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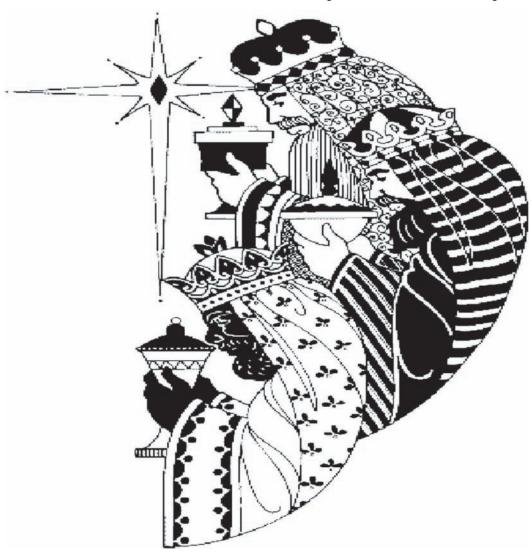
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Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

The Feast of the Epiphany, which originated in Egypt sometime during the third century, predates our celebration of Christmas. Historically it celebrated the three Epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus' divinity: His birth, the adoration of the Magi, and His Baptism. Unlike the Eastern Catholic churches and the Orthodox churches, we in the west celebrate the three events individually.

A proper way that we can celebrate the Epiphany is to look at a memorial which we celebrate on January 3, the Most Holy Name of Jesus. This memorial greatly supplements and serves the Epiphany. You might say we see this with the identity of Christ being made known through His 'manifestation'. This was witnessed by the shepherds at the Birth of Christ, revered by the coming of the Magi, and pronounced by a voice from Heaven identifying Jesus as "My Beloved Son" at His Baptism.

What we can learn from the Epiphany and from the Feast of The Holy Name of Jesus, is how we are able to keep the name of Jesus holy in our lives. The image of the Magi helps us to achieve this. Something profound happened to the world that changed it and as priests they came to give praise. We are called to do the same in our lives.

Fr. Mark

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

St John Chrysostom

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Roberto Luisetto, Colleen Decarlis, Lisa Fuller

Bulletins are available online at:

http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097

Collection Envelopes – New envelopes have been prepared for 2022 and some number assignments may have changed. Envelopes may be picked up from the church hall.

Office Closure – The office will be closed from December 23th to January 4th for Christmas and to prepare year-end reporting. Messages and email will be monitored. Donations received in the collection by December 31st will be included in 2021 receipts. Tax receipts are issued for annual donations of \$25.00 or more.

Year of the Family Speaker Series: The Amoris Laetitia Family Conference (which was to be held in May) has been replaced with a six-month speaker series because of the ongoing uncertainty with COVID. January is the first month of the series and the only month where we will have a three evening session (all others will be one night each month). Bishop Lobsinger will give an overview of the document, Amoris Laetitia, on Jan. 12th and 19th and I will wrap up the sessions on Jan. 26th each session at 7 p.m. The title of this first talk will be, The Joy and Struggles of Family: Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia.

Information for families can be found here: https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/

The Speaker Series page with the link for registration for the first talk can be found here: https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series/

Teresa Hartnett Family Ministry Office



Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

JANUARY 2, 2022

DAY & TIME		MASS INTENTIONS (January 3 – January 9)	REQUESTED BY:
Tues	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Iwona Kwiatkowska	Kwiatkowski Family
Wed	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Shirley Braida	Pat South
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Helen Klemencic	Estate of Helen Klemencic
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Marjorie Hutchison	Raats Family
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Wilfred and Jo Ann Duval	Duval Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Jean Marcoux	Ray and Rena Arbic
	10:00 a.m.	Pro populo	
	11:30 a.m.	Pro populo	



Only Lectors are serving until further notice. There may be a Sunday which has no Lector assigned. If you are a Lector and can fill in, it would be most appreciated.

Sat. Jan 8 5:00 p.m. Patricia J. Sun. 8:30 a.m. Jay R. 10:00 a.m. Penny M. 11:30 a.m. Gita B.

Recording - Marc. M





CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: cwl@lartist.com

K of C: Sean Saunders: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges all Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Application forms may be obtained from Father Mark.



This week we pray especially for the following families:

Champagne, Chelliah, Cigna, Clough, Coles, Colgan

Thank you from the Snuggle Up Crew!

Snuggle Up to Christmas was a great success! Thank you to all parishioners who generously donated approximately 60 beautiful blankets! The remainder of the blankets were kindly donated by community members. Special thank you to St. Vincent Charities for the donation of chocolates and oranges.









Come Let Us Adore Him Christ the Lord!



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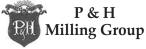
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