



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – 06 JANUARY 2019

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



Announced Mass intentions

- Sat., Jan. 05 5:00PM Mass – Guy Germain+
- Sun., Jan 06 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
8:00AM Mass – Roger Cotter+
9 :30AM Mass – Bill & Anna Brown+
Gerry Charron+
Belanger Family+
11:15AM Mass – Holy Cross Parishioners
- Tues., Jan. 08 **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
9:30AM Mass – Denis Rey+
- Wed., Jan 09 12:15PM Mass–Chris and Holly Vachon (lvg)
- Thur., Jan. 10 9:00AM Communion Service held at Billings Lodge
12:15PM Mass – Louise Gardner (lvg)
- Fri., Jan. 11 12:15PM Mass – Souls in Purgatory
- Sat., Jan. 12 5:00PM **YOUTH MASS**
Beverley Olivastrì (lvg)
Denis Rey+
- Sun., Jan 13 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
8:00AM Mass – George Petetski+
9:30AM Mass – Tony Costanza+
Fessaha Fré+
Barbara Bailey+
11:15AM Mass – Joseph & Frank Tomas+

Events Calendar ...

- Sat., Jan. 05 9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Jan 06 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Mon., Jan. 07 12:30PM NO Potato Peelers
- Tues., Jan. 08 8:00PM A.A. – Hall
- Wed., Jan 09 7:30PM Choir (9:30) practice – Church
7:30PM K of C Executive meeting
- Thur., Jan. 10 12:30PM Club 55+ - Hall
7:00PM Choir (11:15) practice – Church
- Sat., Jan. 12 9:00AM Parish Ultreya – Church/Hall
9:30AM Prayer Group – Rm. A
- Sun., Jan 13 9:30AM Children’s Liturgy
- Welcoming Ceremony (Enrolment) for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion** during the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Pastor’s Message...

THANK YOU

As I reflect on our past year 2018, at Holy Cross Parish, I am touched by the generosity and abiding support so many of you provided.

In March 2018, we began our Golden Jubilee preparations with so many initiatives to build up our community as well as parish spiritual renewal. We had a wonderful time with our Multicultural celebrations enjoying the diversity of the parish, the Fashion Show in support of Attawapiskat Outreach Project, our Memorial Service remembering our departed parish members etc. We had a lot of activities for the youth and children inviting them to get involved in parish activities. We hope to continue the momentum in the New Year 2019.

Your financial support helps keep our Church in good shape and all our volunteers give life to the community. I appreciate the hard work of our Building Committee as we plan some major projects for the Parish building.

I am so grateful to all those who made the Christmas season a joyful experience of blessing by generously giving your time and talents. Special thanks to Fr. Anthoni Bawanthade for creating a wonderful nativity scene. My appreciation to Deacon John Kennedy and to different Music groups and all those who served as Mass Coordinators, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, the Decor Team and those who donated towards our Christmas Poinsettias. What a Christmas feeling when children enacted the Nativity scene. Thanks to our Children’s Liturgy Team.

Thanks to all who have shown appreciation through your Christmas gifts and your donations to the Claretian Missions as well as all your prayers for Frs. Anthoni, Eslin and I. We, as Claretians, are happy to wish you all the blessings of Holy Family in the Year 2019.

I also encourage all of you to consider Holy Cross as your own family of faith and share the responsibility of building up the parish as a house of spiritual nourishment. You shoulder the responsibility of molding the next generation of our Parish and Church.

May God bless you all!
Fr. Lukose

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Parents whose children are registered for the Sacrament, we invite you and your child to the **WELCOMING CEREMONY (Enrolment)** on **Sunday January 06 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass OR on Sunday, January 13 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please choose one of these dates and arrive **20 minutes before Mass begins** to sign-in your child’s name at the entrance of the Church.



COLLECTION REPORT

Christmas 2018 – \$8,206.00 (env)

New Year’s 2019 – \$8,475.00 (env) / \$356.00 (loose)

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

Deacon's Column...

GOD IS KING - HE COMES TO RULE

God is a King. The Saviour he sends us, Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, comes not to philosophize, but to rule. Herod trembled because he knew this. The Wise Men rejoiced because they knew this. In our hearts there dwell two potential responses to the coming of such a King: Herod's or the Magi's.

