

Epiphany: setting out anew from Christ ...

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“The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey.

It was as though they had always been waiting for that star.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 6

**“No one, whether shepherd or wise man,
can approach God here below**

**except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem
and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a new-born child.”**

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 563

**They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering
the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.**

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Matt 2:10-11



**"Today we must make our own the happiness
which filled the Wise Men on their journey to Christ..."**

**Above all, we must imitate them
as they place at the Child's feet not only three gifts,
but also their lives...**

**We need to 'set out anew from Christ,'
with the zeal of Pentecost, with renewed enthusiasm.**

**To set out from Him above all
in a daily commitment to holiness,**

**with an attitude of prayer
and of listening to His word.**

**To set out from Him
in order to testify to His love
by living a Christian life
marked by communion,
charity and witness before the world."**

Saint John Paul II



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**O, come let us adore Him -
Christ the LORD!**

“In returning to their own land by another way
the Magi suggest something of great significance for us.

Our true country is paradise.

**Having now come to the knowledge of Jesus,
we are forbidden to return to it
on the path by which we left it.**

For we left our land by the path of pride, of disobedience,
by following after wealth, by eating forbidden food.

So we must now **return another way:**
by way of **tears**, by way of **obedience**,
by **contempt of the world**, by **restraining** the
desires of the flesh.” - *St Gregory the Great*



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