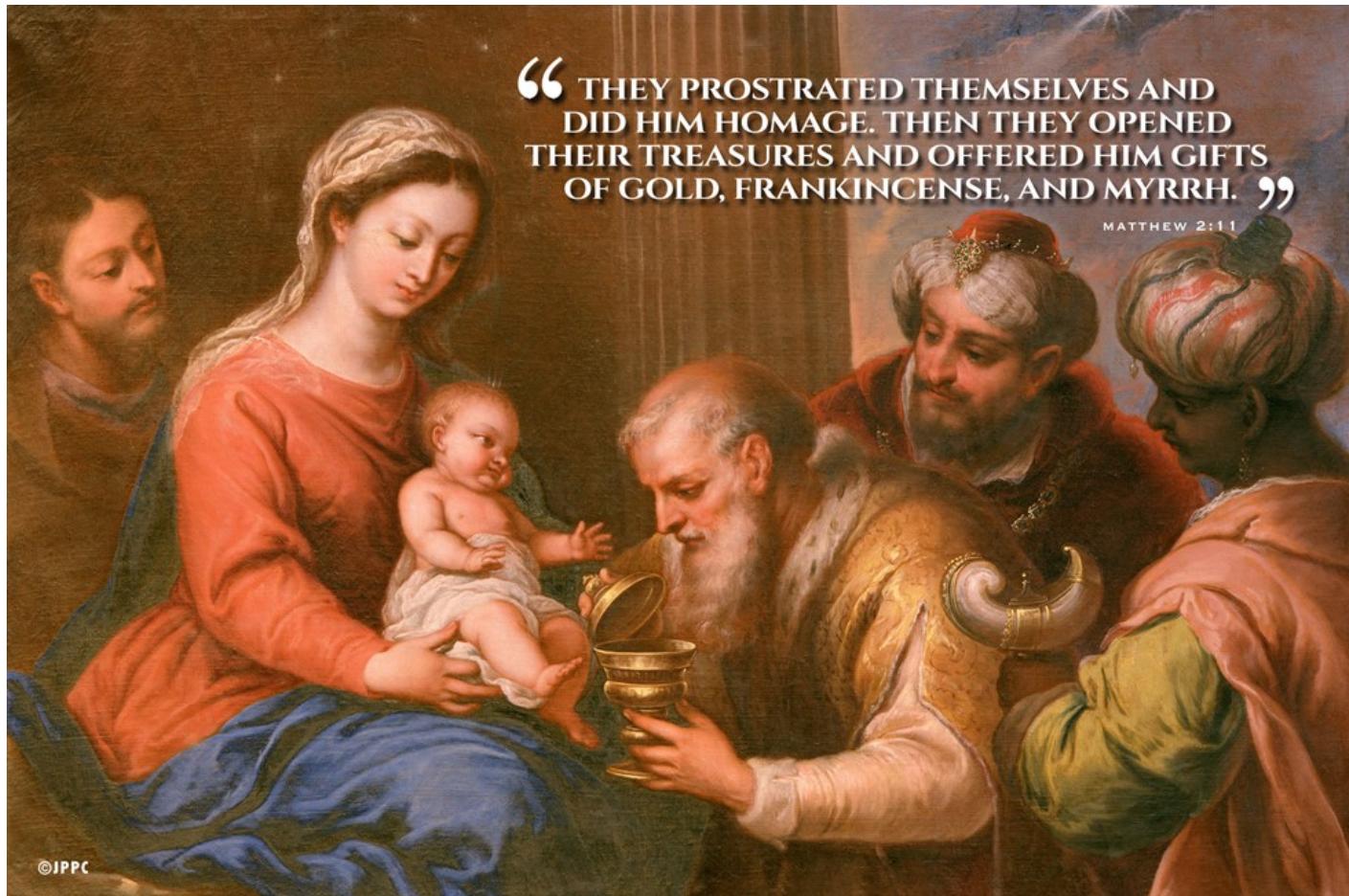


St. Justin the Martyr Roman Catholic Church

975 Fischer Boulevard, Toms River, NJ 08753

January 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Reflection on Today's Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

This first “song” opens with a call for people to hail the Lord’s glory within the holy city Jerusalem as it shines out. All the nations (Gentiles) will come to rebuild the city, at the same time renewing their bonds of ancient unity through the common fatherhood of Abraham.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul receives the insight that the Gentiles are full participants in the Church. They are truly “co-partners in the promise of Christ.”