Herod had spent his life murdering, extorting, and building a personal kingdom ruled by his whims for his personal glory. Jesus enters the scene - a King with authority from on high. Herod immediately feels the threat. If Jesus is not destroyed or discredited, it could spell the end of all his labours.

The Magi, on the other hand, do not fear the demands that this new King will make on their personal lives. Instead, they rejoice to know that God's Saviour is finally coming. Instead of hoarding and protecting their treasures, the fruits of their life's labours, they generously offer them to Jesus as gestures of honour, respect, and allegiance.

Whenever Jesus enters our lives, which he does every day through the voice of conscience, the teachings of His Church, and the designs of Providence, we must choose in whose steps we will follow, Herod's or the Magi's. Will we tremble, afraid of what Jesus may demand of us? Or will we rejoice, glad to have such a glorious Lord to follow? We have both possibilities in our hearts - we are potential Herods, and we also are potential Magi.

God bless,
Deacon John

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES: Your feedback from our last two faith formation series asked for teaching on the Theology of the Body. We have heard you and are happy to be able to provide it for you. The parish has invited Charles and Christine Labrosse, who have had training through the Theology of the Body Institute and have presented this topic for the past 14 years, to speak for three sessions starting **Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. The material for these presentations will be taken from the teachings of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

January 14 will be on "*The Basics of Theology of the Body*" and how we can apply it to our lives.

January 21 will focus on "*The Feminine Genius*", the three-fold call of women and how men can understand, appreciate and love this mystery of woman.

January 28 will focus on "*True Masculinity*", what it is and how men can live this in today's world and how women can affirm and complement this true masculinity in our confused culture.

Charles and Christine will speak briefly at the 8 and 9:30 a.m. Masses on January 06 and will join us for coffee in the parish hall where you can meet them personally and ask any questions you may have prior to their formal presentations.

PEW KNEELERS: With winter and all the salt that is added to the parking lot and walkways, we ask for your consideration and cooperation on a practical matter. Please be careful to not place your boots on the kneelers. This will keep them clean for the next parishioner, who will be kneeling at the same place. Also, we have outdoor mats so you can stomp the salt from your boots before entering the Church. Thank you.

A CALL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

All Christians have the duty to transmit faith with courage. Jesus invites us to have courage in prayer as well, and has urged Christians not to be lukewarm. The Church is a Community of the "yes" because it is born from the love of Christ. (Pope Francis).

All Liturgical Ministers play a special role in the celebration of the Holy Mass--your talents and service is a generous gift to the Parish.



Dear parishioners, we would like to invite you to join in the following ministries of your choice; **Lector, Announcer, Mass Coordinator, and/or Eucharistic Minister** for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. We especially invite the youth of our Parish

(grades 9 and up) to become Lectors and all children who have received First Holy Communion to participate as an Altar Server. Training will be provided. Please consider contributing to our Parish family's worship. Sign-up sheets may be found at the entrances of the Church. For information contact Cheryl McIntyre at jobun6@hotmail.com.

Parish News and Community Life...

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are still available for pick up on the table at the back of the church. The offertory envelopes are in alphabetical order with your original envelope number. For parishioners who would like offertory envelopes, please fill out the slip of paper provided and place the paper in the basket provided and an envelope will be assigned to you the following week. For the month of January when you begin using your **Initial 2019 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 2018.**

CLUB 55: The first meeting of 2019 will take place this coming Thursday, January 10 in the Parish hall following the 12:15 pm Mass. Come and enjoy an "Italian" themed lunch which will include a hot entrée, salad, roll and dessert (\$6.00 pp). The meal will be followed by a time for cards and games. As the hall can be cool at this time of year, perhaps dress in layers to keep warm.



PARISH CURSILLO/ULTREYA will be held on **Saturday, January 12 at 9 a.m.** Everyone welcome!

Other interests...

ANNUAL HOMELANDS' MASS: At Notre Dame Cathedral, Sunday, January 13 at 2:30 p.m. There will be a reception following the Mass. All are welcome.

2019 JOURNEY OF HOPE – A PROGRAM FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS: Women's session begins Tues., March 19 and men's session begins Thurs., March 21. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7 - 9 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant St. The cost is \$25. Info/registration contact Mary Jane Manley at 613-294-1308 or go to www.journeyofhopeottawa.com.