



## CHRISTENDOM CELEBRATES EPIPHANY, THE FEAST OF THE THREE KINGS



*The Adoration of the Magi by Giotto [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons.*

Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6th January (or January 19<sup>th</sup> for some Orthodox Church who have Christmas on 7<sup>th</sup> January) and is the time when Christians remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Three Kings) who visited Jesus.

Epiphany is also when some Churches remember when Jesus was Baptised, when he was about 30, and started to teach people about God. Epiphany means 'revelation' and both the visit of the Wise Men and his Baptism are important times when Jesus was 'revealed' to be very important. Some Churches celebrate use Epiphany to celebrate and remember both the visit of the Wise Men and Jesus's Baptism!

Epiphany is mainly celebrated by Catholics and Orthodox Christians. It's a big and important festival in Spain, where it's also known as 'The festival of the three Magic Kings' - 'Fiesta de Los tres Reyes Magos', and is when Spanish and some other Catholic children receive their presents - as they are delivered by the Three Kings!

In Spain on Epiphany morning you might go to the local bakers and buy a special cake/pastry called a 'Roscón' (meaning a ring shaped roll). In France you might eat a 'Galette des Rois', a type of flat almond cake. It has a toy crown cooked inside it and is decorated on top with a gold paper crown.

There are similar traditions in Mexico where Epiphany is known as 'El Dia de los Reyes' (the day of The Three Kings). It's traditional to eat a special cake called 'Rosca de Reyes' (Three Kings Cake). A figure of Baby Jesus is hidden inside the cake. Whoever has the baby Jesus in their piece of cake is the 'Godparent' of Jesus for that year. In Portugal, people take part in Epiphany carol singing known as the 'Janeiras' (January songs). On the Island of Maderia they're known as the 'Cantar os Reis' (singing the kings).

In Italy, some children also get their presents on Epiphany. But they believe that an old lady called 'Befana' brings them. Children put stockings up by the fireplace for Befana to fill.

Epiphany Eve (also known as Twelfth Night) marks the end of the traditional Christmas celebrations and is the time when you were meant to take Christmas decorations down - although some people leave them up until Candlemas. (*Wikipedia*)

## CHRISTMAS POSTSCRIPTS



### Belen-Making Contest

**Congratulations** College of Business and Management (CBM), together with the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences for winning first place in the Belen-Making Contest!

Special thanks to the CBM Council officers—Francesca Dychangco, Ivy Rhose Abcydee Gonzales, Jet Villena, Sofia Irog Lavapiz, and Sofia Bibal Dollesin.

## December 24, 2019: Christmas Treat for the Homeless

Sponsored and organised by Group 2 Liturgy Group of the SPC Sisters in SPU Manila, this annual Christmas treat was for the street dwellers around the Malate area.

“Whatever you did to the least of my brethren, you did it to me.” - MT 25:40

## Sisters Watch Chinese Circus

The SPC Sisters of the Malate Community let their hair down during the holiday season and watched the Grand China Acrobatic Circus in the Smart Araneta Coliseum.



## Alumnae Christmas and New Year Get-Togethers



**High School 1961**  
**Mary Grace**  
**Rockwell**

**Mini-Reunion of HS 1965  
Rowena Caluya-Turner  
and Elvira Reyes-Sison  
Solana Marriot**



**AB 1979  
Mary Grace  
SM BF  
29 December 2019**



**BSC 1979  
2 January 2020**



**High School 1962  
Mary Grace, Estancia Mall  
3 January 2020**

**HADA Girls of Pedro Gil  
Manila Hotel  
4 January 2020**

