

# *Good Shepherd Parish*

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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.*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF  
Jan. 8, 2013 ~ Jan. 13, 2013**



*Mass  
Intentions*

**Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

**St. Gregory Site ~ Mass ~ 8:00 am**

Dan King ..... Len & Rose Jennings  
John Guay ..... Len & Rose Jennings  
Charles Broderick ..... Bernadette Broderick

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

**St. William Site ~ Mass ~ 9:15 am**

*In Honour of Mary, Mother of  
The Church* ..... Dr. Thomas & Julie Poisson  
Harold Brydges ..... Brydges Family  
Albert St. Pierre ..... Sandy & Leo Kennette

**Thursday, January 10, 2013**

**St. Gregory Site ~ Mass ~ 7:00 pm**

*Sp. Intention of Chiara Tedesco & Family* .....  
Paul Ewaschuk ..... William & Alice Salem  
*Sp. Intention for Caroline Giroux  
& Family* ..... Gary & Mary Anne Fathers  
*Sp. Intention for Gerry Slavik* ..... Gary & Mary Anne Fathers

**Friday, January 11, 2013**

**St. Gregory Site School**

**Mass ~ 9:30 am**

Henry Schulz ..... Gloria Jershy  
Bernadette Denomme ..... Donna & Fred Hayes  
Giovanni & Ida Radegonda ..... Maria McCann

**La Chaumière Retirement Home ~ 10:00 am**

Amedee Janisse ..... Mr. & Mrs. Don Brady  
Dr. Gerald St. Pierre ..... Mary Hartery  
*Sp. Intentions for the Residents of La Chaumiere*

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

**Mass ~ 5:00 pm ~ St. Gregory Site**

*Special Intentions of All Parishioners*  
*Confessions ~ Saturday 9 am ~ 10 am*  
*(St. Gregory Site)*

**Sunday, January 13, 2013**

**Baptism of the Lord**

***Special Intentions of All Parishioners***

**Regular Mass Schedule**

**8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 noon (St. Gregory Site)**  
**9:00 am & 11:00 am (St. William Site)**

***Confessions ~ Sunday between 9 & 11 am masses***  
***(St. William Site)***



~ Readings for January 13, 2013 ~

**Baptism of the Lord**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
**2nd Reading:** Acts 10:34-38  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

***Prayers for vocations...***

Jan. 7 ~ Rev. Michael O'Brien  
Jan. 8 ~ Rev. Lawrence Pare  
Jan. 9 ~ Deacon James Donovan-Panchaud  
Jan. 10 ~ Rev. Jozef Denys  
Jan. 11 ~ Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil, C.S.T.  
Jan. 12 ~ Rev. Richard Bester  
Jan. 13 ~ **Baptism of the Lord**



**MEETINGS for the Good Shepherd Parish**

Mon. Jan. 7	7:00 pm	- Zumba (St. Gregory Parish Hall)
Tues. Jan. 8	8:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	- Fr. Al's Arise Group -St. Gregory Rm - Catholicism DVD Series (Hall) - <b>Outreach for Justice</b> (Meeting Rm) - <b>Bible Study (St. William Site)</b>
Wed. Jan. 9	9:30 am 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	- Faith Sharing (Marian Rm) - <b>Bible Study (St. Gregory Site)</b> - <b>Youth Group</b> (Hall) - Adoration (St. Vincent de Paul Rm) (7pm Wed. - 7pm Thurs.)
Thurs. Jan. 10	7:30 pm	- Knights of Columbus (Hall)
Fri. Jan. 11	8:30 am	- St. Vincent de Paul (Meeting Rm)

***\*\*Please note: Above meetings are held at the  
St. Gregory Site unless otherwise specified.***

**Guatemala Hope**

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the support received from Good Shepherd Parish on Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2012. Our sale was successful in raising \$1,100.00 for our future medical missions. Your interest keeps us encouraged.

**Catholicism ~ A Journey to the Heart  
of the Faith ~ By Robert Barron**

Please feel free to join us to watch this beautiful DVD series at the St. Gregory Site in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 pm ~ next date is January 8th, 2013 . No cost .**



**FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST COMMUNION**

For those parents who have registered their children for First Reconciliation & First Communion ~ just a reminder that their **preparation classes during mass begin January 12/13.** Please see your package for all the important dates. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Bitacola at the St. Gregory Site #735-9517.

