

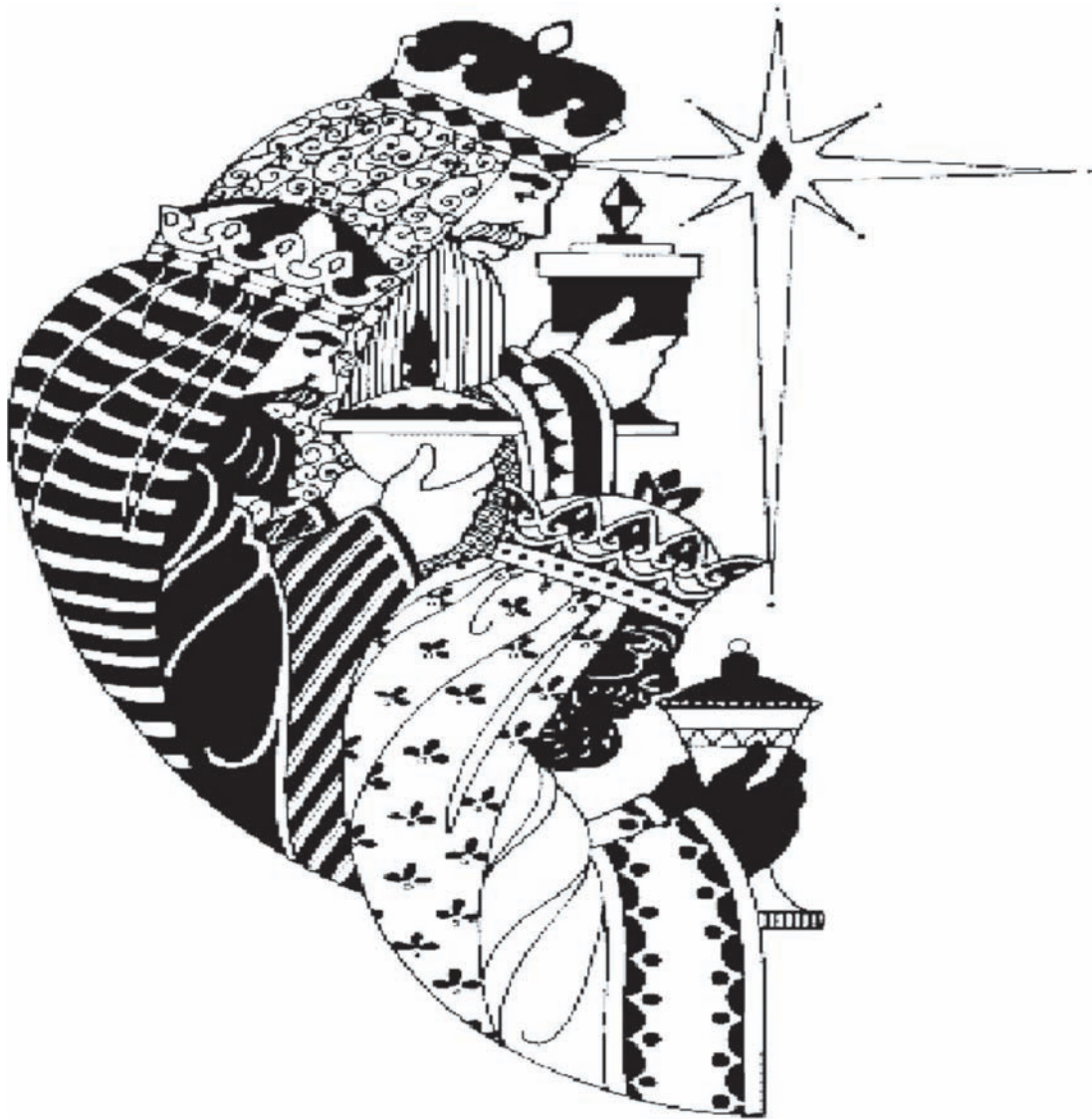
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 9 am - 12 noon, 1 - 4 p.m. (3:30 Mon.)
 Friday: 9 am - 12 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.
 Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon & by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please contact the office.

MARRIAGES

Please contact the pastor at least nine months in advance.



“The sight of the star filled them with delight.”

