Monday After Epiphany

Gospel text (*Mt* 4:12-17, 23-25): When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen...”

The "light" of Bethlehem

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Today, between the Lord’s Epiphany (= manifestation) and his Baptism (a second "epiphany"), we contemplate the theme of "light", something that impregnates the whole Christmas Cycle. The idea —taken from Isaiah— that from "upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone", was already present in the liturgy of the Holy Night.

"Light" means above all knowledge, truth, contrasting with the darkness of falsehood and ignorance. And thus light teaches us how to live, it shows us the way. Furthermore light, while giving warmth, also means love. Where there is love, a light appears in the world; where there is hate, the world remains in the darkness. In the crib of Bethlehem the great light that the world is expecting undoubtedly rises.

—The light of Bethlehem never went out. Wherever faith in that Child is born, charity also flourished. A trail of light, love and truth coming from Bethlehem permeates the centuries.