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Epiphany of the Lord

St. Anthony of Padua

Gospel Homework
Assignment due
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Gospel Passage

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Questions

- 1. The star helped guide the wise men to Jesus. All of us are meant to be like that star, so that our presence brings people to the Lord. How are you doing as a star?**

- 2. The wise men traveled a tremendous distance in order to worship Jesus. The same Jesus is present in the Eucharist and you live much closer to Church than the wise men did to Bethlehem. What do you think you should do?**

- 3. You receive in Holy Communion the same Jesus whom the wise men adored in the manger! Do you treat Jesus with the same love and respect they did?**

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