



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 06 JANUARY 2008

**“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)  
(Next weeks Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17)

### ***Announced Mass intentions...***

Sat., Jan. 05 5:00PM Mass – Ed Bunuan+

Sun., Jan. 06 **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
8:00AM Mass – Georgette Danis+  
Rigden & Frenette Families+  
9:30AM Mass – Gerta Patry+  
11:15AM Mass  
7:30PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Mon., Jan. 07 12:15PM **NO** Mass

Tues., Jan. 08 9:30AM Mass – Molly Belanger+

Wed., Jan. 09 12:15PM Mass – Berta Lipski+

Thurs., Jan. 10 9:00AM Communion Service held at  
Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass

Fri., Jan. 11 12:15PM Mass

Sat., Jan. 12 5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners

Sun., Jan. 13 **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
8:00AM Mass – Dominic O'Hara+  
9:30AM Mass – Rita & Richard Lemieux+  
Tony Costanza+  
11:15AM Mass – Philomena Goveas+  
7:30PM Mass

### ***Events Calendar***

Sat., Jan. 05 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Jan. 06 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

Mon., Jan. 07 7:30PM K of C Executive meeting

Tues., Jan. 08 7:30PM MPD – Library  
8:00PM A.A. – Hall

Wed., Jan. 09 7:30PM Music (7:30) practice – Church

Thurs., Jan. 10 6:30PM Christian Meditation – Rm. A  
7:00PM Come Join Us at The Table #1 –  
held in the parish hall  
7:30PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church

Sat., Jan. 12 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
4:30PM Rosary – Church

Sun., Jan 13 9:30AM Children's Liturgy

**Enrolment for Sacraments** at the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses  
Coffee served after all morning Masses in the parish hall

### **We remember in our prayers the sick...**

**-our parishioners-** Lorette Allen, Brian Beahen, Colleen Bonnah, Vivian Braganza, Francis & Barbara Cullinan, David Doherty, Marie Claire Grandbois, Gertrude Kennedy, Alice Haughton, Betty Hubbard, Betty Hurst, Patricia Joseph, Reg MacDonald, Odette MacKinnon, Romeo Maione, Margaret McClory, Deacon Bruce McLeod, Yolanda Miron, Margaret Ross, Dalacy Tukkiapik, Ray & Betty Valin, Sherri Vallee

**-relatives-** Tillie Andruchow (mother of Jean Ryan), Cathy Becker (sister of Maureen Monaghan), Helen Chynces (sister of Theresa Sarceвич), Barbara Cooper (sister of Imelda Marrast), Monica Desjardins (daughter of Leo), Keith Esmond (father of Liz), Guy Gosselin (brother-in-law of Theresa Sarceвич), Dan Greenwood (son-in-law of Peggy Soutar), Cathy Jirsch (sister of Aileen Halls), Margaret Kent (mother of Madonna Ozorio), Theresa Lassaline (sister of Mary Simms), Ayin & Godwin Lee (parents of Robert), Oswald Luke (father-in-law of Robert Lee), Marie Miele (mother of Christine), Albert Ozorio (father of Rui), Donald Pajot (brother of Marc), Fr. Dan Sedlar (brother-in-law of Santa), Ted Vullings (father of Gerry Vullings)  
**-the deceased-** William Long (husband of Sophia)

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### **COLLECTION REPORT**

*~ A Summary of Your Generosity ~*

Christmas 2007 - \$15,261.10 (env.) / \$4,904.98 (loose)  
New Year's - \$8,206.96 (env.) / \$1,097.57 (loose)

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### ***Pastor's Column...***

#### **THANK YOU DEAR PARISHIONERS.**

As a faith community we celebrated the Birth of Christ, the Feast of The Holy Family, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and of course the welcoming of the New Year. In fact the month of December was a month of celebrations starting with the season of Advent.

In all these liturgical celebrations, I could experience the commitment and dedication of my parishioners. I could really sense that Holy Cross Parish is becoming a more vibrant community at all the levels of its activities, and the way all of you participated, co-operated and contributed revealed the secret of our spiritual growth. I thank one and all of you for all that you have been to your faith community. A special word of thanks goes to all who contributed their time and talents to the recent celebrations and in making them a spiritually uplifting experience.

As pastors, Fr. Lukose and I are privileged to serve you at Holy Cross. We sincerely thank you for your love, support and encouragement shown through your prayers, best wishes and personal gifts.

As we have begun a New Year, let us continue to build up a praying, loving and contributing parish family.

