

The Toilet Paper

Odd fact and obscure thought to read...*as you have time*

The Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The Work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
To make music in the heart.
Then indeed we shall be blessed!
—Howard Thurman

Aha! It's Epiphany

The current season of the church year is Epiphany, which means "revealing" or "showing forth." An Epiphany is one of those "Aha" moments when something really clicks and you understand it.

During the season of Epiphany, we will read stories like the Three Wise Men coming to worship the baby Jesus and Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan River at the start of his ministry.

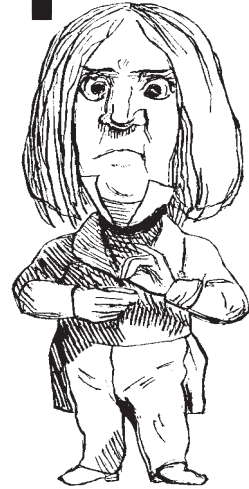
The season of Epiphany starts with the Feast of Epiphany—the traditional twelfth day of Christmas on January 6. Epiphany continues until Mardi Gras (the night of celebration before Lent).



Your Own Bread

People originally brought their own communion bread (a practice to which Augustine bears witness when he tells that one woman laughed when he communicated her, and when he asked why she replied the local equivalent of, "Blimey, governor, you give me my own bread back).

—Leonel L. Mitchell



Those who believe that Jesus was the Son of God should be the most loving, compassionate, forgiving, welcoming, peaceful, and hungry for justice people around—just like Jesus, right?
—Jim Wallis

The End Is Near!

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that reads:

The End is Near!
Turn Yourself Around Now
Before it's Too Late!

As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!"

From around the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. The priest turns to the pastor and asks, "Do you think the sign should just say: 'Bridge Out?'"

