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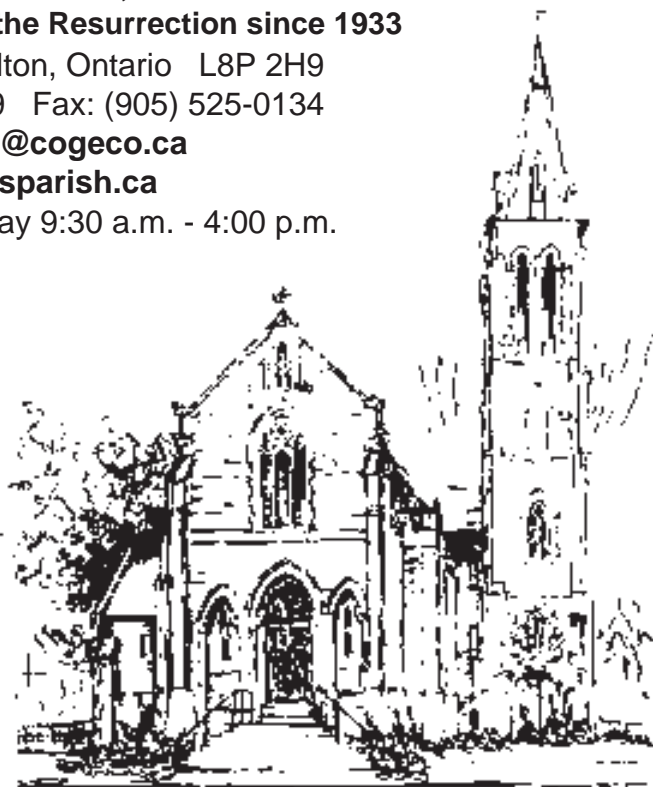
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## Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Eucharist

Please see schedule inside.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Please make arrangements for Baptismal Preparation two months in advance. All baptisms are celebrated on the following dates:

Jan 14/15	Feb 11/12	Mar No Baptism (Lent)
Apr 14/15	May 12/13	Jun 16/17
Jul 7/8	Aug 18/19	Sep 15/16
Oct 13/14	Nov 10/11	Dec 8/9

## Sacrament of Marriage

Call office one year prior to desired wedding date. A marriage preparation course and appointments required.

## Children's Liturgies (September to June)

Children from J/K to grade 2 (pre First Eucharist age). Children's Liturgy takes place in the Parish Hall during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist.

## Parish Council

Chairperson	Margaret Moran	905-527-7993
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## Vocational Information

If you wish to pursue the possibility of a Religious or Priestly vocation, please feel free to speak with any member of the parish staff or contact:

Father Toby Collins, C.R.  
[crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com)

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### LAY MINISTERS for JANUARY 14 / 15

	5:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
<b>Lectors</b>	Denise Konig Grant Ranalli Phyllis DeRosa Koetting	Larry Bomford Verdi Gough Anne Boyle	Annette Mihic Jennifer Weir Lynne DiFrancesco
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Margaret Moran Anita Ormond Gough	Ene Readyhough	Paula Linger Gail Reid Mike Scozzaro Ildia Botelho
<b>Servers</b>	Bernadette Francisci Leo Francisci Maria Consulta	Shaela Hurley Ben Kukucska Sylvia Kukucska	Morghen Dick Jan Dick Michael Mattice

#### ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER!

The date for the Pasta Supper has been set for  
Sunday, January 29.

Once again, we will have Silent Auction too.

So be sure to bring a hearty appetite and your check  
book. This will be the first fundraiser for the new year.

Tickets will go on sale next weekend.

If you wish to donate an item for the auction,  
contact Maria at the parish office.

#### C.W.L. NEWS

January is CWL membership month. All women age 16 and older are invited to join or renew your membership with our Catholic Women's League. To join or renew your membership, submit the \$15 fee in the collection basket during Mass using the envelope in your Offertory envelope box or sign up to renew your membership annually on your direct debit form. Additional information and membership envelopes can be found on the C.W.L. bulletin board near the doors of the tower entrance.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETING** Parents of and all children who will be receiving First Communion in 2012 are encouraged to attend a preparation meeting on **Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m.**

#### **HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED ADOPTION?**

**Would you like to hear more about the process through CCAS?**

Upcoming Information Night

Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St.

East. For more information and to register call Jocelyn

Jacobs at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3125

#### **FOSTER HOMES FOSTER HOPE!**

*Give the gift of love – become a foster parent!*

Upcoming Information Night

Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton, 735 King St.

