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Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Prayer to the Sacred Heart:

Lord Jesus, let my heart never rest until it finds You, who are its Center, its Love, and its Happiness. By the wound in Your heart, pardon the sins that I have committed, whether out of malice or evil desires. Place my weak heart in your own Divine Heart, continually under Your protection and guidance, so that I may persevere in doing good and in fleeing evil until my last breath.

Amen.

Lectio Divina: The Epiphany of the Lord (Matthew 2:1-12)

Introduction

Brother Knights, the Lord sets before us the mystery of His manifestation to the nations. Grant us, O God, the grace to seek your Son with steady hearts, to recognize His light, and to offer Him true homage. As Knights, deepen in us a faith that journeys, a charity that gives generously, and a fraternity that follows your guidance with courage.

Meditation (Reading and Reflection)

The passage (Matthew 2:1-12) will be read. As you reflect, attend to the word or phrase the Lord presses upon your heart.

Silently consider:

The Magi set out in search, guided by a light they did not control. Where is the Lord calling me to seek Him more intentionally, rather than staying comfortable? As a Knight, what concrete step will I take this week to pursue Christ in prayer and fidelity to my duties?

Herod was troubled at the news of a true King, and a city became unsettled with him. Where do I resist Christ's kingship because it challenges my plans or pride? As a Knight, how will I lead with integrity and peace, refusing fear, manipulation, or half-truths?

The Magi offered their treasures in worship, then departed by another way. What is the gift I am being asked to place before the Lord right now? As a Knight, what real act of conversion will mark my path "by another way" this week?

(Silent reflection)



Contemplation

Choose a brief phrase from the Gospel that has touched your heart. Hold it before the Lord in silence, returning to it when distracted. Ask for the grace to follow where He leads.

(Shared silence)

Call to Action (Prayer and Action)

How will this Word shape your actions this week?

Pray: Set aside a few quiet minutes each day this week to ask the Lord for the grace to seek Him with sincerity. Name one area where you need His guidance, and ask for the humility to receive direction even when it requires change.

Act: Choose one concrete act of homage to Christ. It may be an intentional act of charity, a reconciliation you have delayed, a visit to the sacraments, or a specific service offered quietly for your family, parish, or a brother Knight in need. As a Knight, offer this act as a real gift to the Lord, and let it mark your path "by another way."

A Moment of Grace

Jesus, Light of the nations, draw us to yourself. Free us from fear, pride, and falsehood. Teach us to offer you what is best, and to return to our daily lives changed by your presence. Make us steadfast in faith, generous in charity, and joyful in fraternity. Amen.

Vivat Jesus.

Our Shared Lectio Divina Journey

“Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10)

Our reflection will be guided by **three readings of the same sacred text**, voiced by three volunteers. Each reading invites us to listen more deeply to the living Word of God and to grow more attentive to the Lord’s quiet presence, as we seek Christ, revealed to the nations, guided by the light that leads us to Him.

After the First Reading: A Word or Phrase

We will each share one word or a short phrase from the Scripture that stood out. There is no need to explain the choice. Let the text speak first.

After the Second Reading: A Personal Connection

We will reflect on how that word or phrase meets our life right now. How does this message speak to you, personally?

After the Third Reading: A Call to Action

We will listen for an invitation from the Lord. What is he calling me, or us, to do, strengthen, or change this week?

May this time of prayerful listening draw us closer to Christ and to one another, renewing us for our shared mission.

† Lectio Divina †

“The Visit of the Wise Men”

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew 2,1-12.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

As We Depart

Lord Jesus,

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the nations, as the Magi were drawn by your star, draw us again to yourself. Give us the grace to seek you with steady hearts, to recognize your presence, and to offer you true homage.

Receive what we bring you today: our faith, our repentance, our time, and our service. Purify our intentions. Free us from fear, pride, and the desire to control. Guard us from the spirit of Herod, and form in us the courage of humble obedience.

As you warned the Magi in a dream, guide us also, that we may return to our homes by another way, changed by your presence. Make our lives a quiet offering of gold through generosity, of incense through prayer, and of myrrh through faithful endurance.

Bless our families, our parish, and our brother Knights. Lead us to those who need mercy, and make us steadfast in faith, generous in charity, and joyful in fraternity.

Amen.



