CWL FUNDRAISER

The Catholic Women's League will be hosting Basil Dawkins' play 'First Lady' on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Little Little Theatre, 4 Tom Redcam Drive. Tickets cost \$3,500.00 each and can be purchased from members of the CWL or at the church office. Please support their effort.



The Visit of the Magi

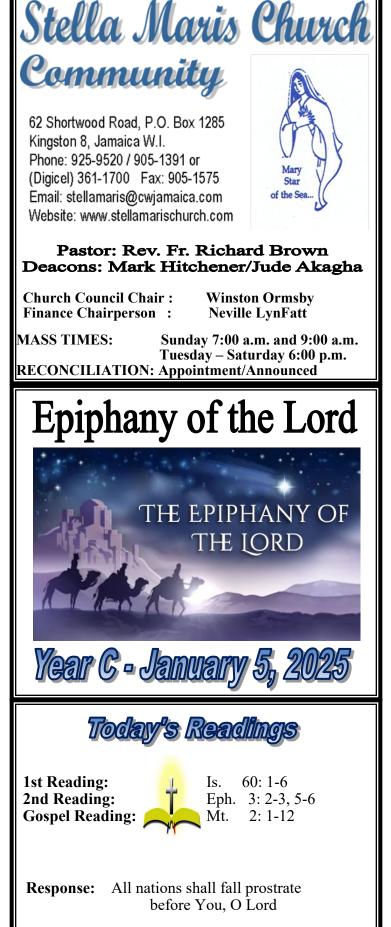


On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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Reflecting on the Gospel

A TV commercial a while back sang the praises of the human eye. The commercial portrayed how our amazing eyes can see the light of a single candle in the darkness from one hundred football fields away. That's over thirty thousand feet! In the gospel, the "magi from the east" followed the light of a star.

A light of heaven that guided them. A light of revelation that manifested "the newborn king of the Jews" to Gentile wise men. A light of warning that protected this Child from harm until his time had come. Like the magi, we must follow this light to the Light. Like the magi, we must offer "the child" homage—the gift of our very selves become the Light of his Presence. A Light that guides, reveals, warns.

The light of the glory of God's Presence is all around us. Unlike the magi, we don't have to undertake an arduous journey. We need only to open our eyes to see through the darkness. We need only to allow God to guide us by word, sacrament, grace. We need only to heed the warning signs of those who might lead us astray, those who refuse to see the light, those who choose not to give God the humble homage of which God is worthy.

The real challenge of this gospel is that we do not seek the light outside of ourselves, as did the magi, but within ourselves. We do not need to look up to the heavens, to observe starlight, to go on a long journey. The light that guides, reveals, and warns us is right here among us. It is within us. We are the light that shines forth the Presence of God.

We ourselves are the guiding light; we ourselves reveal God's divine Presence through the goodness of who we are; we ourselves warn others by the way we live of the danger of closing our eyes to this Light. We ourselves are to be the gift offered to others, a gift that shines brightly for all to see because this "newborn king of the Jews" dwells within us and among us. Such a light we behold!

Fr. Richard Brown

