



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 07 JANUARY 2018



*“... they were overwhelmed with joy...  
they saw the child with Mary his mother;  
and they knelt down and paid him homage.”*



## *Announced Mass intentions*

- Sat., Jan. 06 5:00PM Mass – Guy Germain+  
Intentions of Bev Olivastri
- Sun., Jan. 07 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
8:00AM Mass – Rigden Family+  
9 :30AM Mass – Jan Vronka+  
Molly Belanger+  
Karl Kvas+  
11:15AM Mass – Meliane Rosemond+
- Mon., Jan. 08 **NO MASS**
- Tues., Jan. 09 9:30AM Mass– Chris & Holly Vachon (lvg)
- Wed., Jan. 10 12:15PM Mass – Christina Chung (lvg)
- Thurs., Jan. 11 10:00AM Communion Service held at  
Billings Lodge  
12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
- Fri., Jan. 12 12:15PM Mass – Robert Reid+
- Sat., Jan. 13 5:00PM Mass – Tony Costanza+
- Sun., Jan. 14 **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00AM Mass – George Petetski+  
9:30AM Mass – Lillian Petrocco+  
Beulah Aubin+  
11:15AM Mass – Tanya Heney+  
Joseph & Frank Tomas+

## *Events Calendar ...*

- Sat., Jan. 06 9:30AM **NO** Prayer Group
- Sun., Jan. 07 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Mon., Jan 08 12:30PM Potato Peelers - Hall  
6:30PM R.C.I.A. & Bible Study – Hall
- Tues., Jan. 09 9:30AM Pain Management Group – Rm. A  
8:00PM A.A. - Hall
- Wed., Jan. 10 7:00PM K of C Executive meeting  
7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice - Church
- Thurs., Jan. 11 9:00AM Community Helper Workshop #1  
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice - Church
- Sat., Jan. 13 9:00AM Refresher course for Defibrillators  
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A  
6:00PM **Youth Event** following the 5 pm  
Mass in the parish hall
- Sun., Jan. 14 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 a.m. Mass  
**Pancake Breakfast** after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. Masses

## *Deacon’s Column...*

### **WISE MEN AND WOMEN STILL SEEK HIM**

More than 2,000 years ago, men of the East gazed upon the heavens and were drawn to a star. They were compelled by something beyond themselves to follow its light. Perhaps, even from their distant realms, they were familiar with an ancient prophecy that spoke of a time when “a Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel” (Num 24:17). They also might have pondered and acted on another prophecy found in Isaiah: “Arise, shine; for your light has come! The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.” (Isa 60:1-3) Their account, as given in Matthew, is a story of practical step-by-step faith set in motion to encounter the revelation of this star. Their unwavering purpose summed up in their own words: “For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” These men weren’t foreign to the protocol worthy of a ruler, so they offered precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Child they had traveled far to see.

What do these wise men of old have in common with us? We too have been summoned to appear before and worship the same King. How can we tap into their wise example of not only searching for this King, but in following His admonition to “Follow Me”? There is still a beckoning star for wise men and women to follow after in today’s world. Revelation (22:17) describes Jesus as the Bright and Morning Star.” The star of assuring comfort as it always appears at the moment when it’s darkest and coldest before the dawn breaks. Indeed, Jesus Christ is “the light of the world” and “the way” to help us grasp what God has in store for us who behold Him. This same Morning Star continues to beckon us with the message of “Follow Me” in the footsteps of the wise men of old who were open to God’s lead, available to act and willing to go the distance to seek after God in whatever form or manner He showed Himself. In following Him today, may we all do likewise!

Dearest Children and Parents,

You have made Jesus very happy. Thank you so much for making Christmas very special for two young children this year. Like the Magi or Wise Men of this weekend’s Gospel, you have brought a very precious gift to Jesus by sponsoring seven-year-old Pranjali Prashant Morajkar from India and eight-year-old Carlos Bertos Dalde from the Philippines for the entire year. This is AWESOME!!! Now that we have them, we need to support them with our prayers and maybe some could even write letters and send some pictures. Why not get yourself a money jar like mine and start saving your change for next year. Well Done!

