

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home
C'est la Vie Apartments
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The Gift of Time

As we begin this new year, imagine there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400.

It carries over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course!!!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, the bank credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

There is no going back. There is no drawing against "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Live it well to receive the marvels and wonders hidden in each moment!

To add some additional perspective, reflect on the following:

To realize the value of one year, ask a student who has failed his final exam.

To realize the value of one month, ask the parent of a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper or magazine.

To realize the value of one day, ask a daily wage laborer who has a large family to feed.

To realize the value of one hour, ask lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute, ask a person who has missed the train, the bus, or a plane.

To realize the value of one second, ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal at the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, someone special enough to offer the gift of your time.

Remember that time waits and is saved for no one. (Author Unknown)

† Recently Deceased Residents †

Sr. Lea Meyers, MHS 12/19

Sr. Fatima Mouton, OC 12/22

May their souls rest in the peace and joy of the Lord!

☘ Residents celebrating Birthdays in January ☘

L. Cantelli 1/25

B. Guidry 1/09

P. Hackett 1/27

J. Lastrapes 1/26

B. Matt 1/11

Birthday blessings in abundance to each of you!

The Epiphany of Our Lord

This feast usually celebrated on January 6th commemorates the adoration of the Magi after the birth of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Matthew.

“After their audience with king Herod they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” Matthew 2:9-12

According to Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC:

The strong faith of the Magi was undoubtedly the reward of their cooperation with grace. They had come in search of a king, but enlightened by the Holy spirit, they found their God and immediately fell down in adoration.

In the silence, the obscurity, and the poverty of our Savior’s birth, there appears suddenly a brilliant star, a princely oriental cortege and gifts of gold, incense, and precious perfume. The poor dwelling of the Infant Jesus becomes a royal court.

The Magi had given up everything – homeland, family, wealth, leisure. They had submitted their human reason to faith, they had surrendered their very hearts. They made these sacrifices promptly, eagerly, with generosity and patience, with the humble simplicity of children. “We have seen his star... and have come.”

The Magi never experienced the ministry of Jesus Christ upon this earth. Yet daily we enjoy the blessing of seeing it. We are the privileged recipients of its unspeakable benefits. How does the story of the Magi call us to a deeper faith, to a greater clarity and purpose on our journey? They were unafraid to approach the power of Herod. How does fear deter us on our journey? They followed the guidance of a star when no GPS was available to them. How do the wonders of creation guide us on our journey? They were warned in a dream to change directions. When a dream brings a strong message, what is our response? They searched for a king and found their God in the midst of simplicity and poverty. What revelations of divinity await us in the ordinary and humble experiences of our lives?

A New Year’s Prayer

Dear God, when I was born, the powerful breath of your Spirit, rushed into my lungs. I sometimes take that for granted and yet, this year there have been many who could not take it for granted, who have struggled to breathe, and some have lost the struggle. Now as I begin this new year, I want to be especially attentive to Your breath in me. I do not want to take it for granted. Every day, every moment, every second that I breathe, I want to remember that I need you. I need You to teach me to live well the sacred moments of each day. I need You to teach me to treasure time and to be grateful for this gift entrusted to me. With Your breath breathing in me, may I give each moment the opportunity to unfold and become the most holy one of my life.



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