



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 07 JANUARY 2007

**“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. 06	5:00PM Mass
Sun., Jan. 07	Epiphany of the Lord 8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+ Rigden & Frenette Families+ 9:30AM Mass – Molly Belanger+ 11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 7:30PM Mass
Mon., Jan. 08	12:15PM NO Mass
Tues., Jan. 09	12:15PM Mass
Wed., Jan. 10	12:15PM Mass
Thurs., Jan. 11	10:00AM Mass at Landmark Court 12:15PM Mass
Fri., Jan. 12	12:15PM Mass – Julia Murray+
Sat., Jan. 13	5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 14	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00AM Mass 9:30AM Mass – Emile Boudreau+ Tony Costanza+ 11:15AM Mass – Russ Allen+ 7:30PM Mass

Events Calendar

Sat., Jan. 06	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Jan. 07	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Coffee served after morning Masses Guest Speaker at the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses only
Mon., Jan. 08	7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
Tues., Jan. 09	7:30PM MPD – Library 7:30PM RCIA – Rm. A 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Jan. 10	7:30PM Choir (7:30) practice – Rm. A
Thurs., Jan. 11	6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A 7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
Sat., Jan. 13	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 4:30PM Rosary – Church
Sun., Jan. 14	9:30AM Children's Liturgy Guest speaker at all the Masses

We remember in our prayers the sick...

-our parishioners- Laurette Allen, Helen Charbonneau, Clare Desjardins (husband of Alicia), Ron Dexter (husband of Diane), Joan Dumbrell (wife of Bob Irvine), Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Jesse Kennedy, Alice Haughton (wife of Bob), Audrey Hester, Helen Lenthall, Eveline Lavoie, Reg MacDonald (husband of Joan), Odette MacKinnon, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron (mother of Mina), Mary O'Connor (wife of Al), Barbara Riggins, Margaret Ross, Ray Valin (husband of Betty), Sherri Vallee

-relatives- Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Barbara Burke (mother of Margie Kennedy, Richard Calagoure (brother-in-law of Barbara Riggins), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarcevich), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Patricia Esmond (mother of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarcevich), Vivian Hunt (brother of Beryl Budzinski), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Jerry Lorbetkie (brother of Dorothy Daub), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Dominci O'Hara (brother of Monica Ryan), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Sonia Pereira (cousin of Marlene Braganza), Eleanor Spafford (mother of Barb Goski)

-the deceased- Leslie Bruce+ (Grand niece of Barbara Moore), Adrian Mettes+ (Uncle of Miriam Basten), Helen Skull+

Pastor's Column...

FEAST OF EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany has the makings of high drama: It features long journeys, guiding stars, ominous danger, holy dreams, great escapes and a threatened baby. In today's media slang—it's 'made for television!'

Epiphany's conflicts are boldly drawn: The joy of discovery ends long wanderings. Truth foils deception. The Magi symbolize our noblest human efforts. They are wise ones, stargazers, teachers of philosophy and science.

They go trekking for the truth: Finding it, they pay homage, not to the high and mighty Herod, but to the newborn Child of the Most High.

As in the time of Herod, in our own day too, the child in our midst is at risk. The child represents the vulnerable and defenceless section of our society. The child's vulnerability and dependence shame the inauthentic desires for control and power. As a result, they have died in Baghdad, Darfur, Bosnia, Somalia, and Burundi as victims of a 'clean' war, an ugly dictator or indifferent nations. Children are the easiest for the enemy to slaughter—little children in the Balkans, tiny Catholics in Sudan, toddling Hutu or Tutsi in Rwanda, the unborn ripped from the wombs of women all over the world! And the stories and history goes on.

But at the end, we are not disappointed. God reveals himself even in the midst of persecution, violence, oppression and uncertainties. The Magi, finally went back safely to their homes, the holy family with struggles, fled to Egypt. He is the ultimate star who dispels the darkness of earthly powers.

God bless us.

