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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

# Epiphany of the Lord

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Jan 8 to Jan 14

**Mon 9:00 am** Deacon Phil Dwyer (Int)  
Private Mass: Family of Doris Kazarian (Int)

**Tue 9:00 am** Ken Seidel +  
**7:00 pm** Brett Skinner +

**Wed 9:00 am** Margo Gallagher +  
Private Mass: Michael Grace (Int – Healing)

**Thu 9:00 am** Richard McKenna & Family (Int)  
**7:00 pm** Sarah Cook (Int)

**Fri 9:00 am** Joseph & Jessica Munn & Family (Int)  
Private Mass: The Cahoon Family (Int)

## Saturday – January 13

9:30 am Lion's Head – In Thanksgiving for the lives of unborn children (Int)

11:30 am Tobermory – Elizabeth Dunning (Int)

5:00 pm Owen Sound – Paddy McArthur +

## Sunday – January 14

9:00 am OS – Stephen Rovers +

11:00 am OS – Deborah Kent +

9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +

11:00 am Meaford – Louis Pelino (Int)

9:00 am Hepworth – Marilyn Schinbein +

11:00 am Wiarton – Claude McPhail +

1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

## From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

### This week we pray for:

Mon **Baptism of the Lord**  
Tue Rev. David Reilander  
Wed Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B)  
Thu Rev. Franjo Sprajc  
Fri Rev. Matthew Durham  
Sat Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

\* **Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:**  
**Available upon request. Please call the office. \***

## From the Pastors Desk:

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas season is always a time where we run ourselves ragged. We go from celebration to celebration, party to party, and by the end we are exhausted. But it is a good exhausted.

The feasts of the Christmas season deserve to be celebrated with all our energy. The Nativity, The Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of Our Lord, are a gallery of great feasts and we want to soak in everything they offer.

To celebrate these feasts as they deserve, both at home and at church, requires a lot of work and people. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to making these feasts an encounter with God for all who came. The decorators, choir and musicians, parish staff, ushers, servers, lectors, ministers, and the thousand and one other people who made our celebrations beautiful. Thanks also to those who came to Mass. Your prayers and presence contribute in a way that only God sees, you have stored up for yourselves treasure in heaven.

The Christmas season is not over, but most of the busyness has come to an end. Now we rest and recuperate. As we do, may we thank God for giving us such a wonderful season to celebrate His work of salvation.

God Bless,

*Fr. David Reitzel*

## \* In the Parish \*

2024 Offering Envelopes - Boxed sets of envelopes for 2024 are now available. Please note that we are putting out fewer boxes than in previous years; your favourite number might not be available. Please choose any number but be sure to print your name and address on the first few you use.

Children's Liturgy Start up - We would once again like to offer Children's Liturgy at the 11AM Sunday Mass. Before we can do that, we need volunteers, two per session.



The material will be prepared for you, and we will have a short training session. It's not difficult, but you must be 18 years of age or older.

We cannot offer this Ministry until we have enough volunteers so not to have to schedule anyone more than once a month. That would be preferable.

Please contact Corry Lapointe if you are interested in serving in this precious ministry. And please pray that we will be able to offer this ministry by the time we enter Lent.

Thank you everyone for your attention to this.

Knights of Columbus - The Knights of Columbus invite you to the monthly Parish Breakfast this Sunday, **January 7th after the 9 am and 11 am Masses** at St. Mary's Church, in the Parish Centre. Come enjoy some breakfast and spend some time with your fellow parishioners. A donation is appreciated, with proceeds towards K of C projects.

Alpha is back! – Starting **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10 am to 12 noon** at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Owen Sound. Registration forms are in the foyer of the Church, or you can call the Parish office at 519-376-0778.

What is Alpha? We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions, and share their point of view.

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is enjoyed all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafes, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: Connection, Content, and Conversation. Come and see.

Adoration every Friday – Adoration of the Holy Eucharist occurs every Friday beginning after the 9 am Mass and ending at 8 pm. If you can commit for an hour from 5 pm to 6 pm, please call the parish office. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to come to the Church and spend time in the presence of our Lord.

*\* In the Diocese \**

Epiphany – January 7, 2024 - The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or visit the website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

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.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who need our prayers:



Cheryl Watters, Lincoln Hogan, Maciej Zielinski, Lydia Foch, Alwyn D'Silva, Joan West, Colleen Wright, Andrew Gambal, Mike Adams, Bernadette Lewis, Lyn Hannigan, Becki Knisley, Marlene Ryerson, Tom McDonnell, Sharon Cantlon, Brad Cahoon, Ben Meissner, Helen Hunter, Yvette Fournier, Felix Poole, Matt Bell, Maynard Dietrich, Eunice Blom, Arnold Hodgkinson, Landon Archer, and Mike Couture. **We pray to the Lord.**

**Donations received the week of Dec 24/25, 2023**

Owen Sound	\$ 13, 733
Sauble Beach	283
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Warton	1, 095
Hepworth	934
Chatsworth	1, 577
Tobermory	213
Lion's Head	784
	<b>\$ 20, 388</b>

**Donations received from the weekend of December 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>, were unavailable at the time of printing.**

*God bless you for your generosity.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

**Matthew 2.1-2**

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.

**St. Augustine**



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