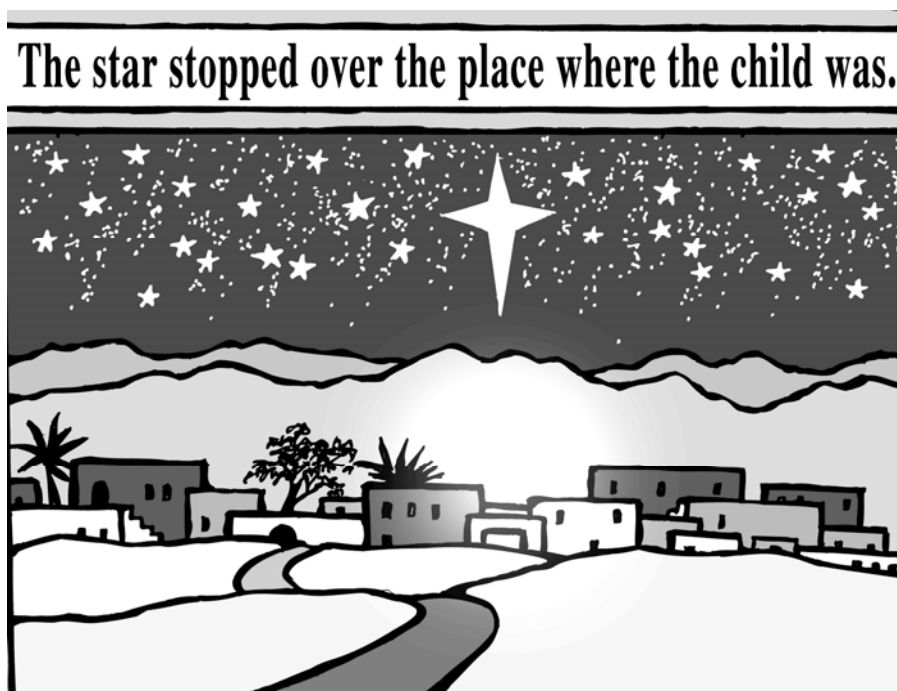


O.L.F. Year For Catholic Devotions June 2011 - June 2012

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Epiphany of the Lord



DON'T BE FOOLED

We can include the magi on our list of role models in faith for the season. They were not Jews, but were willing to follow a route that led to an insignificant and troublesome Roman province. When they were led to the Holy Family's humble abode in Bethlehem they did not say, "No way! This can't be the place. It's too lowly, they're not affluent enough." They simply bowed down and worshiped Jesus the Christ, in a scene that prefigures the disciples bowing to worship him later in Matthew's Gospel after his resurrection. These sign-seekers were willing to be led by their wonder, ready to persist in their journey, not knowing where the quest for their revelation would lead them, but open to its possible presence anywhere. We, like they, must be ready to seek the *epiphania*, the manifestation of God, earnestly and honestly, and be prepared to bow in worship when we find it.

*Our Lady of Fatima Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily
At O.L.F. before each Mass and privately from 8:30am to 7:00pm*

During each of the Months remaining in 2011 as well as all of the months 'til June in 2012 we will be having special devotions, usually but not always or exclusively, after each weekend Mass, according to the schedule shown to the right of this announcement.

Month	Dedication / Devotion
January*	The Holy Name of Jesus
February	The Holy Family
March	St. Joseph
April	The Holy Eucharist
May	The Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of January offers us an excellent opportunity to have a parish project which is guaranteed to affect not only every member of the parish, but everyone every member encounters. The project has two parts.

SINCE

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WHY NOT

Let's, each of us, promise, and act on the promise, to take any and all practical steps that seem to work to clean up our mouths. Almost no one has perfected this particular, often sinful, flaw. Make this exercise apply to the really "big time" *bad words, phrases, sentences, and curses*. Lesser offenses can require our attention after we've gotten a handle on our major lapses. Swearing doesn't technically fit into this category but it so often is used in the same sentence as the word curse, we could include it in the exercise. Swearing is actually asking God to witness the *truth* of a *lie*. It's not so much taking God's NAME in vain as it is actually abusing the PERSON of God. One can swear without cursing as well as one can curse without swearing. Long story short - they're both *pretty serious* sins. It would behoove all of us to knock them both off!

Suggested exercise: Monetize your mouth. Every time you *misspeak*, charge yourself a Quarter. Weekly, not monthly, take your sack (or suitcase) full of dirty money down to St. Vincent de Paul. You can make a more immediate impact by adding a little physical pain to the financial painfulness of this exercise by wearing a flesh colored rubber band around your wrist and giving it a good snap every time you slip-up. But don't forget about the Quarter.

Part II consists in telling your friends, drinking buddies, and work mates that you'll no longer tolerate that kind of language coming from them, unless of course, they'll join up with your exercise campaign to have more respect for the name of Jesus, and to clean up the language ... well, all over the world.