Fr. James and Fr. Lukose

THANK YOU TO ALL! The Christmas season makes a lot of demands on all of us. Those who responded to the needs of our parish in addition to all their other obligations at this time

of year, we are most grateful! We appreciated the talent and dedication of all our music ministers, who provided excellent music during this Christmas season at all our Masses. We are truly grateful to those who served as Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Announcers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers. With no time between the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas, the hard work and dedication of the many hours spent in preparing our worship space was truly appreciated. It was rewarding to see many children participating in different ministries especially the Christmas pageant. Thanks to the organizers and parents for your efforts. We are thankful to Fr. Peter and Fr. Joseph who assisted and finally, a special thank you to all our regular Holy Cross Parishioners that made the many guests that graced our worship space at Christmas feel welcome this holy season. Many positive comments were heard about our worship services. It can only happen when many work together.

Parish News and Community Life...

IMPORTANT NOTICE: During the winter months, snow and ice tend to build up on the roof of the Church and when the weather conditions turn mild, the snow and/or ice slides off. We are asking all parishioners to please be cautious when entering all entrances of the building and to please watch for ice build-up on the ground.

INDIAN COOKING CLASS: Join us in cooking a delicious deluxe Indian menu from Joe Thottungal, chef-owner of The Coconut Lagoon Restaurant. Chef Joe Thottungal began his career in a five star restaurant in Mumbai, India. Enjoy preparing Chicken Curry, Chicken Pakora's with Chilli Lime Dip, Sweet Potato and Ginger Soup, Potato Foogath, Crepes stuffed with Caramelized coconut and Jaggery. The cooking class will take place on Monday, January 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish in the hall. The Cost is \$30 per person (includes dinner) and you must register in advance since space is limited. Call the Parish office at 613-731-7834 before January 18.

IMPORTANT DATES—REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS whose children are registered for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. There will be a meeting for **FIRST RECONCILIATION** on **Thursday, January 18 at 7 p.m.** in the parish hall. **ENROLMENT** will be on **Sunday, January 21 OR Sunday, January 28 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 613-731-7834.

"A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIMES"...A quote by Pope John Paul II, who also said: "There is nothing man needs more than Divine Mercy." All Parishioners are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church to hear our guest speaker, Fr. Dan Dubroy, Chaplain at the Civic Hospital speak on Divine Mercy. Come and hear this important message. Sponsored by the RCIA.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are reminded of the regular general meeting on Wednesday, January 17 will start at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**, there will be a

guest speaker, Fr. Maxime Allard, Vice President of the Dominican University College who will speak about "*What are Angels? How do we know they exist?*" All are welcome to hear his talk at **8:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care volunteers are available to visit or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Please call Theresa Fitzgerald at 613-523-7674 or the parish office with your request.

Social Action...

MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

We received this greeting from our sister community in Managua, Nicaragua: "*The members of the community of the Generating Life Project wish that this Christmas may be a time to renew our vision of building a culture of peace, inclusive of all, because God is One for all of us.*"

We are pleased to have as guest speakers at our January meeting, Angelina Singson and fellow students from Carleton University. Angelina will comment on last summer's exposure trip to Guatemala with Development and Peace, the development agency of the Canadian Catholic Church. The purpose of the trip was to study the work of D&P in Guatemala with a special interest in the mining sector. This year the D&P action campaign will focus on the mining industry especially the role played by Canadian companies. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the library and all are welcome to attend.

Other items of interest...

HOMELAND MASS: The Homelands Mass will be held on Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Cathedral.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel frustrated, bored, disillusioned, or angry in their marriage. It is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. For confidential information or to register for January 19 – 21 please call 613.845.9978 or email RetrouvailleOttawa@rogers.com or check out our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

OTTAWA MEN'S RETREAT ASSOCIATION on January 26-28 at Our Lady of Providence House, 1754 St. Joseph Blvd., in Orleans. For reservations/information call Joe Tonin at 613-731-7437.

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?

SERIES ABOUT EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES...

Will continue in February when Fr. James returns from holidays.