

January 6, 2008
Sunday the Twelfth Day in the Octave of Christmas
The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

...on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The journey of the three kings is not unlike our own journey. We wander around the desert, often mistaking one sign for another. We keep our feet moving even when we do not know in what direction we travel. We feel lost most of the time and then awareness occurs at the oddest of times through the oddest of circumstances and situations. What captures my attention in today's gospel is that after recognizing Jesus and acknowledging their awareness of who he is for this world, they set about returning the favor. They shared their treasures with this family. When we experience our own epiphanies, do we then share our treasures with those in need? Do we see Jesus in the faces of the hungry, and the bodies of the sick? Does our journey take us to awareness that Jesus is present everywhere we turn, everywhere we look, and everywhere we go? Do we respond today to that awareness with the same measure of gratitude the magi did so many years ago?

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is. □

□~ Albert Einstein ~□