East. For more information and to register call Carol Larsen

at (905) 525-CARE (2273)

Visit our website at [www.hamiltonccas.on.ca](http://www.hamiltonccas.on.ca)

*May your New Year be  
Joyous and Fruitful*

#### VOCATIONS NEWS

Starting January 15<sup>th</sup> - Join Fr. Toby Collins online with a new website that is designed to help us discover and celebrate vocations to married life, single life, consecrated life, the priesthood, and permanent diaconate. Please visit [www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca) to find out more.

**2012 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** The Offertory envelopes for the new year are now available. **We ask that you update all personal information for our records. Please fill out a new registration card and mark 'UPDATE' on the top of it. We need you to advise us of any name or address change before we process the new envelopes.**

**If you use Direct Debit and still wish to receive a box of Offertory envelopes, please contact the parish office.**

**Save time with the St. Joseph Parish Weekly Offertory**

#### **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.**

Enrolling is Easy! Payments are convenient. Enrolment forms are available at all of the doors of the church or from the Parish Office. For more information, if you wish to update your donations, or add to the list of donations so that you no longer need to use a box of Offertory envelopes, please pick up a new form and drop it into the collection basket once you have filled it out.



The **OFFERTORY** Collections for the past weeks were as follows: **DECEMBER 24 / 25 - \$5,848.50, & DECEMBER 31 / January 1 - \$5,374.50.**  
**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**LITURGIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

**No morning Mass**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

8:00 Edvards Bitmanis The Jegeris Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

8:00 Grazia & Francesco Bruccoleri The Family

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:00 John Shea Richard Dubois

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

**No morning Mass**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

5:00 Kevin Frizell Rose Frizell  
Djoro Kolerar  
Deceased if Gomboc Family Catharine Mationo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:30 For all the people of St Joseph's Parish  
11:30 Margaret Suggett The Family

The ironic twist of Matthew's account of the visit of these strange visitors from the east is that they recognized the arrival of the king by observing the natural signs around them. Those in religion who had access to and knowledge of the scriptures could not figure it out. They read the texts and prophecies but their minds and understanding were darkened.

I think for all of us the challenge is the same. Will we recognize the presence and arrival of God in our lives when he comes or will we trip over it and miss it? We come bearing not gold, frankincense nor myrrh but the very gifts of our lives. Who do we come to meet? How does God encounter us? What is God asking?

The three wise men returned to their home as ambassadors announcing the good news of the birth of the universal king. We too, having encountered God in our lives, need to return to our homes, work, and arenas of activity as witnesses. And as witnesses, who are joined to Christ in baptism, we are not only witnesses to the light, we are the light. In meeting us, people should be able to meet Christ.

And yet, unfortunately, we all know far too well that we have it within our power to dim the light or obscure it altogether by the meanness and darkness of our hearts. We pray that we can be lit again by the light who is Christ, and, by God's grace, to retain that luminosity until darkness is no more. And as we say now in one of the alternate dismissals for the Mass: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

**Desk Scribbles . . . Epiphany . . . Jan 08, 2012 . . . Jim Link, C.R.**

**Isa 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12**

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless till they rest in you." (Saint Augustine.)

Through the centuries, a variety of interesting legends have grown up around this feast of the Epiphany. Although the scriptures do not number or describe them, most legends agree there were three of them, Balthazar, Caspar and Melchior. There is even a wonderful story by Henry Van Dyke about a fourth wise man, named Artaban, who began the trip with the other three but never made it to Bethlehem because of his choices to help others along the way. One legend has the three wise men arriving at Bethlehem and all of them went in the cave separately. When they went in, they each met a man of their own age and interests. Later, the three of them went in together and they met a 13 day old child. The point of the story is that Christ encounters each of us in the way we need to be met at each stage of our life.

The feast of the Epiphany predates Christmas. It was celebrated as one of the time when the true identity of Christ was made known to the world. Generally, it was grouped together with other "epiphanies" or manifestations of Christ, his birth, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John in the Jordan and the miracle at Cana. In Jesus we see the face of God in a way that was not possible before the incarnation. Christ is the sacrament of our encounter with the living God. We no longer have to wonder what direction to look in when searching for God. All we need to do is to look toward Jesus.

**WE EXTEND OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY** to a number of our parish members who have suffered the loss of a loved one over the holiday season: to Paul Templeton on the death of his wife Elizabeth Templeton; to Lucy Moro and on the death of Gino Moro; to the Hudecki family on the death of Leona Hudecki. May our prayers be a support to these families and may the Lord grant Liz, Gino and Leona eternal rest.

**Social Justice News**

Development and Peace preparing to provide aid in flood stricken Philippines. December 20, 2011. Flash floods triggered by Tropical Storm Washi in the southern region of the Philippines has claimed the lives of close to 1 thousand people, mostly women and children and the government of the Philippines has declared the situation a national calamity. Donations can be made by phone at 1-888-234-8533, online at [www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org) or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace (please indicate Philippines Floods) to: Development and Peace  
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