



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 08 JANUARY 2006

*“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah...
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

(Today's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12)



Announced mass intentions...

Sat., Jan. 07 5:00PM Mass – Dennis Prendergast+

Sun., Jan. 08 **Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+
9:30AM Mass – Bernice McNamara+
Rita & Richard Lemieux+
11:15AM Mass – Maria Vronkova+
Josefina Marquez+
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Mon., Jan. 09 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Jan. 10 12:15PM Mass – Cathy Jendrasch+

Wed., Jan. 11 12:15PM Mass – Greta Guitard+

Thurs., Jan. 12 9:40AM Mass for Holy Cross School –
held in the Church
10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court
12:15PM Mass

Fri., Jan. 13 12:15PM Mass – Tony Costanza+

Sat., Jan. 14 5:00PM Mass – Julia Murray+

Sun., Jan. 15 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00AM Mass – Errol Keels+
Rigden & Frenette Families+
9:30AM Mass – Rocco De Bellis+
11:15AM Mass – Tanya Heney+
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Events Calendar

Sat., Jan. 07 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Jan. 08 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir Practice – Rm. A

Tues., Jan. 10 7:00PM RCIA – Rm. A
7:30PM Rosary – Church
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Jan. 11 7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Rm. A

Thurs., Jan. 12 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Sat., Jan. 14 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Jan 15 9:30AM Children's Liturgy
10:30AM Children's Choir Practice – Rm. A
Enrolment for the Sacraments will be held
at the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Morris Anderson (husband of Joyce), Allan Brooks (husband of Gloria), Helen Charbonneau, Emile Chartrand, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Suzanne Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Margaret FitzGerald, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob),

Frank Laternus (husband of Edwina), Sr. Anne Leonard gsic, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Tom McSwiggan (husband of Fran), Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Grace & Bill Reid, Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), John Whelly
-relatives- Andy Besserer (son of Colin & Eileen), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy), Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Anastasia Gorecki (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Betty Holmes (sister of Edwina Laternus), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Nikhil Jose (nephew of Fr. James), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetkie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Louise MacAdam (daughter-in-law of Helen Castle), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Jonathan Seepersad (nephew of Robert Lee), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski), Paul Sowinski (brother of Theresa Sarcevich)

WE ALSO PRAY for our RCIA Candidates: Ron Black, Eric Kramers, David Williams and Wanda Sherratt.

Pastor's column...

EPIPHANY

The visit of the wise men from the East reveals the universalism of Jesus' salvation. The light of God pervades the nature. It is available to all people, irrespective of all human consideration. All who search will find its rays in the people, in the streams, among the wood in the breeze. And all those who are adamant and close their eyes will never see the light. The wise men though not the members of the chosen people, read the signs of nature received the message of God and found the Son of God, the most sublime revelation of God. Herod and the Jewish leaders never found Jesus although the latter got the opportunity to interact with him. Those who are determined to live in darkness, nobody can save them.

Do we pause sometimes to read the simple ways God directs and guides us in our spiritual journey? (The Wise understand that a diamond is a stone until endowed with value by the human mind.)

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS whose children are registered for the sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. **ENROLMENT** will be on **Sunday, January 15 or Sunday, January 22 at either the 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. Mass.** Please attend **one** of these Masses and sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church 10 minutes before Mass begins. We would also ask the parents to bring a small picture of their child with their name written on the back. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 731-7834.

Parish and Community Life...

All parishioners are invited to attend a **FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR** on **Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m.** in the parish hall. Refreshments will be served. Please register with one of the Knights of Columbus at the back of the Church after Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On **Wednesday, January 18 at 8:30 p.m.** Sister Managalam Lena, Franciscan Missionary of Mary, an Alumna of St. Paul University, the founder and Spiritual Care Provider of Home-based Spiritual Care will share her experience and speak about the Spiritual Companion Training Program. She will be leaving shortly for Sri Lanka to visit the people affected by the 2005 Tsunamis. The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to attend.

PASTORAL CARE

Mass will be celebrated at Landmark Court on Thursday, January 12 at 10 a.m. For more information call Margaret FitzGerald at 739-7599.

OUR TRAINED PASTORAL TEAM MEMBERS are available to visit parishioners who are sick, bereaved, hospitalized or housebound. If you would like to avail our services please contact Theresa Fitzgerald at 523-7674 or our Parish Secretary at 731-7834.

YOUTH

HOLY CROSS YOUTH are invited to an evening of **skating on the Rideau Canal on Saturday, January 21.** We will meet at the Aberdeen Pavillion at 4 p.m. Come out to enjoy some skating, hot chocolate, and socializing. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee member John Dornier represented MPD at a Sacred Balance Dialog in mid December. The dialog is sponsored by an ecumenical group that is trying to get many churches involved in discussions and action on issues of social justice and ecology. At our January MPD meeting, John reported that the main focus of the Dialog for the moment was to develop an interfaith response to the One Ton Challenge. This is the government's campaign to involve each of us in efforts to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Please take a minute to view the MPD bulletin board at the back of the church. The display outlines the "Water: Life before Profit" campaign of our Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (D&P). In Lent, we will distribute postcards requesting our government to seek to ensure clean water for all as a basic right.

Other items of interest...

Please see **FRIDAY FAX** posted in the narthex for further information.

HOMELANDS MASS: Archbishop Marcel Gervais is pleased to invite everyone to the annual Homelands Mass on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral. The Homelands Mass celebrates our cultural diversity both here in

Canada and in the Church and it recognizes the many contributions of all those among us who have come here from foreign lands. Please plan to attend!

COME AND SEE: Have you ever thought of becoming a priest? Our "Come and See" group meets each month for fellowship, prayer and discussion. The next meeting is on Friday, January 20. For more information please call Msgr. Len Lunney at 738-5025.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM— INFORMATION DAY: Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place, Saturday, January 28, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. Interested parishioners are asked to attend. For more information please call Deacon Rick McLellan at 738-5025 ext. 228.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT †

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:16-17)

DID YOU KNOW?

Multiculturalism at the Crèche

Of the mysterious magi, there is little more than mention in the gospel. The Venerable Bede is the one who gives the colourful details: "The first was called Melchior; he was an old man, with white hair and long beard; he offered gold to the Lord as to his king. The second, Gaspar by name, young, beardless, a ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due divinity. The third, of black complexion, with heavy beard, was called Baltasar; the myrrh he held in his hands prefigured the death of the Son of Man."

About their lives after leaving that day, the Scriptures say nothing. Never at a loss, legend has filled the vacuum: Many years after Christmas, St. Thomas the apostle visited the magi and, after catechizing them, initiated them into the Christian faith. They were then ordained priests, and later bishops. Toward the end of their lives, the Christmas star revisited them, this time leading them to one another for a reunion. The city of Sewa in the Orient is said to be the place of their burial. It was in the sixth century that their legendary relics were brought from Constantinople to Milan, and from there in 1164, by Emperor Fredrick Barbarossa, to Cologne where pilgrimage has honoured them for centuries.

(The Catholic Source Book)

