



St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda  
**THE SCROLL**  
 07<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

## LIGHT WINS DARKNESS

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“Arise, Jerusalem and shine like the sun; The glory of the Lord is shining on you” (Isaiah 60:1ff). This Word of God shows us the significance of the Feast that we are celebrating today. We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ. From Greek, “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” The Light who is Jesus Christ has manifested Himself to the people of all races. He is the Light that Isaiah prophesied in the first reading. He is the One that wins darkness and desires that we live in the light and not in darkness. Jesus Christ Himself said, “I am the Light of the world” (John 8:12). The people seeking for the true light are to turn their steps and lives to Jesus Christ. In coming to the world, Jesus Christ calls us to come to Him so that we may arise and shine. To arise and shine does not mean outsmarting others but rather coming to Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel, the three wise men saw the star and followed it in search of the new born King. They went out looking for the King but besides being the King, Jesus Christ is God, He is The Savior. In their coming, the three wise men expressed the inner human longing for God. They did not hide this longing, yearning but rather accepted to be guided by the star. In the creation of the world, the light-giving objects (sun, moon and stars) were among the first to be created (Genesis 1:3, 15-18). In the coming of Jesus Christ into the world there is effecting a

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## FIRST READING

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow ra-

diant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord. This is the word of the Lord.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71, 2, 7-8, 10-11,12-13

**Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

## SECOND READING

“It has now been revealed that pa-

Monday English | Tuesday Luganda | Wednesday English | Thursday Luganda | Friday English | Saturday Luganda

SUNDAY MASS PROGRAM 07:00 a.m Luganda | 08:30 a.m English | 10:00 a.m English | 11:30 am Luganda 1:00 am English | 5:00p.m English

PARISH THEME: “ WALKING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY OF GOD”

*gans share the same inheritance”*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

*This is the word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL**

*“We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.”*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. ‘Where is the infant king of the Jews?’ they asked. ‘We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and

the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ‘At Bethlehem in Judaea they told him For this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. ‘Go and find out all about the child,’ he said ‘and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.’ Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way. *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**ESSOMO ERISOOKA**

*Ekitiibwa ky’Omukama kisitukidde mu*

*ggwe.*

**Bye tusoma mu kitabo kya Yisaaya Omulanzi. (60, 1-6)**

Yimuka, otangaale, ayi Yeruzalimu. Anti ekitangaala kyo kituuse, n’ekitiibwa ky’Omukama kisitukidde mu ggwe. Anti laba; enzikiza eribikka ensi, n’olufu ne lubikka amawanga. Sso Omukama alisituka mu ggwe, n’ekitiibwa kye ne kirabikira mu ggwe. Amawanga galitambulira mu kitangaala kyo, ne bakabaka mu kitangaala ky’okusituka kwo. Situla amaaso, ogeebunguluze, olabe. Abo bonna beekunjaanyizza bakujjidde. Babani bo baliva ewala, ne bawala bo ne basituka ku lusegere. Awo olitunula n’ojaagaana, omutima gwo gulyewuunya ne gukuba ejjebe nga nnamunkukumbo w’oku nnyanja yenna akyamyegy’oli.

N’amaanyi g’amawanga gakuujjidde. Engamiya ziribikka keesedde. Zinabbangolimu ez’e Madiani ne Efa. Bonna baliva e Saba nga baleeta zawabu n’obubaani nga bagulumiza Omukama.

*Ebyo Omukama y’abyogera.*

**OLW’OKWEBUULIRIRA**

*Zab. 71, 2, 7-8, 10-11,12-13*

**EKIDDIBWAMU: Ayi Mukama, amawanga gonna galikutendereza.**

**ESSOMO II**

**REFLECTION**

new creation as indeed the Apostle teaches us that, “Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). The star guides the three wise men to Jesus Christ The Light of the world. They did not stop at the star nor worship it for it was only a guide. They worshipped Jesus Christ The Light.

During the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, we too received the light. The one who baptized said, “Receive the light of Christ.” This light that we received is to guide us to God Himself. We are therefore to live as the sons and

daughters of the light. We begin the Christian journey with the light given to us in the Sacrament of Baptism and we end this same journey with the light of the Paschal candle that will be placed near our coffins during the last requiem Holy Mass. More still, the Christian faithful still on earth will pray and plead that the light may shine upon us as our prayer for the dead says, “Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them Amen.”

