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The Infant Christ showed Himself to the Wise Men who came from the East with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Great day for the Wise Men. Great day for anyone when he first really learns to know Christ!

But this observation is worth your while. Epiphany emphasizes the part human beings, you, must play if Christ is to be known. The Wise Men had to travel hundreds of miles by foot and camel. They had to follow the Star. They had to persevere in their journey. The same holds for you.

You will never know Christ unless you go to Him. On First Fridays, all day; in the evening on Sundays and Holy Days He shows Himself to you in the Eucharist. You do not want to see Christ very much if you prefer to hide out in your room on a Sunday night. Let the attitude of the Wise Men teach you the good habit of seeking out Christ wherever Christ is. Christ will be your reward. He will show you Himself!

But There Is Christ?

He is in the Blessed Sacrament. You know that much. He sacrifices Himself for you daily at Mass.

And Christ is not only in churches. More important even, Christ abides in the souls of all who love Him. "If any man love Me he will keep My word and My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our abode with him."

There is Christ? He is in you if you love Him—if you’re in the state of grace. He is in your roommate, if your roommate is in the state of grace.

So you have not far to seek Christ if you live among godly men. If you have formed the habit Christ has always insisted upon, of loving your neighbor for Him, of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the sorrowful, burying the dead, you have found Christ. And one day will come an eternal Epiphany. You will see Christ forever. For when Christ, at the day of Judgment, separates the goats from the sheep, those who shall see Him from those who shall not, He will make his decision about you, depending how you answer these questions: "did you feed the hungry? Clothe the naked? Visit the sick? Give drink to the poor? * * * Yes? Then you did it to Me, to Me, enter the Kingdom." The dim light of faith will be cast into great radiance. Because you followed the star of loving your neighbor through the toil and trial of life’s hard journey; because you made it a habit—seek out Christ and give Him your gifts and of yourself. He rewarded you with the bitter Epiphany of Himself!

Et in Christum venite, Cトリ。