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**Epiphany of the Lord**

JANUARY 7, 2024 - THE EPIPHANY of the LORD  
EPIFANIA — 7 GENNAIO, 2024

**From the Administrator's Desk...**

Today, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany comes from the Greek Language, and it means a manifestation or revelation. Another term we can use is Theophany, which refers to a visible manifestation of God to humanity.

As we ponder the story of the Magi in today's Gospel, I often wonder: Was this manifestation of the Son of God, the great King of all the Earth, what they expected? How did they react when they found this promised king in a manger, and not in a great hall? The fact that they offered their gifts to Jesus, even in the humble setting of the manger, shows the trust that they had in the truth of God's word.

The lesson of the Epiphany is a powerful lesson for all of us. It is a reminder that God doesn't always appear to us in the way we might expect him to. God can use means that seem almost ordinary to make his presence known to us. A kind word from a friend, a gesture of support in a time of need, or even the simple beauty of a sunrise can all be signs to us of the presence of God. We don't always need to look for a burning bush or a blinding flash of light-God is present all around us! As we recall this truth, we are challenged to ask ourselves if we truly recognize the ways that God seeks to reveal himself to us. Are we open to him working in unexpected ways? Or does our pride sometimes block us from seeing how God is at work?

The other challenge that the Solemnity of the Epiphany gives to us is found in our First Reading from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah reminds us that when the Light of the Lord shines upon us, we become a light to the nations, to help lead all people to faith in God. Again, we can ask ourselves: Do I recognize that God is calling me to be a light to the nations? Do I truly strive to reflect the light of Christ in my life? Do I give a good witness to the truth of God's love to all that I meet?

When we do these things properly, others can walk by our light, and we can lead others to encounter Jesus, and to have their own moment of epiphany, as they recognize God present among us, and comprehend the depth of his love. May the light of Christ guide us all to more deeply encounter God during this new year. May God's blessings be with all of you.

A special word of thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. Your work and dedication are greatly appreciated!!

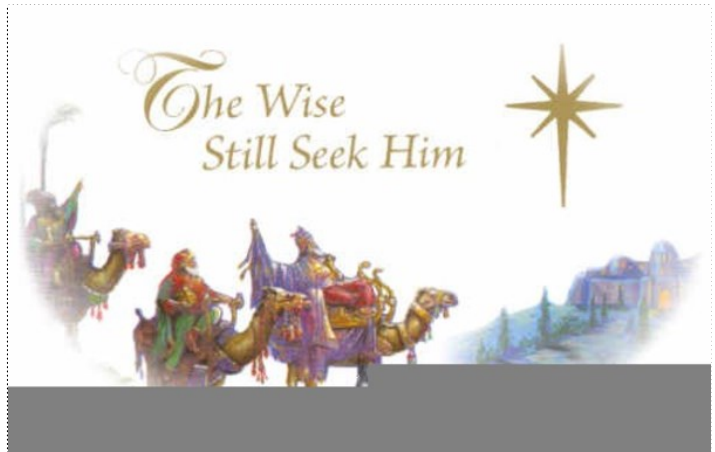
*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Fr. Steven Huber, CSB*

**Assumption C.W.L.**

On behalf of our members, we extend to you and your families a very "Happy New Year" and many blessings throughout 2024. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported our second annual Poinsettia Fundraiser Sale by purchasing a plant. A very special thank you is extended to all the volunteers who generously gave of their time to sell these beautiful plants at all three churches in our Family of Parishes. Funds raised from the sale of these plants will go to help the many charities that need our support throughout the year. Mark your calendars, our first meeting of the New Year will be held after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2024, and we look forward to seeing you there. Just a reminder that your 2024 C.W.L. Membership Dues of \$40.00 per year, should be submitted as soon as possible. Please place your cheque or cash in an envelope, noting your name and address and place it in the Collection Basket by February 29, 2024. New members are always welcome. I know we continue to face difficult times, however your continued support as a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Women's League is very much appreciated.

*Marilyn Morrison, President*



**Family and Youth Ministry News**

**Happy New Year!** It is with excitement and anticipation that we look forward to 2024. We are planning to engage our families and their youth *into a deeper relationship with Jesus!* Keep a watch for upcoming events and catechetical activities that the whole of our WHCFOP can participate in. Planning for Sacramental prep (First Reconciliation in Winter and First Communion in Spring 2024) is well underway. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** It is anticipated that the teaching will happen on Saturdays, from 1 to 2 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church and Rosary Hall. *Our Lord has asked "Can you spend one Hour?"* Perhaps that "one Hour" can be in the service of others. No experience needed - we will train! Contact Lynne Tibor at 519 253 2493 x227 or ltibor@dol.ca

**FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION 2024:** Look for more information regarding these Sacraments in the New Year. Online registration will start the last week of January 2024. If you have any questions, contact Lynne Tibor at 519-253-2493 ext. 227 or ltibor@dol.ca

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES:** This week's prayer reflection comes from LOYOLA PRESS as follows: "God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another."