In our life, God gives us various “stars” in life. Some of these are beauty, riches, intelligence, hon-

ors and others. In themselves and once rightly achieved, they are good. However, we need to guard against the danger of stopping at them, of worshipping them. They are good but they are NOT God. As the star guided the wise men to the worship of Jesus Christ so are the various “stars” that God offers us to lead us and guide us to Him. In our lives, there can be the temptation of stopping at the “stars” and we fail to reach our final destination who is God Himself. To Him be the glory, the honor and the power forever and ever Amen.

*Kati kibikkuddwa nti: Ab'amawanga nabo basika ku ebyo Katonda bye yasubiza.*

**Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikira ab'e Efezi 3,2-3a. 5-6**

Ab'oluganda, simwalema kuwulirako nga Katonda yampa enneema enjawufu mu mmwe, nga bwe yambikkulira eky'amagero. Mu mirembe emirala mpaawo n'omu mu bantu eyakimanya mu ngeri eno Mwoyo gy'akibikkuliddemu Abatume be abatuukirivu n'abalanzi kaakano, ng'abategeeza, nti N'ab'amawanga, mu Kristu Yezu, olw'Evanjiri, basika, bafuuka mubiri gumu, bagabana ku ebyo Katonda bye yasubiza, era ng'abalala bonna.

*Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.*

**EVANJIRI**

*Tuva ebuwanjuba okusinza Kabaka.*

**Ebigambo by'Evanjiri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Matayo. (2, 1-12)**

Yezu bwe yazaalibwa mu Betelemu eky'omu ssaza lya Yuda, ku mirembe gya Erode kabaka, Abamagi ne bava e Buvan-juba ne batuuka e Yeruzalimu, nga bagamba nti: Kabaka w'Abayudaaya azaaliddwa ali ludda wa? Kubanga twalaba emmu-nyeenye ye mu Buvan-juba kwe kujja okumusinja, 'Erode kabaka bwe yawulira, ne yeeraliikirira, ne Yeruzalimu kyonna ne kyeraliikirira wamu naye. N'akuŋŋaanya abakulu bonna ab'abasosorooti n'abawandiisi ab'eggwanga, n'ababuuliriza Kristu gy'alizaalibwa. Bo ne bamugamba nti: Mu Betelemu eky'omu ssaza lya Yuda; kubanga omulanzi yawandiika bw'ati, nti: Naawe Betelemu, ensi ya Yuda, toli mutene mu bwami bw'omu Buyudaaya; kubanga omukulu aliramula eggwanga lyange Yisraeli, alisibuka mu ggwe.

Awo Erode n'ayita abamagi mu kyama, n'ababuuzabuuza nnyo ku bbanga emmunyeenye lye yalabikiramu. N'abasindika e Betelemu n'abagamba nti: Mugende mubuuzebuuze nnyo ku Mwana oyo; bwe mubanga mumulabye, mumbuulire, nzije mmusinze.

Bwe baamala okuwulira ebya kabaka, ne batambula. Emmunyeenye gye baalaba e Buvan-juba n'eddamu okubakulembera, n'egenda eyimirira waggulu Omwana we yali. Bwe baalaba emmunyeenye, ne bakwatibwa essanyu lingi nnyo ddala. Ne bayingira mu nju, ne basangamu Omwana wamu ne Maria Nnyina, ne bavunama, ne bamusinza. Ne basumulula ebirabo byabwe, ne bamutonera zawabu, n'obubaani ne mirra. Naye bwe baabuulirwa mu kirooto obutadda wa Erode, ne bakwata ekkubo eddala okudda mu nsi y'aboobwe.