Dear Friends:

The Epiphany of our Lord is the wonderful liturgical festival observed on January 6. It is the oldest of the [Christmas](#) festivals and originally the most important. Since January 6 is most often a weekday, Catholics shift the celebration of Epiphany to the Sunday immediately following the 6th. [What DOES](#) the word epiphany comes from the Greek noun epiphaneia, which means "shining forth," "manifestation," or "revelation." In the ancient Greco-Roman world, an epiphany referred to the appearance of one of the gods to mortals. Since Hellenistic kings and Roman emperors were considered by many to be gods, the word epiphany was also used as a term for divine majesty. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates the many ways through signs, miracles, and preaching that Jesus revealed Himself to the world as Christ, God Incarnate, and King of kings.



The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord originally commemorated three incidents that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi ([Matthew 2:1-12](#)), the baptism of Jesus ([Mark 1:9-11](#)), and the miracle at Cana ([John 2:1-11](#)). Nowadays, most liturgical churches emphasize the visit of the Magi on January 6th and celebrate Christ's baptism on the first Sunday after the 6th.


The Magi were members of the religious hierarchy of ancient Persia and Media (the region corresponding to modern Iran). They were scholars and practitioners of astrology, divination, and the interpretation of dreams. Their expertise in these arcane subjects is the reason they were often referred to as "wise men." The Magi of Babylonia undoubtedly came into contact with exiled Jewish priests living among them. Through these acquaintances the Magi learned of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of Christ, including the cryptic "messianic star" passage of [Numbers 24:17](#). This explains why the astral phenomenon described in [Matthew 2:1-12](#) so fascinated the wise men of the gospel narrative.

Many pious legends about the wise men have arisen over the centuries. In the western Christian churches, these include the traditions that there were three Magi who visited Jesus, that their names were Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and that they were kings

Epiphany is one of the most important festivals of the liturgical year because it shows the church how God comes to His people. Because of our sin and deserving of divine punishment we cannot hope to approach God. Knowing that we cannot come to Him, God took the initiative and came to us by becoming one of us. The most holy and almighty God condescended to take on human flesh in order to reveal His salvation to the world. This is the mystery of the Epiphany of our Lord.


During this season, Christians meditate on many of our Lord's epiphanies. Epiphany Day itself commemorates the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem to worship the Messiah and bring Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh ([Matthew 2:1-12](#)). Since the earliest days of the church, these wise men have been considered to be representatives of all the peoples of the earth. By means of a miraculous star, God showed them that Jesus was born to be not only the King of the Jews, but the Lord and Savior of all nations. Like the star that rose to shine for the newborn King, grant us Heavenly Father, the joy to signal the presence of your Son to others, letting the witness of our lives lead the way to your Son.


**Father Gary**


 If you have not already done so, your **2013 offertory envelopes** are available for pick up at the back of the church at both sites. **PLEASE NOTE a new envelope number has been assigned to you. Therefore, your previous number will no longer be valid. We kindly ask that you DO NOT USE ANY OLD envelopes from 2012.** The box contains offertory envelopes for the entire year. You will no longer be receiving your envelopes by mail. This change alone will result in a **SIGNIFICANT** savings for our Parish. We thank you for your co-operation.

**In Memoriam**  
We pray for the repose of the soul , **Chloe Harris**, great granddaughter of Sylvia Bellaire and **Bertha Stephens**, wife of Wilbert and mother of Kenneth (Marjorie) Stephens  
**May they rest in God's love and peace.**



 **Faith is to believe what you do not see, the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.** St. Augustine

  
Good Shepherd Parish will be offering Zumba classes with a Christian twist! **Zumba Classes will begin on MON. JANUARY 7TH, 2013 AT 7:00 PM IN THE ST. GREGORY SITE PARISH HALL** and will continue throughout January & February. Zumba registration forms are available in the foyer at both sites or the youth ministry office.

 We served **210 homeless people** on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, to a beautiful ham & scalloped potatoes meal with all the trimmings for our annual Christmas meal. It was heartwarming to see the looks on their faces when they arrived at the serving table. Many were heard thanking Good Shepherd Parish for the food. We wish to thank Alan Stewart of our K of C council # 9671 for volunteering to help serve and showing up with his Santa Claus suit to add a little Christmas flavor to the occasion. Thanks as well to our Ladies Auxiliary for the extra funds to finance the meal.



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