



Creatively Catholic

A Resource for Parents and their Family

Your Child's Faith

In religion classes, children are taught that God is love and that God will always love them. But many of us do not understand what that means unless we can experience love. What kind of atmosphere is created at home? How do family members show each other love? What does it mean to really love someone?

Book List:

Gifts from Our Father by Tom Wall and Martin Whitmore

Project Holiness: Marriage as a Workshop for Everyday Saints by Bridget Burke Ravizza and Julie Donovan Massey

Becoming Friends by Paul Wadell

St. Mary Family
Ministry

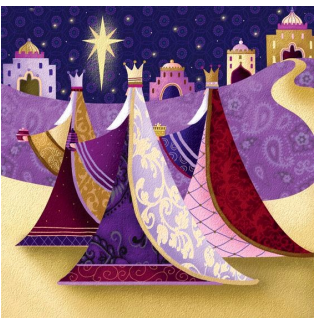
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Wise men still
seek him.

Matthew 2:1-12



Epiphany is Greek for "manifestation" or "striking appearance." We understand Epiphany as the appearance, or revelation of God in the human of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the fullest revelation of

God because Jesus is fully God. Jesus is also the fullest revelation of humanity because Jesus is fully human, just like us. In the Epiphany, we understand the fullest revelation of God and humanity because of one person. The wise men saw the full revelation in the Baby Jesus.

Why Do We Do That?
What is Epiphany?

A Very, Merry, Catholic New Year

Well, technically the new Catholic Year started back in November, on the first weekend of advent, so we are already 2 months into the Catholic new year. But it is never too late to start some New Year's resolutions to help spice up your faith life. Here are a few resolution suggestions:

Pick a saint, get to know them, and start a devotion to them.

Download an app which gives you daily readings, prayers, and much more at your finger tips. *Laudate*, *3 Minute Retreat*, and *Decision!* are great Catholic apps to try and they are free!!

Try to attend daily mass, even if you start with one day a week.

Go to confession once a month.

Read the bible. Start with the Gospels and move through the Christian New Testament. The Psalms are also a wonderful book.

Join a new committee at church or try out a new ministry.

Pray the Rosary once a week. If you don't know how, there is a group which meets in the Chapel every Tuesday at 2pm to pray the Rosary together.

Attend adoration. Watch the bulletin for when adoration will take place.

Find a Catholic radio station such as *K-love*, *The Family*, or *Relevant Radio*.

Pick out a good Catholic book to try. Our St. Mary Library has many great selections.

Dinnertime Discussion Questions

What are you hopeful for in 2017? What does it mean to be hopeful?

Why is it important to celebrate the Eucharist with the community each Sunday?

How can we continue to seek Jesus within our family?