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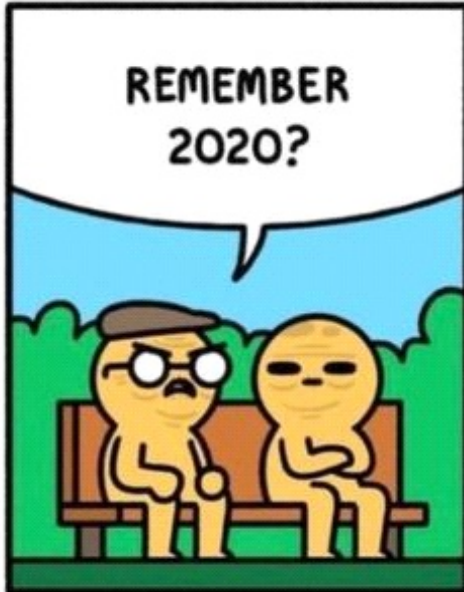


## OUR PIUS UPDATE January 5, 2021



2020 IN PERSPECTIVE

SAFELY ENDANGERED WEBTOON





## Mass Schedule

Our Mass schedule remains the same

Tuesdays and Thursdays:	9:30 am
Saturdays:	4:45 pm
Sundays:	10:00 am*

(\*This Mass will be live-streamed)



### ACTING ON THE TRUTH

The Magi were strange people, Zoroastrian priest-astrologers who sought knowledge and guidance in stars and dreams. More importantly, they were non-Jews. Their story was written to teach us that Jesus was born for Gentiles as well as Jews, that all humanity is called to oneness in Christ

They exchanged their comfortable priestly homes for an arduous journey to find the one at whom the heavens hinted. Their lights led them to Jerusalem, to people of the promise, priests and Scripture scholars, who told them where to look, but didn't bestir themselves to go. The Magi found Jesus, worshiped him and offered him gifts.

The Magi stand for us. It is not enough, like those Jerusalem priests, to know the truth. We need to act on it, to leave our comfort zone, to search seriously for the meaning of our lives, and finally to offer him the gift of our very selves.

**SOURCE:** *Fr. Peter Fennesy, SJ*

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### PRAYER

*Lord God,  
the star that led the Magi to the manger  
announced that the Light of the world had been born.  
Today, our world is still covered in darkness.  
May we reflect your light through our lives,  
as we act as witnesses to the transforming power of encountering Jesus Christ,  
Let us never cease seeking a deeper relationship with you.  
Amen.*

**SOURCE:** Jesuit Prayer team  
from [www.jesuitprayer.org](http://www.jesuitprayer.org)

## THE WISDOM TO SEEK GOD'S FACE



The mysterious travelers who came to visit the Christ Child are referred to simply as "*magi*" in Matthew's Gospel. Magi were priests of ancient Persia. They practiced a form of astrology, which accounts for their recognition of a star as foretelling the newborn king.

While the Magi are sometimes called the "*Three Kings*", I prefer to think of them as the "*Three Wise Men*", (Though, truth be told, Scripture never says there were only three or that they were all men!) It's the "*wise*" part that I like.

Wisdom is one of the traditional gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it's among the most valuable things a human being can possess. It allows us to see beyond the confusion of the moment to recognize what's truly important. In an age when choices often come faster than our ability to discern them, wisdom is priceless.

The Magi were wise because they were seekers. They recognized within the signs of the times a call to the presence of God, and they yearned for that presence. They left their homeland, which is to say they left the familiar and comfortable for the unknown. They disregarded the boundaries of nation, class and religion in a quest for that which they most prized, a glimpse of the face of God. All the while, they trusted that the one who called them forth would guide them to their destination.

In my work I get to hear from people all over the country who are helping a child or elderly person overcome extreme poverty with support and encouragement each month. These sponsors are also seekers. Like the Magi, they follow a star that leads not to wealth and privilege, but to humility and simplicity. And, like the Magi, they make a gift of material resources in exchange for an encounter with Christ in the person of a child or elder whose life they've helped make better.

As we prepare to leave the Christmas season and enter Ordinary Time, it's good to remember that the Star of Bethlehem didn't suddenly disappear. It's still there. It still shines, though the clouds of our lives sometimes hide it from us. In 2021, let's help one another seek that star. Let's help one another catch a glimpse, now and then, of the magnificent face of God.

**SOURCE:** [www.catholicmom.com](http://www.catholicmom.com)



## I AM THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year.  
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.  
I am your next chance at the art of living.  
I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned  
about life during the last twelve months.  
All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me,  
waiting for you to search it but with more determination.  
All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine  
to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.  
All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do,  
all that you hoped but did not will,  
all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly,  
waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.  
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said,  
*"Behold, I make all things new."*

**SOURCE:** Author Unknown  
from [www.jesuitresource.org](http://www.jesuitresource.org)



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