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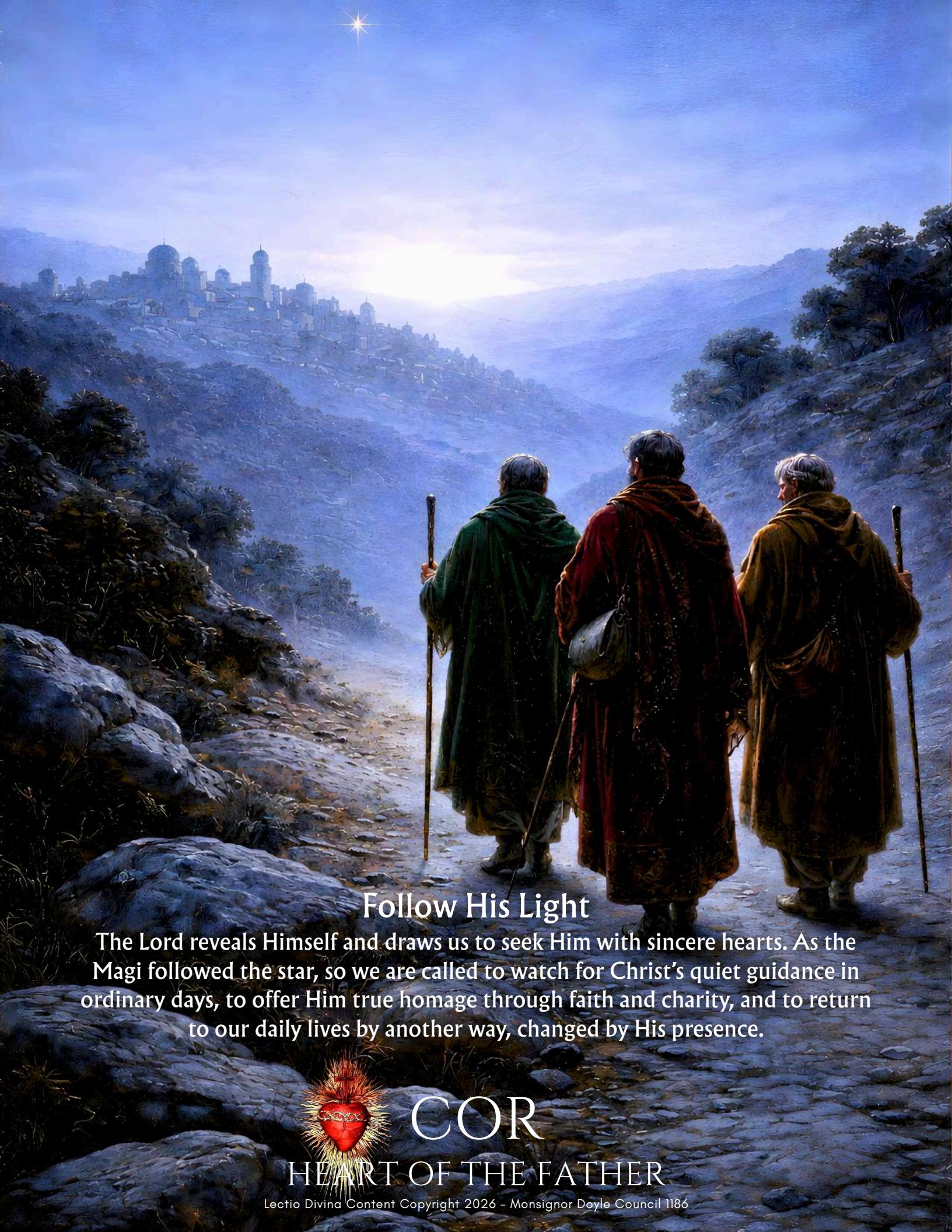


St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Guardian of the Church, stand beside us as we seek Christ, revealed to the nations. As the Magi followed the star with steady hearts, help us to follow the light God gives, to discern what is true, and to refuse the fear, deception, and pride that harden hearts. Keep us vigilant in prayer and clear in conscience, ready to obey the Lord's warnings and invitations.

Protect our families, our parish, and our brother Knights. Preserve us from spiritual darkness and every snare of the enemy. Strengthen our charity, our unity, and our fraternity, and lead us to offer Christ true homage in our daily duties, returning to our homes by another way, changed by His presence.

Amen.



Follow His Light

The Lord reveals Himself and draws us to seek Him with sincere hearts. As the Magi followed the star, so we are called to watch for Christ's quiet guidance in ordinary days, to offer Him true homage through faith and charity, and to return to our daily lives by another way, changed by His presence.

