

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily  
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Epiphany of the Lord  
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What completes you? Deep down, we all sense a restlessness that, at times, may be silenced but never fully suppressed. Even after all our successes, we are painstakingly aware that it's still there, and we just can't let it go.

To that, the Magi in today's gospel would probably say: "We know! Tell us about it!" I'd like to think that's why we find them hundreds of miles away from home.

Fun fact: In the Bible, there's no mention of them being kings. This was assumed because of the expensive gifts they brought. Also, at the time, only the super-rich would take a long trip like theirs. Another assumption: since they were able to chart the stars and even interpret foreign prophecies, they were probably among the most educated and cultured in their society. Wealthy, wise, and well respected, what on earth could these men still be missing?

Yet there they were, at the end of a long pilgrimage that left them poorer and wearier, but finally, at long last, complete— for they had met the one who brought their missing peace: Jesus.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany— God's manifestation. And while we look to the skies for odd-moving stars or misplaced angelic choirs, know that God's most powerful manifestation in your life is that gentle,

persistent, ever-burning desire already inside you— God, your one through home.

So, don't cover it up or silence it. Stop with the empty pleasures or hollow treasures that only satisfy fleetingly then leave you hungrier. Instead, befriend that inner voice. Listen to that whisper, and let it grow into God's song. For He won't stop singing to you. He won't stop lighting your way. He won't stop bringing you home. That is why, you need to bravely step on this journey. Because your epiphany awaits you. As St. Augustine famously said, "*Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.*"