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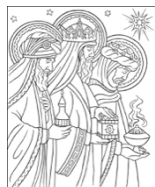
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Epiphany of the Lord

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 2:1-12)



The Magi represent people on a quest. As we are told, “**they came from the East,**” which is to say, they came from the ends of the earth in searching for truth and light. Finding the true light in Jesus, the Magi, “**returned to their own country by different road**” (Mt 2:12). It is much more than an information about the physical path they have taken. Rather it is about the new way of life they have undertaken.

We too search for light and meaning in life, when we encounter Christ, our lives are never the same.

Fr. Jamroz

Dina Guajardo completed her service as **Pastoral Associate/Catechist at our Parish** in December. Dina cared deeply about the Children’s Liturgy at 11am Mass. She was dedicated and devoted to preparing children and families for sacraments. We are grateful for her faith and dedicated service, and we wish Dina well in the new directions in her life!

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you’re here! For details on our parish life, please see our website: www.stmichaelw.ca

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Maritza Alba
+ John Irish – Evelyn Hussey
+ For all Heartache to Healing Grief Support
Participants – Kathy Shaw
7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

12:15 pm + James Anderson – Shari Guinta
+ Special Intentions of Marianne Hoegler
in Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 11, 2024

12:15 pm + Special Intentions of Patricia Barry and
Trevor Pereira – The Walker Family

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:00 am + Special Intentions of JR
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 pm + Ernie Hollo – The Family
+ Jacques Feudjio – The Jemetio & Tonleu
families

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio and pdf version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘SUNDAY HOMILY’.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up on our website at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>



The Epiphany of the Lord

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, when Western Christians celebrate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The traditional belief that there were three wise men is a development based on the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (2:11). The Epiphany commemorates the “manifestation” of Christ to the nations and is kept on January 6th or the Sunday after January 1st. The liturgical texts center on the magi, but include as well references to Jesus’ baptism and his first miracle at Cana as images of his appearance to the world, events that are celebrated specifically later on. (*Expert from CCCB*)

Sunday Missals

and Children’s Sunday Missals are still available. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children’s Sunday Missal and are at the main doors of the Church. Please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office.

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024 for current envelope users are available at the main doors of the Church. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish - forms are available online

Heartache to Healing- Grief Support Group

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. A monthly informal drop-in support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. **There is no session in January.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Michael’s Prayer Shawl Ministry has given thousands of Prayer Shawls to parishioners, families and friends, St Mary’s Hospital, assisted living and long term care residents. We also give Baptismal Blankets (The White Garment) to every child baptized in our parish. Please support our work with donations of yarn or cash or join our ministry on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the parish library. The next meeting is **Wednesday, January 10.**



DIocese of HAMILTON

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Friday, February 3rd** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. Contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL kicks off the 2024 season on **January 25, 2024 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**, with the film *Gather*, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. **The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University’s Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening.** Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the *Our Sustenance* program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at:** <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>

A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.



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