



## Are You A Star?

**Read:** Matthew 2:1-12

In the gospel we hear the story of the three wise men arriving in Bethlehem to see Jesus. This is a significant event in Matthew's gospel. The messiah is no longer reserved to the chosen people of Israel, but he, Jesus, has revealed himself to all peoples and nations. That is why St. Paul says, "the Gentiles have become fellow heirs" (Ephesians 3:6).

**What does this mean for us?** In the gospel it was a star that guided the wise men to Jesus. We are all called to be stars, in a manner of speaking. We are all called to guide people towards an encounter with Jesus. The gospel message is not something that we keep to ourselves, or just share within our private inner circle. Stars are something that everyone can see. Our task is to be a star in the lives of those we encounter and to help them navigate their way to Jesus.

The thing about stars is that they aren't pushy. They are simply a presence in the lives of those around them. Our task, as stars, is to let the light of Christ shine through us so that we may become attractive to those around us. When people see that light in our lives, they will naturally gravitate towards it. Although some will simply choose to ignore the astrological sign, others will be intrigued and begin to follow. In order to help people discover Jesus, the two most important things we can do is **invest** in relationships with them and **invite** them to **connect** with our parish through mass and social activities. In this way, we become stars that guide others to Christ.

**What do I want you to do?** Invite someone you know to join you at mass or a parish event.