

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 03 JANUARY 2016



*“When they saw that the star had stopped,  
they were overwhelmed with joy...  
they saw the child with Mary his mother;  
and they knelt down and paid him homage.”*



(03 January Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12)

### *Announced Mass intentions*

Sat., Jan. 02	5:00PM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 03	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> 8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+ 9:30AM Mass – Garry Brown+ Margaret Fitzgerald-Pajot+ Doherty Family+ 11:15AM Mass – Fr. Willoughby+
Mon., Jan. 04	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tues., Jan. 05	9:30AM Communion Service – Church
Wed., Jan. 06	12:15PM Mass – Louise Gardner (Ivg)
Thurs., Jan. 07	10:00AM Communion Service held at Windsor Park Manor 12:15PM Mass – Guy Germain+
Fri., Jan. 08	12:15PM Mass – Molly Belanger+ Ton Basten+
Sat., Jan. 09	5:00PM Mass – Molly Belanger+
Sun., Jan. 10	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> 8:00AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners 9:30AM Mass – Bruce Hahn+ Sonny Ozorio+ Holly & Christopher Vachon (Ivg) 11:15AM Mass – Dean Gibbons (Ivg)

### *Events Calendar*

Sat., Jan. 02	9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
Sun., Jan. 03	9:30AM NO Children's Liturgy
Mon., Jan. 04	12:30PM Potato Peelers 1:30PM Club 55+ - Neighbours helping Neighbours meeting – Library
Tues., Jan. 05	8:00PM A.A. – Hall
Wed., Jan. 06	7:00PM K of C Executive meeting 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
Thurs., Jan. 07	1:00PM Club 55+ – Hall 7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice 7:30PM Hospitality meeting – Library
Fri., Jan. 08	6:00PM Wedding rehearsal – Church
Sat., Jan. 09	9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Library 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A 1:30PM Wedding – Holly Costanza and Christopher Vachon – Church
Sun., Jan. 10	9:30AM Children's Liturgy

**Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 & 11:15 Masses  
**COFFEE SUNDAY** after all morning Masses

### **Please pray for our brothers & sisters who are sick...**

**-Our parishioners—**Ron Black, Bob Haughton, Alice Johnson, Brigitte Komocki, Don Lanos, Charlotte McCarthy, Jean N'dah, Bev Olivastri, Garrett Patterson, Santa Sedlar, Alma Serrette, Joe Tonin

**-Immediate family members—**Tammy Barber (Bill McCauley), Jennifer Barns (niece of Trish Brighton), Vic Edwards (husband of Deanna Heney-Edwards), Harry Ganley (brother of Jean Ganley), Stephen Herlihey (son of Paul and Marlene Herlihey), Sharon Ladouceur (sister of Sheila Shields), Eric Polspoel (husband of Jacinthe Bourdeau), Kim Pritchard (daughter of Ralph and Jane Pyne), Kathy Radcliffe (sister of Bill Daub), Edna Rice (mother of Heather Rice)

**†Our Condolences and Prayers:** For the departed soul of Mike Duggan+ (husband of Viola Duggan)

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

Welcome my dear parishioners to the New Year 2016. This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of Epiphany.

Epiphany is a feast of 'light', a light that leads all people to Jesus, the source of salvation. Prophet Isaiah, who sees Jerusalem – symbol of the people of God – shining with the light of God, also sees himself having a mission to brighten the darkness of this world.

When the Saviour is actually born, the chosen people betray their ignorance and indifference not to say anything of the hostility of Herod. It is the Magi of the Orient, who come to inform them of the new born Saviour. It means that God's Salvation is not reserved to any one group of people on the basis of class, caste, race or religion. Salvation is Universal.

Today let us reflect: As a Christian, I am called to be the light, a 'star' that lights up the way and enable others to find their way to Christ. But have I found my way to Christ? Do I lead others to Christ by my Christian way of life?

May I wish all of you a Grace-filled 2016 and all the blessings it brings forth.