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The powerful tyrant Herod acts typically devious with the magi. These men represent the Gentile world in all its racial diversity who came to worship the Child.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday ~ Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and
1:15 PM to 4:00 PM; Friday 9:00AM-12:00 Noon**

REGISTRATION: All are welcome! Sponsorship letters for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony will only be issued to registered parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office to register and please also notify the Parish Office of a change of address or if you plan to move from the parish so that we may keep our records updated.

**SUNDAY, January 6****THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30am Manuel Rebelo
 9:00am Chester & Mary Bielski
 All Souls
 10:30am Thomas A. Lewandowski, Sr.
 (Adult Choir) Robert V. Kelly
 Peter Dich Nguyen
 12Noon Joseph Albanese, Jr.
 James Gonzalez

MONDAY, January 7

Christmas Weekday;
St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
 8:30am Catherine McLaughlin
 Olga Lewandowski

TUESDAY, January 8

Christmas Weekday
 8:30am Helen Morris
 Josephine Grzybowski

WEDNESDAY, January 9

Christmas Weekday
 8:30am George Arney
 Tecla Czahur

THURSDAY, January 10

Christmas Weekday
 8:30am Frank Campagna, Jr.
 Olga & Thomas Lewandowski

FRIDAY, January 11

Christmas Weekday
 8:30am Joseph Paparazzo, Jr.
 Louis A. Neno

SATURDAY, January 12

Christmas Weekday
 9:30am People of the Parish
 5:00pm Anthony & Mary Bartoli
 James Gonzalez

SUNDAY, January 13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 7:30am Cassandra Costello
 9:00am Maryanne Bielski
 John Gravante
 Domenica Esposito
 10:30am Baby Justin
 (Adult Choir) Edward Plenzo
 12Noon James Anthony Bates
 Margaret Patterson

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace Amen*



The Altar Bread,
 which will become the Body of Christ
 at the Masses celebrated during the
 week is offered in loving memory of

The Eramia Family

requested by Evette Arango

**The Sanctuary Candle**

which burns near the Tabernacle
 in Church, the reminder of the Lord's
 Presence in the Most Holy
 Eucharist, is offered for

**Kendra, Reiss & Davis Stefanski &
 Ken & Marta Musiakiewicz (living)**

requested by Marie Paparazzo

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION:
 Every third weekend of the month.

PARISH OFFICE: 732-270-3980
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 732-270-3797
PARISH WEBSITE: www.stjustin.org

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM
 Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00Noon
 Monday-Friday: 8:30AM; Saturday: 9:30am

Holy Days: Announced

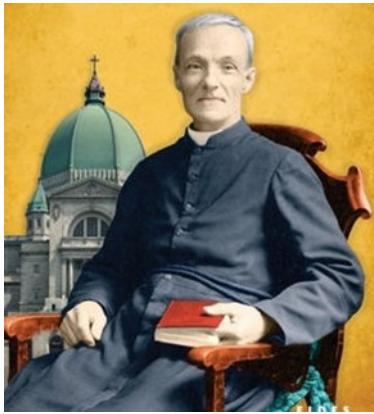
BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session. Godparents/Sponsors are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Please call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Saturdays: At 3:30PM

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
 Adult R.C.I.A. program: Contact Parish Office
 Children R.C.I.A. program: Contact Religious Ed.

MARRIAGE: The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. According to the Common Policy adopted by the Bishops of New Jersey, this preparation requires attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) as well as sessions with the parish deacon or priest. Therefore, couples should make arrangements at the Parish Office one year before the planned wedding date and before finalizing any social plans.

MISSION STATEMENT: The goal of Saint Justin the Martyr Parish is that each member grow in the Grace through Jesus Christ, and in so doing cooperate with the Holy Spirit in giving glory to God, in experiencing the salvation of their soul, and in building up the Body of Christ.



From the Pastor
The Epiphany
of the Lord
January 6, 2019

FROM DOORMAN TO SAINTHOOD.