*Ebigambo by'Evanjiri eno bikomye awo.*



**THE MARRIAGE BANS**

- **Joseph Ojalla** of Balitta son of Charles Okumu and Leonia Anyokorita of Busitema, Busia District wishes to marry **Diana Nalwera** of Balitta daughter of Kayabula Samuel and Nalwanga Agnes of Nsozibiri Rakai-district
- **Timothy Sean Martin** of Maryland son of Late Francis Xavier Martin and Late Patricia Evelyne Martin of Usa wishes to marry **Laura Kabarwani Byabazaire** of Maryland daughter of Late Mathew Byabazaire and Yuniya Majara Byabazaire of Nabulagala, Kasubi
- **Medadi Orisinga** of Mutungo son of Late John Owakubariho and Dezeranta Mutesigensi of Rwemiro, Kishamiruhaama Ntungamo wishes to marry **Sandra Nakabugo** of Mutungo daughter of Dembe Stephen Salongo and Nyakato Jenipher Nalongo of Mandela Mbarara District
- **Atwiine Timothy** of Kira son of Late. Kahungu Deziderio Tibayeita and Margaret Gutta Tibayeita of Kakiika, Kasheanyi, Mbarara wishes to marry **Peninah Kukunda** of Naguru daughter of Late Karuhanga Enos and Bashagire Annet of Kishasha Mbarara
- **Innocent Muhwezi** of Bujoko son of Late Marsial Tirwakunda and Late Tibarimu Assumpta of Rukungiri wishes to marry **Katusiime Jane** of Kyebando daughter of Mwamba John and Kabarwani Edith of Burarro, mwenge Nyan-tungo Kyenjojo
- **Mucunguzi Andrew** of Rwengiri son of Zebikire Lawrence and Kazireba Perepetua of Kitunguru Hiika wishes to marry **Owomugisha Ruth** of Rwengiri daughter of Kamurasi Eugenio and Tumusiime Vereranda of Kazindiro

**READINGS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

8 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	9 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	10 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	11 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	12 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	13 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY
Baptism Of The Lord	St. Adrian of Cantebury	St. Gregory of Nyssa	St. Hygerius	St. Arcadius	St. Hilary- Bishop & Doctor
Is 42:1-4, 6-7	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 1:7-11	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17

Mon 25 - 31/12/2023	Amount	
Tithe	17,788,900	\$ 446
Sunday Offertory	7,415,900	\$ 15
Week Day Offertory	16,813,200	\$ 46
Kalooli Lwanga tower	1,755,000	
Baptism Stole Fees	100,000	
Catechism Stole Fees	50,000	
Thanksgiving	3,660,000	
Donations	230,000	
Christmas Gift	10,545,300	\$ 30
Scroll Sales & Adverts	611,000	
Devotional Candles	244,300	
Grotto Box	932,100	
Choirs	2,048,200	
Sacred Heart of Jesus	70,000	
Women's Guild	710,000	
Good Samaritan	464,600	
Adoration Chapel box	788,100	
Radio Maria	175,000	
Family and Marriage	100,000	
Youth for Christ	120,500	
Children's Christmas Party	3,115,000	
Youth Candle Project	53,000	
Procure Items	3,381,000	

### PAYMENT CHANNELS FOR THE PARISH

**Bank accounts;** St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda **3610600038 (Centenary bank) - UGX**

St. Charles Lwanga Ntinda Development **A/c No. 3010609993 (Centenary Bank) - UGX**

**Mobile Money;** Tel No. **0782952065** and **0701952065**, all in the names of Fr. Edward Muwanga.

(follow this link) <https://collections.servicecops.com/ecollections/ch>

**0102814238700** (Standard Chartered bank)- UGX St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda **8702814238700** (Standard Chartered bank) - USD



### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We have celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, thank you for your active participation at Mass. Today is our tithe Sunday, let us have a second collection for the tithe.

### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

As we conclude the Christmas season, we shall celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow 8th Jan 2024. We shall therefore have three Mass at 7am, 1pm and 6pm.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We continue to remind parents that the holiday program is ongoing, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 2pm to 5pm. And on Saturday from 9am to 1pm. This program is for children between the ages of 10yrs to 21yrs and they will be engaged in a number of activities including developmental activities.

### REGISTRATION FOR CATECHISM CLASSES

Today we have started registration for catechism classes (First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Solemn commitment). Please pass by the tent and register your child.

### BAPTISM OF INFANTS

We shall have baptism of infants next Sunday 14th Jan, 2024 during the 11:30am Mass.

### CANDLE MAKING PROJECT

The Youth 4 Christ candle making project is inviting Senior Four and Senior Six Leavers who are passionate about making candles and acquiring the skill, to come and learn. We usually have our learning sessions every Saturday from 2pm to 5pm at the parish centre.

### RECEIVING SACRAMENTS

Children who have been undertaking catechism class for the holiday program will receive the SACRAMENTS during the 1pm Mass. parents please help the children with the necessary requirements.

### BIBLE APOSTOLATE

The Bible Apostolate of our parish invites you to join their weekly Bible sharing every Monday at 5:30pm in the church Gallery.

### SACRAMENTALS

We have several sacramentals on sale at the parish bookshop. Please pass by the office and acquire prayer books, Bible diaries 2024, 2024 calendars, rosaries, and images among other items.

### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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