

## **In the New Year we celebrate Epiphany Sunday**

-Where will Christ be in our lives?

-Will Christ be absent or present this New Year?

### **-Jesus was absent from King Herod's Life.**

-Herod was so busy holding on to his own kingship that he missed Jesus.

-So much so that king Herod was looking to remove Jesus.

-Sadly: Jesus is the only one who can bring serenity and peace to Herod.

-Without Jesus Herod will never have enough power – no peace.

### **-Jesus was present to the 3 Wise Men.**

-They came & worshipped Jesus (Mass and Liturgy).

-Saw thru the deceit of King Herod (In seeking God, Wisdom is given).

-Through proper worship may they find a life that is Christ centered; leading to a wisdom knowing that God will order, and guide their decisions in this life.

## **Summary from Bishop Barron:**

*-Watching the night sky, the Magi evoke the importance of alertness in the spiritual order.*

-Once they saw the star, they moved, despite the length of the journey. Sometimes people know what God wants them to do, but they don't act, either out of fear, laziness, or the influence of bad habits. The Magi teach us to move.

*-When they spoke to Herod of the birth of a new King, he tried to use them to destroy the baby. When you walk the path of God, expect opposition.*

*-The wise men came to Bethlehem and gave the child their precious gifts. When you come to Christ, break open the very best of yourself and make it a gift for him. Most importantly "daily" give Him your heart.*

*-Finally, they returned to their home country by another route. As Fulton Sheen commented so magnificently: of course they did; for no one comes to Christ and goes back the same way he came!*

## **Coming Wednesday I will post information for: (Young Adults offering)**

**-Young mothers ministry and Exodus 90 (A program now until Easter).**

**More to come...**

Happy and Blessed New Year  
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