- Matthew 2:10

Mass Intentions

Monday January 4

1 John 3:22 - 4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 – No Mass

Tuesday January 5

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

7 PM – Bob Monaghan

Wednesday January 6

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

9 AM – Scott Frechette

Thursday January 7 – St. André Bessette

1 John 4:19 - 5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

9 AM – Don Corner

Friday January 8

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

9 AM – Deceased members of the Sambuco family

Saturday January 9

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

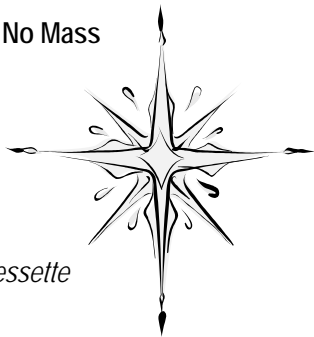
5 PM – Antoni & Bernice Bartoszek

Sunday January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

9 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – Dr. Ned Going



Our Parish

Monday January 4

Emotions Anonymous Meeting – 7 PM – WR

Tuesday January 5

CWL Craft Group – 10 AM – Hall

RCIA – 7:30 – WR

Wednesday January 6

Legion of Mary – 9:30 AM – WR

Women's AA – 6:15 PM – Hall

Choir Practice – 7:30 PM – Church

Thursday January 7

Cenacle Group – 9:30 AM – WR

Christian Meditation – 12:30 – WR

Friday January 8

AA Meeting – 9 PM – Hall

Sunday January 10

CWL Membership Tea – 1:30 PM – Hall



C.W.L. Message

We would like to invite all women of the parish who are members, and those who wish to become members to a **Membership Tea** on Sunday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your membership dues – the names of all who pay their dues on or before January 10 will be entered into a draw for one person to receive free membership for the year. Please RSVP to Dolene at 905-634-8611 or Lori at 905-637-8165. We hope you will attend.

The Church as a Field Hospital

Pope Francis asks us to think of the Church as a field hospital after a battle, dedicated to healing the wounded. Come explore what that means with David Daylor, author of *Being a Man After God's Own Heart* and other titles, in a free public event on January 14, 7 p.m. in the parish hall. David Daylor is Director of the Office of Discipleship for the Diocese of Hamilton. This event is sponsored by the the Men's Group of St. John's.

Thank You

The women of the C.W.L. presented a \$4000 donation to St. John's parish. I thank them very much for their kindness and generosity.

Fr. Bob Sims

I would like to thank all of you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas cards, prayers and gifts. They were very much appreciated.

- Fr. Bob Sims

Not Catholic But Curious?

This series is being presented especially for those who might be non-Catholic, yet attend Mass with their Catholic spouse. In a series of 6 Thursday evenings in the New Year, it will focus on the Scriptures as well as the various sacraments and is designed to impart knowledge about the Catholic faith. It is not a series which expects one to become Catholic. Those who are already Catholic are welcome to attend as well and perhaps have some questions answered. If interested please leave your name and phone number at the rectory office or see Father Strohmeier after Mass in the priest's sacristy with your contact information.

Sunday Missals are available for \$3 at the Brant Street doors. Literature payment envelopes are provided. Please drop the payment into the collection basket. Thank you.

IN THE DIOCESE

Heal Your Heart

Are you dealing with a loss in your life such as the death of a spouse, child or miscarriage, divorce, job loss, loss of home, health, pet, culture, infertility, romantic relationship, ailing parents? There is help – you are invited to join a series of Group Bereavement Workshops aiming at mending conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. This is a 6-week course on Wednesdays at 7 to 9 p.m. starting January 20 and each Wednesday until February 24 at St. Michael's Church, 181 Sewell Dr., Oakville. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or phone the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2249. The cost is \$35 including material.

Marriage Tip

Life sometimes throws so much “stuff” at us that we feel we are running on a treadmill that just won't stop. Down time seems non-existent, and experts tell us that most adults are not at their best because they are constantly sleep-deprived. If you see yourself in that statement, then it may be time to stop for a moment and ask how this busy life is impacting your married relationship. Do you make your spouse a priority, or do they get the leftovers, of which there are often none? Do you find yourself impatient with the one you love because you are stressed and tired? Marriage is a commitment to the other made in love – are you putting your spouse first or last? This is an important question to resolve if you want a connected, loving, joyful marriage.

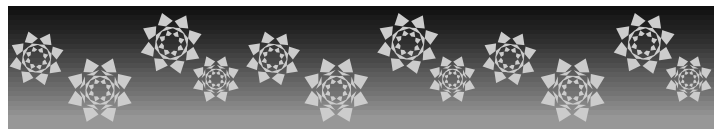
Mercy: a study in Scripture

Attend a senior adult workshop on 7 Wednesdays starting January 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. By exploring the theme of mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND & David Dayler. The cost will be \$75 which includes the textbook and other resources. Kindly register by December 18. For information, phone Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

Have you considered adoption? Would you like to hear more about the process through CCASH? Come to an Information Night on Thursday, January 21 starting at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Parish, 1150 Monks Passage in Oakville. For information and to register, phone Jocelyn at 905-525-2012, ext. 3125. The website is www.hamiltonccas.on.ca.



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