Faith will at last melt into sight. Because you followed the star of loving your neighbor through the tedious and trial of life's hard journey; because you made it a habit to seek out Christ and give Him your gifts and yourself, He rewarded you with the amazing Epiphany of Himself!

Get Back to Christ's True Christianity.

That is the theme of Father Grisez's sermon tomorrow. Not logic, he will tell you, will convince the world that Christ's Catholic Religion is true; not logic but sanctity. People in Christ's time turned away deaf to His preaching. But this did not disturb Him. He said: "If you believe not my words, believe my works." * * * You will say, "But Christ's words were miraculous." * * * Yes, and so will yours be, not physical miracles but true moral miracles. For the works of a Christian are the white peak of chastity towering over the black mountain of sin, the fertile valley of humility flanked on two sides by the hard, unproductive rocks of worldly ambition and self-deification, the spectacle of a man actually loving his enemies and jibes of relentless hatred!

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