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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
9:30 am (Italian)
11:00 am
12:30 pm
4:30 pm

Lauds: Monday to Friday: 7:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am
Friday: 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am
Wednesday Italian Mass: 7:00 pm

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 4:00 to 4:30 pm
15 minutes before each Sunday Mass.
Weekdays: Appointment with the priest

Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am

Marriage:

Contact the priest one year in advance

Friday Exposition & Adoration: 12:00 pm to 6:50 pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 8:30 am Saturday Mass

Two Hearts Rosary Prayer Group: Every Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY

Jesus' *circumcision*, on the eighth day after His birth, is the sign of His incorporation into Abraham's descendants, into the people of the covenant. It is the sign of His submission to the Law and His deputation to Israel's worship, in which He will participate throughout His life. This sign prefigures that "circumcision of Christ" which is Baptism.

The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #527-528.

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

(A sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen)

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptised; let us also go down with Him, and rise with Him.

John is baptising when Jesus draws near. Perhaps He comes to sanctify His baptiser; certainly He comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; He who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptised by You. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of Him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of Him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptised by You: we should also add, "and for You," for John is to be baptised in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with Him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to Him as to an equal, bearing witness to His Godhead. A voice bears witness to Him from heaven, His place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of Him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to Whom be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps burn for:
Intentions of the Pascua Family

Thursday, Jan. 12, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Religious. St. Marguerite was born in Troyes, France, on Good Friday, April 17, 1620. Marguerite arrived in Montreal in 1653 and is rightly considered co-foundress of Montreal. In 1658, she opened the first school in Montreal and also organized an extern Congregation, an innovation at that time. She died in Montreal on January 12, 1700. Her last generous act was to offer herself as a sacrifice of prayer for the return to health of a young Sister. On October 31, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized her and gives the Canadian Church its first woman saint.

LITURGICAL LATIN SYMPOSIUM Introduction to Liturgical Latin Part 2:

This course develops a student's understanding of the basic concepts of ecclesiastical Latin with a particular focus on the vocabulary, conventions and syntax of liturgical Latin. In addition to the study of Latin grammar, the course will focus on the liturgical texts of the *Ordo Missae* of Saint Pius V (extraordinary form). For information, please email liturgical.latin@live.ca

CWL Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th. Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. +Installation of the New Executive. Meeting to follow in the Church Hall. Members & ladies interested in becoming members are all invited!

"He must increase, I must decrease."

John the Baptist (John 3:30)

ADULT FAITH STUDY PROGRAMME are held on Thursdays, from 1-2:30 p.m. and from 7-8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

"I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I Am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object. (Jesus to St. Faustina. Taken from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1385).

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Lord, send workers for Your harvest, so that the commands of Your only-begotten Son may always be obeyed and His Sacrifice be everywhere renewed. Look with favor upon Your family, and ever increase its numbers. Enable it to lead its sons and daughters to the holiness to which they are called and to work for the salvation of others. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS		Jan. 1-7
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Mr. Lee Senior
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Angela Mazzotta
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Deceased Members of the Grm Family
	7:00 p.m.	In Honour of St. Joseph +Carmine Arnone +Pasqualina & Domenica D'Agostini +Joseph Costa Le anime del purgatorio
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	+Manuel Mendoza
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Norberto Gomes & dec. family Members
	7:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary +Deceased Members of the Domenegato Family +Mr. & Mrs. Hong chow +Members of the Naughton Family +George Turbach +Members of the Paxton Family +Michaelangelo Montano +Davis Ahlowalia Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Fr. Pierre Farruggia +Herbert, Catherine & Patrick Paxton +Maria Christina Valvis Rocha

Epifania del Signore - 8 gennaio 2012

"La Provvidenza misericordiosa, avendo deciso di soccorrere negli ultimi tempi il mondo che andava in rovina, stabilì che la salvezza di tutti i popoli si compisse nel Cristo. ... Tutti i popoli, rappresentati dai tre magi, adorino il Creatore dell'universo, e Dio sia conosciuto non nella Giudea soltanto, ma in tutta la terra, perché ovunque «in Israele sia grande il suo nome» (cfr. Sal 75, 2). Figli carissimi, ammaestrati da questi misteri della grazia divina, celebriamo nella gioia dello spirito il giorno della nostra nascita e l'inizio della chiamata alla fede di tutte le genti. Ringraziamo Dio misericordioso che, come afferma l'Apostolo, «ci ha messo in grado di partecipare alla sorte dei santi nella luce. E' lui che ci ha liberati dal potere delle tenebre e ci ha trasferiti nel regno del suo Figlio diletto» (Col 1, 12-13). ... Tutto questo, lo sappiamo, si è realizzato quando i tre magi, chiamati dai loro lontani paesi, furono condotti da una stella a conoscere e adorare il Re del cielo e della terra. Questa stella ci esorta particolarmente a imitare il servizio che essa prestò, nel senso che dobbiamo seguire, con tutte le nostre forze, la grazia che invita tutti al Cristo. In questo impegno, miei cari, dovete tutti aiutarvi l'un l'altro. Risplendete così come figli della luce nel regno di Dio, dove conducono la retta fede e le buone opere. Per il nostro Signore Gesù Cristo che con Dio Padre e con lo Spirito Santo vive e regna per tutti i secoli dei secoli. Amen. (S. Leone Magno)."

Prostrati i santi Magi adorano il Bambino, offrono doni d'Oriente: oro, incenso e mirra. O simboli profetici di segreta grandezza, che svelano alle genti una triplice gloria! Oro e incenso proclamano il Re e Dio immortale; la mirra annunzia l'Uomo depresso dalla croce. Betlemme, tu sei grande fra le città di Giuda: in te è apparso al mondo il Cristo Salvatore. Nelle sue mani il Padre pose il giudizio e il regno: lo attestano concordi le voci dei profeti. Non conosce confini nello spazio e nel tempo il suo regno d'amore, di giustizia e di pace. A te sia lode, o Cristo, nato da Maria Vergine, al Padre e allo Spirito nei secoli dei secoli. Amen.

AVVISO

1. Le buste per le offerte per il nuovo anno possono essere prelevate nella sala parrocchiale.

MASS INTENTIONS**Jan. 8-15**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	Special Intention of La Madonna della Grazia +Domenico & Pasqualina D'Agostini +Giueseppe & defunti Giancola famiglia +Giuseppe Maldera +Vito Di Tacchio +Julio Collado +Gabriele Magnotta +Augusto Brunetta +Venera Castronov
MON.	8:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving Thomas Gomes
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Bunda Kim & Deceased Family Members
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Nazario De Andrade
	7:00 p.m.	Ivan & Lori Dalla Zunna le anime del purgatorio
THURS.	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Annette De Andrade
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Ernesto & Joanna
	7:00 p.m.	In reparation to St. Joseph and All saints +Members of the NaughtonFamily +Giuseppe Giusti +Roderick Grabarczyk Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Joseph Costa

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Esmey, Peter Christoff, Manuela Clement, Alan & Carol Cook, Domenic Crea, Joe Crevier, James Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Anna Jedlicsek, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Baby Liliana Laface, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Peter & Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, Anthony Morse, Susan, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Giuseppina Pellegrini, Domenico Pileggi, Esmey, Todd Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kathleen Whelan, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

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