With lots of prayers and love,  
Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Pastor

#### **THANKS AND PRAYERS TO THE FITZGERALD'S!**

One of our veteran parishioners, Mike and Theresa Fitzgerald are moving to an apartment downtown due to health reasons. The Fitzgerald's are very much in the annals of Holy Cross

Parish. Being parishioners here for the last 36 years, they were such a driving force in many activities at Holy Cross.

In June 2000, the Fitzgerald's received the Bene Merenti (one who is well deserving) medals from the former Archbishop of Ottawa, Marcel Gervais (it is an award given to an individual or individuals who have been recognized by the Vatican for their good works and service to the Church, family and community). But I believe above everything else, the Fitzgerald's should be remembered and cherished for their ardent faith in God which they put into action through their parish.

Dear Mike and Theresa,

We will really miss your presence and service at Holy Cross. But you will be very much cherished in our hearts and minds. We request you to keep Holy Cross in your prayers and to visit us whenever possible.

We wish you a safe and healthy stay at your new place of residence and we assure you our continuous prayers and love.

On behalf of Holy Cross Parishioners,  
Fr. James Raphael  
Pastor

### *Parish News and Community Life...*

#### **IMPORTANT DATES—REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS**

whose children are registered for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. **ENROLMENT** will be on **Sunday, January 13 OR Sunday, January 20 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. **ALSO SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION—COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE:** We invite you and your child's sponsor, to participate in a six-part program entitled "Come Join Us at The Table". The dates of the six sessions at the parish are January 10 & 24; February 07 & 21; March 06 and April 03 at 7 p.m. in the parish hall

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are reminded of the general meeting on Wednesday, January 16 in the parish hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Following the meeting, Brother David Bellusci, of the Dominican University College, will speak on the topic, "A shortage of Priests-the Dutch Experience". All Parishioners are welcomed to hear his talk at 8:30 p.m.

#### PASTORAL CARE

Our Pastoral Care volunteers are available to visit or administer the Eucharist to our housebound and hospitalized parishioners. Please call Simonne Larouche at 613-738-7590.

#### YOUTH CORNER



Tired of slaving over a hot stove just to make that perfect authentic home-made Italian spaghetti dish? Well mark your calendars and slave no more! Throw away those pots and pans. Forget about cleaning those

messy dishes and join us join us on **Saturday, January 26 at 6 p.m.** as the Youth of Holy Cross host a **SPAGHETTI DINNER.** For once, let the kids handle dinner. Tickets go on

sale this weekend through to January 19/20. Cost: \$10 per adult; \$5 per youth ages 6-12 and children ages 5 and under eat for free! All proceeds go towards helping raise money for NET/WORLD YOUTH DAY!

### *Social Action...*

#### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

From our sister community in Nicaragua, we received a year end report on the Generating Life Project in barrio Recreo. The many regular programs such as the Food Bank, Tutoring, Micro-credit, Eye Care etc. are functioning effectively. A new program for cancer prevention and treatment for women in the community started in 2007. Sister Maria Luisa closes her report with this caution: *"The situation in the country is becoming more difficult. We have endured shortages of water and electricity and the lack of these basic needs disrupts the whole routine of daily life. As well It is hard for people to find work. The young people, disillusioned about their future prospects are turning to drugs. Thank you friends for your concern for us and your generosity in these difficult times. Maria Luisa."* MPD will meet on Tuesday, January 08 at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

#### **SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON Feast Day – January 06**

Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born North American saint, was well-acquainted with loss. Her mother died when she was three; her beloved father died of yellow fever; her husband died when she was only twenty-nine, leaving her with five small children; her sister-in-law, with whom she founded a religious order, both died young; and in the following decade, her daughters Anna Maria and Rebecca, on whom she doted, also died.

You might think a woman as devout and dedicated as Elizabeth Ann Seton would have been stoic. Each time one of her loved ones died, however, she grieved deeply. Even when we aren't mourning the death of a loved one, we experience the pain of loss. Implied in every beginning is an ending. And yet, in every ending is a beginning. Each day, we are given a fresh chance to love and to be loved.

When we cling too tightly to the people and things in our lives, we have no room for God's new beginnings. After all, we cannot experience the warmth of spring until winter relinquishes its icy grasp. Even in the midst of her grief, Elizabeth Ann Seton never lost sight of that truth. "In heaven we shall know each other by a glance of the soul," she wrote. Only when we let the endings in our life point to new beginnings will our life have real meaning.

What am I clinging to? What has to end so I can begin again?

(Taken from 365 Saints by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker)

**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish**