

Dearly Beloved,

Welcome to the Epiphany Season. It began today, January 6th. It's easy to overlook when competing with the first Mardi Gras parade this past weekend and NFL playoff football games and students going back to school.

The fact that we transition from the Christmas Season to the Epiphany Season doesn't mean that Christmas is over. Christmas is over when God stops coming to love you into new life and you stop letting him into your life. Changing to a new Season in the Church Year means emphasizing another part of our relationship with God.

Epiphany is a Greek Word meaning to reveal, to show, to make manifest. In this case, it means first that God is revealing himself in Jesus, but also in all kinds of ways in your everyday life and in this Season we explore together how we might realize his presence and the myriad ways he loves us.

The second emphasis of the Epiphany Season is learning how you and I can be a way for God to reveal his presence and his love through us to others who need to know they are loved. With God's Love in us we can be beacons of Hope and Lights shining in the darkness revealing the way of Life through difficult times. So, Light, perhaps a candle, is the symbol for this Season with the Journey of the Wise Men and their transformation through worship of Jesus our vision.

Here's wishing for you and all of us a wonderfully revealing Season of Epiphany with others being drawn to God through us because of the Light of Christ that shines in us wherever we go. Try not to hide it. Let it shine.

In Christ's Love, Fr. Bob