

# Grade 7 and 8 Religious Education

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# Start of Class Activity & Opening Prayer

Please see the hand out

No Class 1/16/2017 (Martin Luther King Day)

# Epiphany

- Visit by the Kings/Wisemen/Magi 12 days after Christmas. The official Day is January 6th, but the Church celebrates it the first Sunday in January.
- Tradition says their 3 names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar
- The Epiphany shows the Messiah is not only for the Jewish people, but the entire world.
- They brought gold, frankincense (incense) and myrrh (burial spices) which represent Jesus being a king, divine, and the sacrifice he would make.

# We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar field  
and fountain, moor and mountain following yonder star

O Star of wonder, star of night star with royal beauty bright  
westward leading, still proceeding guide us to thy Perfect  
Light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him  
again King forever, ceasing never over us all to rein

# We Three Kings Cont.

Frankincense to offer have I incense owns a Deity nigh prayer  
and praising, all men raising worship Him, God most high

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes of life of gathering  
gloom sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying sealed in the stone-  
cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise King and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia Earth to heaven replies

# Magi



# Christmas Season Continues

We are still in the Christmas Liturgical...

We have three major manifestations about Jesus

- 1) Christmas – Jesus is born and some Jewish people (Joseph, Mary, Shepherd) witness the event
- 2) Epiphany – The wise men (non-Jewish) witness Jesus
- 3) Jesus' Baptism – Jesus begins his public ministry around the age of 30.

# Feast of The Baptism of Jesus

## Sunday after Epiphany

- Celebrated the week after the Epiphany
- Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, his cousin.
- The Holy Spirit Descends on Jesus
- God the Father's voice is heard saying “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”





# Our Baptism

Water

Holy Chrism (Oil)

White Garments

Candle

Baptismal Name

Baptismal Vows – Take by our Godparents  
if we are not old enough.

# How to we remember Our Baptism?

- Each Time we enter the Church we bless ourselves with Holy Water
- We Renew Our Baptismal vows at the masses celebrating Easter (see page 7 in Visions)
- At funerals the deceased is blessed with holy water
- They way we live our lives

# Church History

We have a week off then 4 straight weeks of class before another week off...Which leads us up to the start of Lent.

A whirlwind tour covering the following time periods (Names/periods taken from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade book)

- Early Church (30 – 313)
- Christians of the Roman Empire (313 - 476)
- Christians in the Early Middle Ages (476 -1054)
- Christians in the High Middle Ages (1054 -1305)

# Church History Continued

- The Church in Crisis (1305-1517)
- People of the Reform and Renewal (1517–1648)
- Keeping Faith in a Changing World (1648-1789)
- Depending on God in Times of Fear (1789-1814)
- Teaching Others About Christ (1814-1914)
- Renewing Our Relationship with Christ (1861-present)