



Epiphany



Epiphany means “to show”, “to make known” or “to reveal”. Epiphany begins January 6—the traditional arrival of the Magi. The Season of Epiphany can vary from four (4) to nine (9) weeks, depending on the date of Easter. The latest date Easter can fall on is April 25. In 2019 Easter will fall on April 21.

The color for Epiphany is green. There are several Holy Days during the Epiphany Season. The First Sunday after the Epiphany is “The Baptism of Our Lord”. Occurring on January 18 is “The Confession of Peter” and on January 25 is “The Conversion of Paul”. These two dates mark the beginning and end of “The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”.

In some Christian European villages, above the front door you might find the following symbols written in chalk:

20+C+M+B+19

The letters are the initials for traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Those letters are also the abbreviation for the Latin phrase “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” meaning “May Christ Bless This House in 2019”.

The last Sunday after Epiphany” is “Transfiguration Sunday” which is March 3, 2019 this year.

God’s love and God’s light are part of these wintry days. May God empower you to share that same love and light.

*Your Interim in Christ,
Pastor Newell Embley*