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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 - January 3, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year! For most of us, this is a time of winding down from the hectic and emotionally charged days of Christmas, with its festivities and gatherings. I hope that all of you reading this will have had wonderful celebrations of Christmas and the start of the calendar year, which coincides with the feast of Mary as Mother of God. This feast predates the ones many of us hold most dear, that of her Assumption and her Holy Name. It is actually a statement about Jesus: his divinity and his humanity can never be separated. If Mary gave birth to the human Jesus, in that very act she also gave birth to her Creator, the Most High God!

And so, we come to today's feast, the Epiphany of the Lord. The One who we celebrate as the newborn of Bethlehem, whose divinity and humanity were completely united from the moment of conception, is now revealed to the nations. Epiphany comes from the Greek for a revelation. For the Orthodox, and deeply rooted in our own Catholic tradition, the Epiphany consists of three moments: the arrival of the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus by John, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. In more modern history, we Catholics separate these three moments, but they all point to one and the same reality: there are moments when Jesus is revealed to be more than just a little boy, or any other person getting baptized, or any wedding guest. He is also our Lord and Saviour, our very God—right in our midst!

The early Church was emphatic that Jesus was the forerunner of what we ourselves are. Last week, as we celebrated the Holy Family, we heard it proclaimed that *we* are God's children. That is perhaps the hardest part of my faith for me to accept: each one of us is a child of God. It is easier to believe that God can be in the host, or in the consecrated wine than to believe that he is in me! In this time when so many of us make resolutions and try to get off to a fresh start, perhaps we should all add the resolution of today's epiphanies, that of finding God hidden away in our own day-to-day lives.

Fr. Maurice



Congratulations to our pastor Fr. Maurice. Last Sunday December 27, 2015 he celebrated his 29th anniversary of ordination. May God continue to bless his priestly ministry.

Church Humour

Out of the mouths of babes A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Liturgy Corner

Today we celebrate the Solemnity the Epiphany, a feast which dates back to the early centuries of the Church. It was traditionally celebrated January 6, the 12th day of Christmas, but since the liturgical reforms that followed the Second Vatican Council it was moved to the 2nd Sunday after Christmas. (The 1st Sunday after Christmas is the Solemnity of the Holy Family.) It focuses our attention on the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles (those who are not Jewish) by recalling the visit of the Magi from the East, most likely Persia. Since most of us are not of Jewish ancestry this feast holds particular importance for us. Despite what popular art depicts, the gospel of Matthew tells that they visited Jesus in his house, not in the stable where he was born.

Sometimes referred to as "Little Christmas," this feast is celebrated in many ways around the world. It would be interesting if next year some of the cultural groups in our parish shared their traditions.

—Kevin Mannara C.S.B.

Quotable Pope Francis



"You cannot conceive of a true Christian who is not merciful, just as you cannot conceive of God without His mercy... Mercy is the key-word of the Gospel."

Seniors Advent Day of Reflection



We extend thanks and appreciation to Fr. Joe Quinn, C.S.B. and Sr. Janine Rocheleau, S.N.J.M. who led those present on a journey of reflection and prayer on the Nativity.

Through prayer and song we stepped back in time reflecting on the difficulties the Holy Family had to face on their journey from the time of Mary's conception, to the agony of the passion and death of her only Son.

A time travel, we as seniors we could all relate to. We were reminded that we do not look forward in fear to the changes in our life; rather, we look to them with full hope that as they arise, like Mary and Joseph, God will lead you safely through all things. Our day concluded with the celebration of Mass followed by a delicious lunch grateful for this opportunity to share our faith, have fun and make new friends.

Marilyn Morrison

The Catholic's
**DIVORCE
SURVIVAL**
Guide

Divorced? *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* 12-week group begins a new session on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 @ 7 pm in Rosary Hall (basement of Rosary Chapel) at the Huron Church campus of Our Lady of Assumption Church. Cost of registration is \$20 and includes a "Personal Survival Guide".

This Christian program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after divorce (or separation).

To register call Rose Marie Ruston – 519-967-1782 or email: assumption@cogeco.net



Bereavement Support Group

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed and they shall be comforted. This Christ centered faith sharing bereavement group will begin on a bi-weekly basis starting Tuesday evening, January 5, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Rosary Hall.

In the time we spend together, we will walk with you on your journey, offering support, comfort and sharing in this new chapter of your life.

This is an opportunity to talk about your loss, to express your grief, ask questions, and to walk alongside you through life's most difficult experiences.

Facilitator: Marilyn Morrison, Bereavement Ministry
If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Marilyn at 519-253-2761.

HEALING MASS

Immaculate Heart Parish
2153 Parkwood Ave at Tecumseh Road East
Friday January 8, 2016
7:00PM

Teams are available to pray with you after Mass
Elevator accessible



Do you have an etching or a clear photograph of Blessed Sacrament or St. Patrick Church?
If so, please contact Kevin Mannara at kmannaracsb@gmail.com or call him at the parish office.



HOPE OF POWER-ROSARY CHAPEL

Hour of Power will resume on Thursday January 7th, 2016 7:30pm to 8:30pm
Come for all or part of the hour of contemporary worship

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4th

8:00am †Mrija Elezovic by the Family
†Matteo Carmen Vitarelli by the Vitarelli Family
†Nina Vitale by Pat Marino

Tuesday, January 5th

8:00am †Maria & Antonio Perrotta by daughter Lucy Incitti
12:10pm †Dan Barron by his wife Dorene
†Harold Leroux by Dorene Barron
†Dellena Wells by Anita MacLeod

Wednesday, January 6th

8:00am †Remo Incitti by his wife Lucy
5:00pm †Jim Gatto by Laurie Porter

Thursday, January 7th

8:00am †Florita & Roberto Leбата by Cecile Leonida
12:10pm †Malcolm Parker by Anita MacLeod
For the Intentions of John & Dora Doig by Lisa & Michael

Friday, January 8th

8:00am

Saturday, January 9th

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Sunday, January 10th

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners
7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parishioners

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 4th

Tuesday, January 5th

10:00am Mom's & Tots (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm Choir Practice (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:00pm Seven Sorrows (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Bereavement Group (Rosary Hall)

Wednesday, January 6th

Thursday, January 7th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Hall)
7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)
7:30pm Hour of Power (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 8th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, January 9th

8:30am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Hall)
3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Sunday, January 10th

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Sunday Collection



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