†Our Condolences and Prayers: For the departed souls of Sharon Ladouceur+ (sister of Sheila Shields); Bill Kessels+ (brother of Anna Dorner); Maurice Forget+

God bless,  
Deacon John

## *Pastor's Message...*

**THANK YOU TO ALL!** As I reflect on our past year 2017 at Holy Cross Parish, I am touched by the generosity and abiding support so many of you provided. Your financial support helps keep our Church in good shape and all our volunteers give life to the community. I am so grateful to all those who made the Christmas Season a joyful experience by generously giving your time and talents. Special thanks to Deacon John Kennedy and to those who served as Mass Coordinators, Lectors, Announcers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers, as well as to the different Music Groups, the Décor Team and to those who donated towards our Christmas Poinsettias; our Knights of Columbus for helping with parking control and assisted throughout the Masses and a special appreciation to Debbie Kuchciak and her team for preparing the children for the Christmas Pageant.

Thanks to all who have shown your appreciation through your gifts, cards and prayers for me. Let us remember to keep the Holy Family as a model for our families as we journey through the New Year 2018. I also encourage the youth and the parents to actively participate in our youth initiatives in the parish.

There are so many reasons to be grateful to God as Holy Cross Parish is preparing to celebrate its Golden Jubilee in 2018.

May God bless you all!  
Fr. Lukose

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

### **COLLECTION REPORT**

24 December 2017 – \$5,082.09

Christmas 2017 – \$11,076.31

*~ Thank you for your generosity and support ~*

**REMINDER – BIBLE STUDY:** Deacon John invites you to join our R.C.I.A. candidates who will view a series of videos on *"The Bible and the Sacraments"* starting this coming **Monday, January 08 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. The format will be similar to the Alpha series recently completed. As time permits, there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the sacraments and our Catholic faith.

**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 14 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please arrive **20 minutes before Mass begins** to sign-in your child's name at the entrance of the Church.

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH, AGES 12 TO 25:** Holy Cross will be holding its first **YOUTH EVENT** on **Saturday, January 13.** Join us for the 5 pm Mass. There will be a special youth-oriented musical group providing the music and following the Mass there will be a three-course hot meal served in the hall before the meeting begins. Fr. Tavis Goski, Holy Cross' newly-ordained priest, will speak about his journey to becoming a priest. A social time of games, recreation and hot chocolate will follow Fr. Tavis' talk. The evening will wrap up at 9:30 pm. See you there.

**COMMUNITY HELPERS WORKSHOP:** Four workshops will be held on **January 11 & 25 and February 01 & 08 (9 am - 12 pm)** to help build on your knowledge and skills to meet the challenges facing seniors including Mental, Physical, Social and Spiritual health, Elder abuse, Loss and Grieving.

**HAVE A HEART, SAVE A LIFE—COME TO THIS IMPORTANT WORKSHOP:** We will be holding a refresher workshop on **Saturday, January 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the parish hall for CPR, choking and the use of the Defibrillator. Coffee and muffins will be served.

**2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. Starting in January when you begin using your **Initial 2018 Offertory Envelopes** please put your name and address on the back of the envelope to help us keep information up to date for tax receipts. **We would like to take this time to thank all our Parishioners for their generosity throughout 2017.**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 14 **after the 8 & 9:30 a.m. morning Masses.** Everyone is welcome to come out for a great meal and wonderful fellowship. Free will offering. Proceeds will be directed to fund the Knights Youth activities (Crèche Statuettes, Basketball Free Throw, Drug Poster Contest, etc.)

### PASTORAL CARE

**OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS** are available to visit and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick, house-bound, lonely, or bereaved. Call Sue Kennedy at 613-523-4748.

### *Social Justice...*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** conducted 125 home visits in 2017 and assisted 309 people with food, clothing and furniture including Christmas donations valued at more than \$15,000. In addition more than 2 thousand items of clothes and furniture/household were contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Stores and more than 2000 items of food and \$948 to the North of 60 Project in Rankin Inlet.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**—if you are interested in being a part of Holy Cross' outreach and social justice activities, please join us at our first meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7 pm in the Library. Call Bob Laird for further information at 613-731-4304.

**DEBRA DYNES FAMILY HOUSE**—thank you for your generous donations of gifts for children and parents to exchange, and for money to make a holiday meal. They have been a true Christmas message of love and care to our neighbors in need.

### *Other interests...*

**ANNUAL HOMELANDS' MASS:** At Notre Dame Cathedral, Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome!

### *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)