

A Spiritual Journey of Forty Five Stations To the Cross  
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Sunday in the Fourth Week of Lent

**Twenty Sixth Station:** Wise Men come from abroad to pay homage to the Infant King and are challenged by a despot to tell him where the child is so that he can go and murder him.

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.”

R/ “Because by your holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

Scripture Reading.

Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1 to 12.

The Epiphany.

Reflection.

Even at this early stage in our Lord’s life there is trouble for him. The Wise Men have come from afar and arrived in Jerusalem. It is reasonable to think that a king may be born where a king lives. The Wise Men bring out the worst of Herod but don’t see it. Herod is told what it says in scripture and he should have been reassured by it. But no. All he sees is a rival and the only way to deal with rivals is to see them off.

The Wise Men follow the star to where the Child is and they offer their gifts. Then go back by a different route.

We follow a Light. Not a star. The light is the light of Christ. A light that will never fade. A light that was brought into the world by Mary his Mother. As we celebrate Mother’s day we remember all mothers and we pray for them. We pray to Mary mother of the Church and Mother of God for peace in Ukraine and Russia and everywhere else.

Our Father.

Hail Mary.

Glory be.

I love you, Jesus, my love, above all things, I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always; and then do with me what you will.