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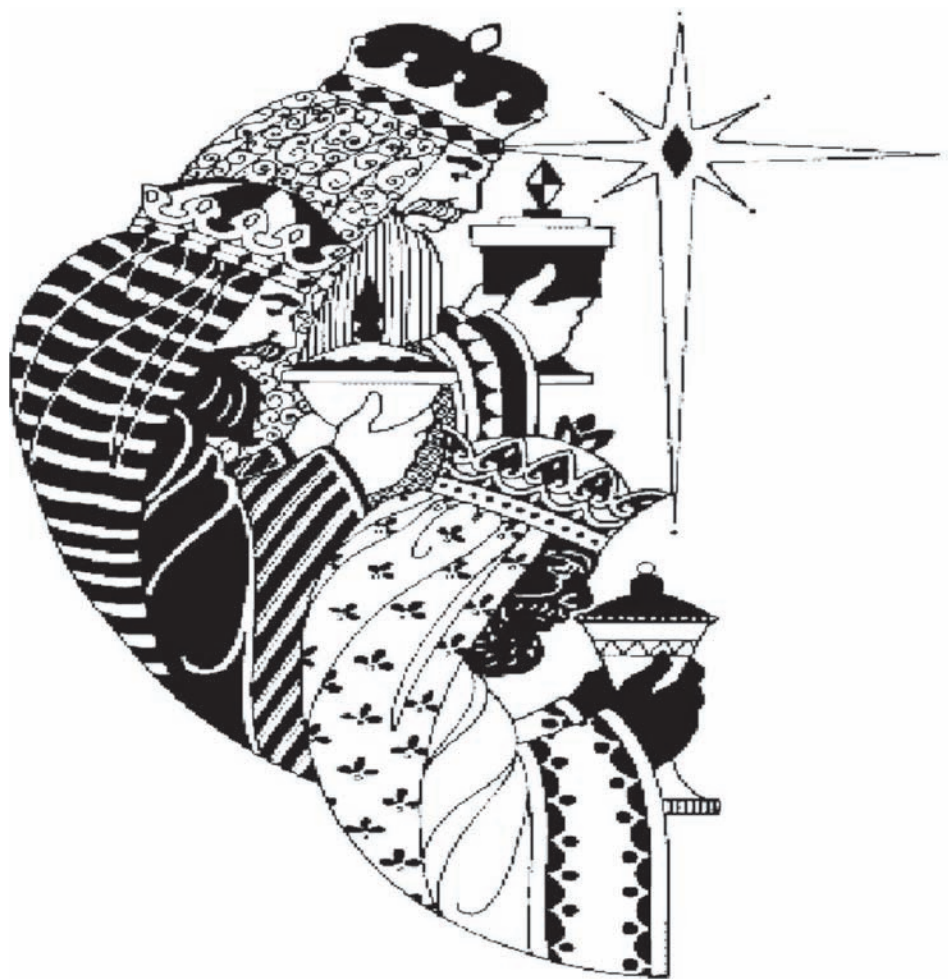
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Rector: Very Reverend Geoffrey Angeles

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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.*

**MONDAY, Jan 4/16****- St. Andrew, Apostle****12:10 pm** - † Edmundo Layug/Grace Layug- John Wachko Sr.
- Ernest Cutz**TUESDAY, Jan 5/16****12:10 pm** - † Remigo (Butch) Mabini

- Kathleen Rathwell

WEDNESDAY, Jan 6/16 - Ferial**12:10 pm** - † Deceased Relatives/Catherine Holmes

- Mary S. Frederick

THURSDAY, Jan 7/16 - Memorial**- St. Francis Xavier, Priest****12:10 pm** - † Purita Barcelona/Family**FRIDAY, Jan 8/16 - Ferial****12:10 pm** - † Fern Turenne/bequest

- Julieta Alberta Garces

SATURDAY, Jan 9/16 -Ferial**5:00 pm** - † Victoria Buenaventural/Family**SUNDAY, Jan 10/16****9:30 am & 11:30 am** - for the Parishioners of St. Mary's

- Vicenta Relucio

*Remembered on the Tree of Life***Liturgical Staff:**Director of Music: Ian Campbell
Sacristan: Connie Nepomuceno**Faith Formation:**

Children: Don Schroeder

Parish Councils:Finance: Bill Wachko
Building & Grounds: Ky Mohammed**Support Staff:**Secretary: Pat Stepanuik
Caretaker/ Building Maintenance: Rickey LaPointe
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Knights of Columbus: Art Lopuck**Epiphany of the Lord**

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." These Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long and arduous journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. And when they found him, "they were overjoyed." Their quest had come to its moment of fulfillment when "they saw the child with Mary his mother."