This year we are not able to celebrate the Mass in honor of *Saint André Bessette* on his feast day, **January 6.** [In

some parts of the world, **January 6** is the *Epiphany of the Lord*, a holy day of obligation; since it is such an important event to recall each year, the Bishops of the USA transferred the Epiphany to the first Sunday after January 1st.] But not being able to honor *Saint André Bessette* on his feast day would not bother this humble, simple man in the least, for he spent his whole life graciously, cheerfully accepting - as God's will - whatever befell him. Out of devotion to *Saint Joseph*, what custom did *Alfred* [his baptismal name] begin that some question, but still lives on to this day? Here is his Collect ... and the rest of his story.

Collect - Saint André Bessette, Religious

Lord our God, friend of the lowly,
who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette,
a great devotion to Saint Joseph and a
special commitment to the poor and afflicted,
help us through his intercession
to follow his example of prayer and love
and so come to share with him in your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus ... forever and ever. Amen.

FROM EARTHLY RAGS TO HEAVENLY RICHES.

Born on August 9, 1845, near Montreal, *Alfred Bessette* was the 8th of 12 children; orphaned by 12, he was raised by an uncle. Sickly and weak, illiterate and slow, he tried to be a farmhand, shoemaker, baker, blacksmith and, during the American Civil War, a factory worker ... but was a failure. In 1870, he applied to the *Holy Cross Brothers*, a teaching Order, who only admitted him to the novitiate based on a note from his pastor saying: *"I am sending you a saint."* Still unable to read or write, his superiors did not recommend him for final vows ... but the Bishop intervened. So, they made *Brother André* a sacristan, laundry worker and messenger - and gave him the humble job of doorkeeper at Montreal's Notre Dame College. As he would later quip,

"At the end of my novitiate, my

superiors showed me the door, and I stayed there for forty years."

SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS. At his post at the door, *Brother André* greeted and directed, consoled and affirmed, prayed over and anointed people with oil from a chapel lamp. [He was not a priest, so he could not use sacred oils.] Soon, so many came for his healing touch and comforting words, secretaries were needed to handle the 80,000 prayer-requests he received annually! When his superiors, diocesan officials and doctors became suspicious, he simply replied: *"I do not cure; Saint Joseph cures."* [From childhood he was devoted to *Saint Joseph*.]

For many years the Holy Cross Brothers tried to buy land on Mount Royal for a monastery, but the owners would not sell it. So, *Brother André* and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of *Saint Joseph*; suddenly, the owners yielded - giving birth to the custom of burying images of *Saint Joseph* for real estate deals! Then, from coins he collected from tips and gifts from those who sought his prayers [a whopping \$200.00!], *Brother André* built a small chapel [a hut!] to receive visitors - but could only afford to build the walls. So, he requested: *"Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it."* And it worked!

Montreal's magnificent *Saint Joseph Oratory* took 50 years to build, but the sickly boy who could not hold a job died on January 6, 1937, at 91, before it was dedicated; *Brother André's* vision was fulfilled! But before his burial in the Oratory, 1 million people passed by his casket; his heart was removed, preserved and put on display at his shrine [as was customarily done with the hearts of French kings.] He was beatified by *Saint John Paul* on May 23, 1982, who said of him: *"It is with the smallest brushes that the artists paint the most beautiful pictures."* And at his canonization as the first male Canadian-born Saint, Pope Benedict XVI declared that *Saint André* *"lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."*

So, whenever we feel the 'little things' we do are a waste of time or serve no purpose, remember the story of this humble man! *Saint Joseph and Saint André Bessette, pray for us!*

In Christ,

Father Mark

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10
or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



January 13, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord

**CHURCH
UN-DECORATING AND
CLEAN UP RIGHT
AFTER THE 12NOON
MASS!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN HELPING PLEASE
LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER
AT THE PARISH OFFICE**



Mark Your Calendars St. Justin's FAMILY NIGHT BINGO!

Friday, February 8, 2019 Parish Hall

Doors Open & Food Served At 5:30pm

Games: 6:00pm Dessert: 7:00pm

Cost is \$5.00 per family, which includes Bingo cards and dessert. (a package of 10 additional boards can be purchased for \$5 night of event)

For more info contact the parish office or Susan at 908-591-4271. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the event, please call the Parish Office and leave your name & number. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and sent home through Religious Education, and downloadable from our website: www.stjustin.org

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, February 4, 2019



THE NEXT BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP

7PM in the Religious Ed. Bldg.