I would like to express my profound gratitude for your generosity shown to the Claretian Missions in India (\$4,782.40). Our appeal was gladly received by you and I do believe that what you showed was not just your generosity to our Missions but also your care and affection to your Pastor. My sincere appreciation to all of you and I am sure that it is going to go a long way towards uplifting the less fortunate of the society.

God Bless,  
Fr. James Raphael CMF  
Pastor

## Parish News and Community Life...

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: PARENTS



whose children are registered for the sacrament of First Holy Communion are reminded that our **WELCOMING CEREMONY (Enrolment)** will be on **Sunday, January 10 OR Sunday, January 17** 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 **15 minutes before Mass begins**. **ALSO PARENTS ARE REMINDED OF OUR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM "COME JOIN US AT THE TABLE"**: We invite you and your child to participate in this six-part program. The **first session** begins on **Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. the parish hall**. Please **arrive 15 minutes early** so your child may participate in a craft activity.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** will resume on Sunday, January 10 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**CLUB 55+**: All seniors are invited to an afternoon of games, cards, and conversation this Thursday, January 07. Please consider joining us at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the first event of 2016!

**2016 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available for pick up at the back of the church. Choose the next available box and fill out the slip of paper and place it in the basket. We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2015.

**DEBRA-DYNES FAMILY HOUSE** – This January, DDFH is hoping our parish can help them in two ways. Volunteers are needed to give a few hours: to help some low-income families prepare their simple tax returns; and/or join a bee at our church to make lunch sandwiches to freeze ahead for DD school children. If you would like to help, please contact Geri or Bob Laird for details 613-731-4304 / boblaird@rogers.com.

### PASTORAL CARE

Our purpose is to **"BE THERE"** for you, our parishioners, in the name of Jesus, in sickness, sorrow, crisis or transition. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our ministry. Please call Alex Howard at 613-523-4694 if you would like the services of one of our trained Pastoral Care workers.

### Social Action...

#### MISSION, PEACE, AND DEVELOPMENT

Best wishes all, for a blessed 2016. Our Angel team swings into action again in early February. Our parish Mission, Peace and Development committee will meet Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. We look forward to having you join us with Angel making and/or with MPD.

**CARE FOR CREATION - WORLD DAY OF PEACE:** Pope Francis has sent out a message in celebration of the World Day of Peace that takes place annually on January 1. Entitled *"Overcome Indifference and Win Peace"*, Pope Francis cites different reasons for hope for our future, including "the efforts to bring world leaders together at COP21 in the search for new ways to confront climate change and to protect the earth." As expressed by our Holy Father, we all bring hope for peace and justice when we move from attitudes of indifference to a conversion of hearts.

## Other interests...

**ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS:** The annual Homelands Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral will take place on **Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

### WORKSHOP ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE:

Euthanasia is about to be legalized in Canada. What can you do? The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) and the Ottawa Archdiocese will host a workshop for anyone seeking info and especially those who would like to host this workshop at their parish, **Wednesday, January 27 from 7 – 9 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Meet pro-life physician, Dr. Rene Leiva and see how this workshop can be offered at your parish. Info: Peter Murphy, COLF (613-241-9461, ext. 162).

### THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

**BASILICA:** The Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral is the left front door closest to Guigues St. The Door of Mercy will be accessible Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday for the Masses. The Mass time details and contact info: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>). Info about making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and gaining an indulgence: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>).

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – STORIES OF FAITH:

A new page on the Archdiocese of Ottawa website featuring uplifting stories from our Catholic Schools. Visit to the website <http://catholicottawa.ca/catholic-schools-stories-of-faith>.

## Food For Thought†

May this coming New Year be a year of growth in faith; for as you grow in faith, you will grow in love and surrender to God, and that is really all that matters! With God, every moment is the moment of beginning again. (Catherine Doherty)

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### COLLECTION REPORT

Christmas 2015 – \$7,738.00 (env) / \$4,569.25 (loose)

27 December 2015 – \$4,609.00 (env) / \$525.40 (loose)

~ **Thank you for your generosity and support** ~

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**Have you considered a gift in your WILL to provide for the faith life of future generations?**  
**IN YOUR GENEROSITY, please consider a donation or bequest to Holy Cross Parish.**