"As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time." Happy and blessed week, *Lynne*

**Collections for the week of December 10th & 17th, 2023**  
*This report includes both online and collection basket donations*

| <u>Assumption</u>    | <u>Dec. 10th</u>    | <u>Dec. 17th</u>          |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Regular              | \$ 6,643.55         | Regular \$ 6,463.82       |
| Restoration          | 10,333.55           | Restor. 3,890.40          |
| Miscellaneous        | 990.70              | Misc. 3,732.05            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 17,967.80</b> | <b>Total \$ 14,086.27</b> |
| <u>St. Alphonsus</u> | <u>Dec. 10</u>      | <u>Dec. 17</u>            |
| Regular              | \$ 5,202.71         | Regular \$ 3,024.35       |
| Building             | 15.00               | Building -----            |
| Miscellaneous        | 739.45              | Misc. 572.50              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 5,956.16</b>  | <b>Total \$ 3,596.85</b>  |
| <u>St. Angela</u>    | <u>Dec. 10</u>      | <u>Dec. 17</u>            |
| Regular              | \$ 3,561.10         | Regular \$ 2,519.20       |
| Building             | 830.00              | Building 945.00           |
| Misc.                | 2,735.00            | Misc. 1,935.00            |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 7,126.10</b>  | <b>Total \$ 5,399.20</b>  |

### **Mass Intentions - Assumption**

#### **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

† Esterina and Sabatino Macioce by Macioce family  
† Patricia Zuech by Carol Gaspar  
† Antonio Serrano by Susan Richard  
Special intention for Mary Louise Nantais by Tammy Nantais  
† Jean-Paul and Lucie Canuel by a parishioner  
Special intentions for Mike Dwyer by family

#### **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

† Leela Doig and Andrew Rittenhouse  
ffby Lisa Marie Doig and Michael Jozwik  
† Houda Sleiman by Rose Marie Ruston  
† Marie Therese by Suad Qasha  
† Antonio Serrano by Rose Marie Ruston  
† Angela Di Domenico by Rita Marro

#### **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

† Souls in purgatory by Sheila and Teresa

#### **Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

† Andrew and Martha Van Lare by Carol Gaspar  
† Antonio Serrano by Maravilla family

#### **Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 am**

† Angelina and Donato Vitarelli by family  
† Carmen Mateo Vitarelli by Donato Vitarelli and children  
† Judy Lechnar-18th anniversary by Laura Gusba  
Special intentions for Berny Lesperance by Cecilia Lesperance

#### **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am - 11:00 am - 7:30 pm - for all parishioners**



### **Sanctuary Light Memorial**

#### **For the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> - Rosary Chapel**

+Doreen and George Ashton by Marie Mifsud

#### **For the week of January 7<sup>th</sup> – Assumption Church**

+For the intentions of Rhonda Martin by Helen & Irene

**2023 was a good start to St. Alphonsus Cares!** Thanks to all the parishioners and participants who made our initial programs the success they were! Looking forward to some new and returning things for **2024.**

A special thank you to the St. Alphonsus choir who shared their gift of song and story with us at our Christmas community meal on December 22. It was such a joy to see the parish support the outreach! As well the guests at the dinner just loved it!!!  
The community meal will start again on Friday January 12th from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.  
*Sr. Connie*



**The 2024 Offertory Envelopes** are now available for pick up at the main doors of each church building. **All parishioners who currently have envelopes have been re-assigned a new envelope number for 2024.** Please put your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in 2024. If you do not see your envelopes, would like to begin to use envelopes, or there are changes to be made, please call Sally at the Family of Parish-es main office at [519-253-2493](tel:519-253-2493), extension 221 or email at [smcquaid@dol.ca](mailto:smcquaid@dol.ca).



The Catholic Women's League of St. Angela would like to thank Maurizio Guglietta and Dakota Integrated Systems LLC for their donations. The donations were used to purchase the lovely poinsettias to decorate the Church at Christmas. Thank you for your generous donations and may God Bless.  
*Lucy Truant president*

### **Mass Intentions - St. Angela Merici**

#### **Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**

† Guido Cirino by Marco D'Alfonso and family  
† Lidia Minato by Pina Malizia and family  
† Orfeo Favrin by Tevisani nel Mondo  
† Antonio Mancuso by Tony Gararolo  
† Maria Nicola and Michele Giusti by daughter Matilde Pappini  
† Rosina Prestia by husband Orlando and family

#### **Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**

† Carlo Orlando by wife Francesca & family  
† Tony Spadafora by Enzo DiGioia  
† Antonietta Cappucci by Christine Riberdy  
† Emilio and Maria Domenica Iacobelli by Tony and Maria Iacobelli  
† Onorio Iacobelli by Tony and Maria Iacobelli  
† Gaetano Pirrone by Tony and Maria Iacobelli

#### **Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**

† Guido Cirino by Tony and Laura Mardegan  
† Giovanni Iannicello by Iolanda D'Alfonso  
† Carmine e Carmella Vecchione by Vittorio Lecce e famiglia  
† Lidia Minato by Gabrielle D'Alfonso e famiglia  
† Carlo Ussoletti e defunti famiglie Ussoletti e Tortola by famiglia  
† Caterina Matera by Sorella Anna

#### **Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**

† Vito Galifi by Mirella Galifi e famiglia  
† Giovanni e Filomena Roma by figlio Natale e famiglia  
† Andrea Gatto by famiglia Didone  
† Giovanni Tirrone by figlie  
† Luigi Troiani by G. Duronio  
† Defunti di famiglia Ghione e Popovich by Anna Chemello

#### **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - 4:30 pm**

*Per tutti i parrochiani*

#### **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 am - Per tutti i parrochiani**

**11:30 am - For all parishioners**

### **Mass Intentions—St. Alphonsus**

#### **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm**

† Anna Chiara D'Agostini by Elda latonna  
† Tony Serrano by Barbara Mahoney

#### **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> - 12:00pm**

† Marietta and Tony Mifsud by Mifsud family  
† Doreen and George Ashton by Marie Mifsud

#### **Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - 12:00pm**

A special intention by Gloria Romero-Lehe  
† Marc Grandbois by Maman

#### **Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm**

*For all parishioners*

#### **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm**

*For all parishioners*

### **ATTENTION members of the HOLY NAME of MARY MISSION CLUB:**

Our next meeting date: Wednesday, January 10th, 2024,  
From 10:00 am - 11:30 am.  
Location: St. Patrick's Room - McEwan Campus  
New members are welcome to attend.

*Cornelia Marko*





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