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

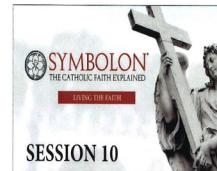
**Registration for Workshop is Required
call the Parish Office at 732-270-3980 to attend.**

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

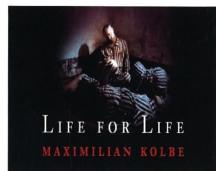


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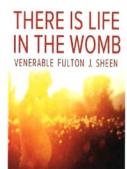
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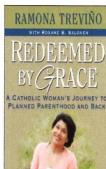
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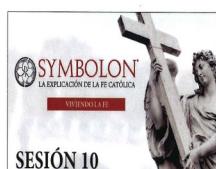
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**CATHOLICS CAN ALWAYS
COME HOME!**

ST. JUSTIN'S RCIA PROGRAM

**For further information Contact
the Parish Office**



To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:11

...a time to be born...

...a time to love...

...and a time to be born to Eternal Life...

Ryan Finn, Kathleen Linkin, Marguerite Michelson,
Theresa C. Herbert

Those who have died in the Service of our Country.

...and a time for peace in all the world...

pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad,

Cody Fisher, David Cozad, Jason Howie,
Daniel Robert Costello, Mark Caruso, Rick DiSanti, A.J. Elbert,
Ryan Buckley, Eric P. Fenske, Louis Graffeo, Michael Griffing,
Alexandria Del'Romero Hughes, Audrey Hughes,
Antoni Jedra, Charles Jones, Ian Krong,
Armando Leonor, Walter Reed, Tyler Brandon Sansone,
Trevor Smida, Christopher Sylvester, Nick Roma
Nick Panzara, Brian Macnab, Greg Hermack, John DiMicelli,
John M. Budenas, Robert Tront, Joey Colosimo
Michael Anthony DeAnni, Kieran Murphy, Colin Berrios
and for our President and elected leaders of our Country.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SACRAMENT TUTOR CLASS

On Tuesday, January 8th there will be a Sacrament Tutor Class for students preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please note that this is in addition to their regularly scheduled Thursday session.

GRADE ONE EPIPHANY PAGEANT – JANUARY 6TH – PARISH HALL 4:00PM

Come and join us to close out our Christmas season with song and fellowship!



GRADE ONE EPIPHANY PAGEANT JANUARY 6TH – PARISH HALL 4:00PM

Come and join us this afternoon!

to close out our Christmas season with song and fellowship. Our first grade religious education students have worked hard on this wonderful presentation of the Epiphany. St. Justin's children's choir will be helping us in song.

We invite our parish family to join in the celebration of this feast day!

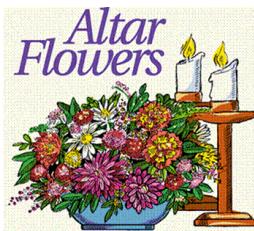


MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 22, 2019, will mark the 46th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision which legalized abortion in our nation. This year, the annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. will be held on

Friday January 18th

Additionally, a *Mass for Life* will be celebrated at the *Cathedral in Trenton at 9:30 am on January 22, 2019*. Immediately following, the congregation will be invited to process to the Statehouse for the annual Rally for Life, organized by New Jersey Right to Life. The Rally for Life will begin at 11:00 am and end at approximately 1:00 pm.
More Info to follow in upcoming weeks



Would you like to commemorate a special occasion or honor the memory of a loved one or just help out with the beautifying of our church?

Consider donating the money for the flowers for Mass!

The cost of the altar flowers is \$100.00. We will print the occasion or the name of the person being honored in the bulletin and those who donated the flowers. Please contact the rectory office

Weekly News & Events

PARISH MINISTRY MEETINGS

TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Next Meeting January 6, 2019, 6:00—8:00pm

St. Justin's Conference Room

All Grade 8 through 12 youth are invited to become part of the "Youth Group." Come join our community service group where we share our faith while doing fun activities

Come to a meeting for Pizza & Fun! Any questions?

