## Bulletin Information: 01/04/09
## Epiphany Sunday – Year B

***First Reading:*** ***Ephesians 3:1-12***

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles. For surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to the holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of God's power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that God has carried out Christ Jesus our Savior, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ.

***Second Reading:***
**"What King is this?" a Poem by John Freeman Lohr**

His throne, a mother's lap,
His crown, a woolen cap,
His realm, the house in Bethlehem,
His subjects, the family and Magi !

His throne, a hillside rock,
His crown, a leather phylactery,
His realm, the Galilee,
His subjects, the poor and the outcast !

His throne, a naked tree,
His crown, a wreath of thorns,
His realm, the Hill of a Skull,
His subjects, the soldiers and women !

His throne, a people's prayers,
His crown, a church's mission,
His realm, the Domination-free Order,
His subjects, you and I.

***Reflection:*** ***"God's unfolding, unveiling mystery of Jesus Christ "***
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