For those of us who have been raised Christian since our infancy, it's important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort and expense. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled when it was successful, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way as "they prostrated themselves... and offered him gifts." Converts to the faith may have a kind of advantage in comprehending the experience of the Magi. But cradle Catholics may need to exert a bit more effort to share in the wonder. Even when Jesus has always been a part of someone's life, it is still important to stand in awe of him. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to "find" Jesus. For some of us, this means remembering a conversion experience, but for others it means imagining what life would be like without him, and then rejoicing in the fact that he is truly with us. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our fervent devotion and our will to serve him.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

**Readings for the Week of
Jan 3, 2016**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 /Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Thank you to all the many people who helped in the various preparations for our Christmas season. We recognize that there are so many areas that contribute to the success of our community. For all these wonderful gifts of time, talent and treasure, we give thanks!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Throughout the Advent season, we have been singing the hymn 'God of All People'. In singing this hymn together as a faith community, we have raised our voices in song to proclaim a faithful God who touches our very human existence. From those who are near to those who are far, from those who are trusting to those who remain unsure, from those who live with confidence to those who live in fear, the hymn offers a consolation that God's spirit continually provides to the grace of 'breath' and, a 'new wind and fire in our hearts'. Such a consolation challenges our faith to trust in the Lord whose presence is with us in word and deed. As we celebrate Christmas, the feast of our Lord's Nativity, we know that we continue to live under circumstances of difficulty, fear, brokenness, uncertainty and grief. Our faith, however, offers us the grace to commemorate the birth of our Lord which marks God's compassion and reveals 'in the flesh' through Christ, the promise that our God's love desires to be with us in our daily living—the true gift of Christmas!

As we celebrate another Christmas season, we know that humanity continues to struggle and suffer all around us. As such, it is precisely because of this reality that my prayer for all of us is that we continue to give thanks. For, in giving thanks we begin to see the presence of mercy, friendship and beauty. In giving thanks, our efforts to strengthen our Spirit begins the healing process in places where division, poverty and grief are found. In giving thanks, we become enlightened to the fact that we are not alone, but rather find ourselves among those who journey with us along life's path.

This Christmas, may we never cease to give thanks for a faith in our God - a - 'God of all people' in all circumstances, who through his son Jesus, reveals in and through us the gift of God's eternal love and mercy.

Merry Christmas

Fr. Geoffrey

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Committed Goal for 2015	\$53,530.00
Donations Received to Nov 21, 2015	\$42,351.03
Balance Remaining for 2015	\$11,178.97

Only one month is left to raise a sum of \$11,178 to achieve the goal we have been assessed. This is a big challenge confronting all of us, and we ask for your generosity and support.

We wish to express our gratitude for your continued commitment and support.

Parish Offerings

Total offering for the week ended Dec 19 & 20:

Weekday \$	747.75
Loose \$	1,206.60
Envelopes \$	4,892.95
Votives \$	396.28
PAR/PAD Contributions \$	4,279.50
Total \$	11,523.08

Capital Campaign for Dec. 20, 2015:

Actual offering \$	402.00
PAR/PAD Contributions \$	85.00
Budget per week \$	2,000.00

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Let there Be Light Campaign for Dec. 20, 2015

Offering this week \$	1,042.00
Other Donations \$	608.05
Total To Date \$	43,232.06

(Offerings and Parking are the only revenue the Cathedral receives)

AGAPE TABLE

The item for January is peanut butter
(please place items in the container by the Hospitality Room)
to volunteer: 204-783-6369 or volunteer@agapetable.ca

Collection for the Poor

The proceeds from our Collection Box for the Poor situated at the front entrance of the church amounted to \$440.00. The proceeds have been donated to Chez Nous, a drop-in centre located at 676 Main St. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

Membership in St. Mary's Cathedral

"As you get to know us, let us get to know you"

Become a member of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish by simply completing a Membership Registration Form. Registration forms are available at the side and back of the church. After completion of the form, simply place it in the offering basket, mail it, or deliver to the parish office during the weekdays, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Lectors Schedule

Group 1 will read next Saturday, January 2, 2016

Group 3 will read next Sunday, January 3, 2016

Music Ministry - Choir rehearsal is every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm. All voices welcome.

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