

Parish First Holy Communion Parish Preparation—January 2024

The Feast of the Epiphany—The Three Wise Men Visit Jesus

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE THREE WISE KINGS?

Can you name the three men that came from the East?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What three gifts did the Wise Men bring the Infant Jesus?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Can you name the king who wanted to hurt the Baby Jesus?

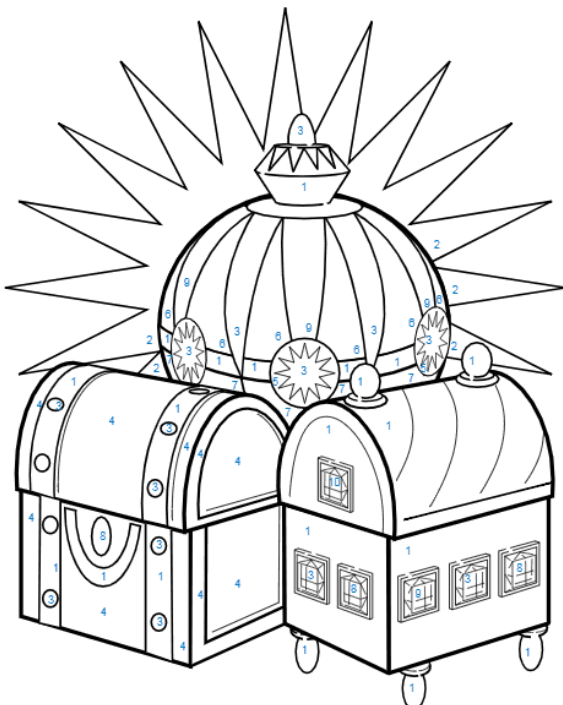
How did the Wise Men find the Baby Jesus?

In what town was the baby Jesus born?



The Wise Men's Gifts

Colour each section using the colours shown in the box below.



1. Dark Gold. 2. Lime Green. 3. Red. 4. Light Gold or Yellow. 5. Orange. 6. Light Blue. 7. Purple. 8. Dark Green. 9. Medium Blue. 10. Dark Blue

Epiphany Door Blessing [20+C+M+B+24]

This is an ancient blessing on our homes! Using chalk that is blessed by the priest, families are invited to write the blessing above the main door of their home. Legend says that the "chalked" letters correspond to the initials of the 3 Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. More importantly, they abbreviate the Latin phrase **Christus Mansionem Benedicat** -- "Christ bless this house." The year 2024 is divided by the letters to show that we must keep Jesus at the centre of our lives and we ask his blessing from the beginning to the end of the year. The four crosses signify the four corners of the world to which we, the baptized, are to proclaim the Gospel.

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Write the letters on the main doorway in your home with chalk. Share this idea with your relatives and family—could be a start of a new tradition!

The Baptism of Jesus



“After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; Listen to him’ ” (Mt 3:16-17).

My Baptism

Ask your parents to help you fill in the blanks.

My Baptism Name(s):

Parents' Names:

Godparents' Names:

Date of Baptism:

Place of Baptism:

Catholic Schools Week 21-27 January 2024



Each year we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It reminds us to come together to pray and give thanks for the gift of our schools, our Catholic education, and our community. In our Catholic school, we are called to help and be kind to each other, as each person should feel welcome, included and cared for. We are a community where we are all invited to live our lives to the full. We do this together, supporting and caring for each other in our thoughts, words and actions.

A PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Jesus our Teacher,
in your love for us,
help us to grow in wisdom
and develop our talents
so that we may become like you
and lead lives of goodness.

Bless all teachers
and those who help us at school.
May our Catholic schools continue to
serve our families,
our communities and our country.

Help us, through our learning,
to believe in you
and to celebrate the life of your Church.

Help us to grow in holiness
as we grow in friendship with you
and try to become saints.

We make this prayer
in the name of Jesus, our Lord. **Amen**