See Deacon Fred after Mass. **Bring a Friend!**

MENDING THROUGH FAITH

Family and Friends who have lost their Loved Ones through addiction meet once a month to help mend their broken hearts through faith. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm**

in the Religious Ed Building

All Family and Friends are welcome. For further information call or text Kate Miick at 732-237-4080 or Diane Noonan at 732-503-1536.

ST. JUSTIN'S SHAWL MINISTRY

Next Meeting—Wednesday, January 9th at 7pm,

St. Justin's Conference Room. If you crochet or knit or want to learn how to do either, you will be welcomed by our group. We also happily accept donations of yarn for creating prayer shawls, baby blankets, lap blankets and various other items for people in need. Call Fran for info: 848-241-3976 or 732-492-0329

ST. JUSTIN'S MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Monday, January 14, 2019, 7:00pm, (note date change) **St. Justin's Conference Room**

Come and See. Join other Men from the Parish for prayer, discussions and brotherhood as we live out, learn and share our Catholic Faith.

ST. JUSTIN'S SENIORS

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019, in the

Parish Hall –Starting at 11:30. Please bring a non-perishable food item for St. Vincent de Paul.

Our Annual Christmas Party is January 8, 2019 at the Clarion. For Info: Call Barbara at 732-232-3733

ST. JUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in the St. Justin's Conference Room (Please note date change for this meeting). The meeting will be held at 7:30pm.

ST. JUSTIN'S ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join this wonderful group of women, we welcome new members as we pray the rosary, and serve God and the parish thru charitable events such as a shower for Birthright. Next meeting

January 23rd 6:30pm in the church for the induction of our new members, followed by our meeting in the parish hall. Further info? Please contact president Pat McDonald: 732-270-4061

January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In those bygone days, crayons were the instruments of choice for children for hours of simple fun. They came in different sized boxes. A basic 6 or 7 sticks morphed into a mighty box of 54, with a hinged lid and staggered rows of more colors than one could imagine. They had exotic names like "burnt sienna" and "chartreuse" that I recall even today. I know these details because I never got a 54 box of own. We were 6 kids disciplined and bound by a strict budget at the time that compelled sharing.

My point with this reverie: None of the crayon colors were dominant. Nor did it really matter how we used them.

Someone on the page might have a purple face and flowers might bloom a deep navy blue. And this whether we stayed in the lines or strayed beyond. I know that some of these masterpieces made it to the coveted refrigerator door. Would that people's skin color did not matter in these adult days of lost innocence! So many (or should I write "too many"?) of us adults draw distinct line between "us" and "them." The recent massacre of some Jewish worshipers leaving their synagogue on a Saturday morning in Pittsburgh, PA underscores the point .

The beautiful legend of the Gentile wise men, or magi, traveling to worship the Jewish Infant, as preserved by St.

Matthew, strikes at any vestige of prejudice in our hearts. From the pre-gospel Letters of St. Paul we learn what these later writers would proclaim: the meaning of Christ was then, and still is now, for all the world to take to heart. It was never meant to be locked up in a corner of the ancient Mediterranean world. How well it is received is up to us who live here now, and how well we live it.

Under a cultural exchange program, Alan Abramsky and his family in Roanoke, Texas, were hosts to a rabbi from Russia at Christmastime. They decided to introduce him to a culinary treat that was probably not available in his country, so they took him to their favorite Chinese restaurant. Throughout the meal, the rabbi spoke excitedly about the wonders of North America in comparison to the bleak conditions in his homeland. When they had finished eating, the waiter brought the check and presented each of them with a small brass Christmas tree ornament as a seasonal gift.

They all laughed when Abramsky's father pointed out that the ornaments were stamped "Made in India." But the laughter subsided when they saw that the rabbi was quietly crying. Concerned, Abramsky's father asked the rabbi if he was offended because he'd been given a gift for a Christian holiday. He smiled, shook his head, and said, "Nyet". I was shedding tears of joy to be in a wonderful country in which a Buddhist gives a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu!"

On this actual Twelfth Day of Christmas, the feast of the Epiphany, in this brand new year of 2019, everything depends on how we cooperate with God's grace in our relationships with others. In other words, everything depends on how we "color" our world .

Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit
it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

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