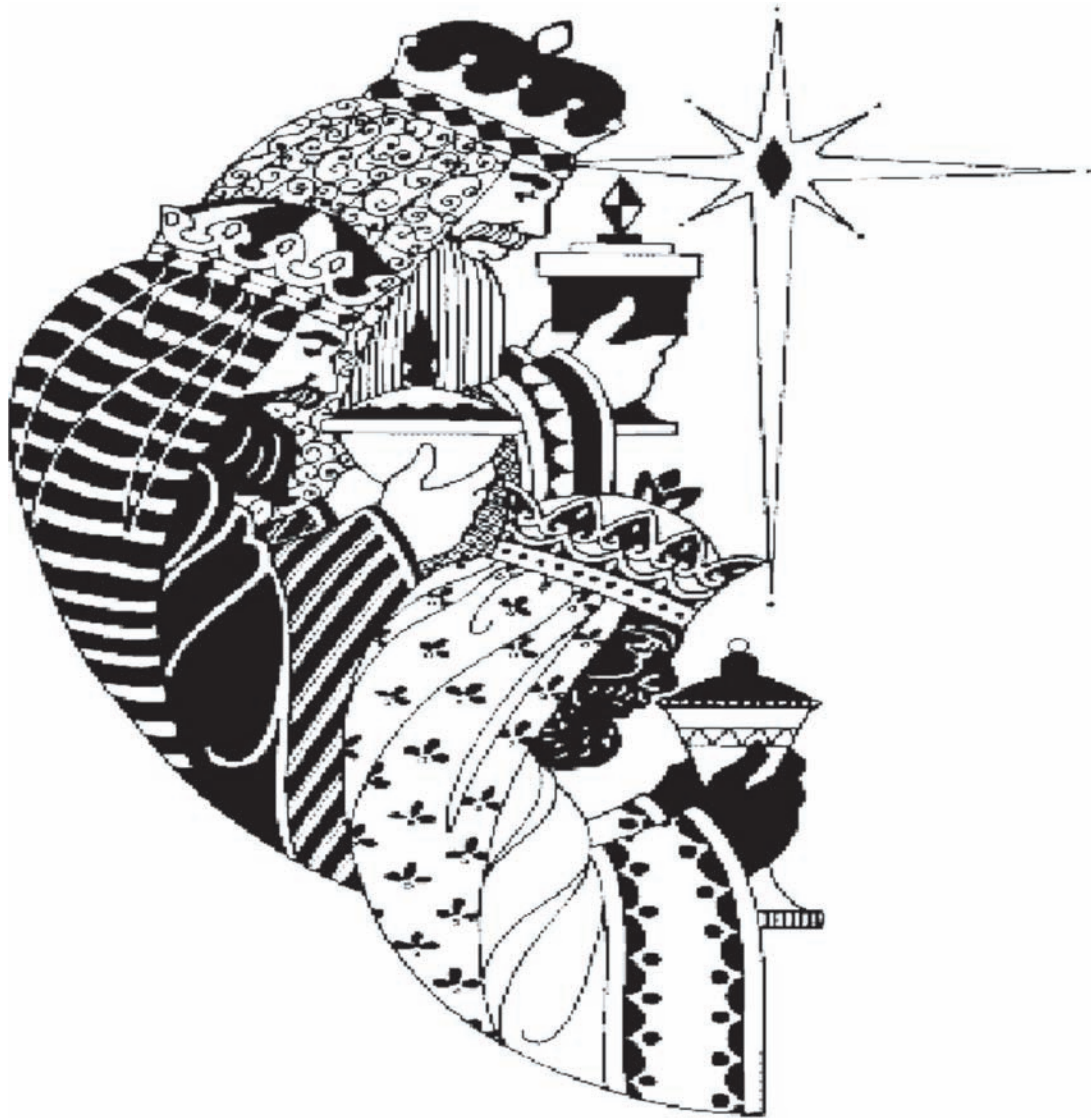


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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## Worship This Week:

Jan. 4 – 10, 2016

### Monday

★ NO MORNING MASS

### Tuesday

7:00 PM + Jack Soares – *Maria*

### Wednesday

7:00 am + Robinson Family – *Jeanne Robinson*

### Thursday

(MEMORIAL – ST. ANDRE BESSETTE)

7:00 am - Int. of Darren & Marcy Depratto – *J. Robinson*

2:00 PM - Mass at **Bankside Terrace**

### Friday

7:00 am - Int. of Donovan Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

### Saturday

9:00 am - Int. of Drew Depratto – *Jeanne Robinson*

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

**Sat. 5:00 pm** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Mark's

**Sun. 9:30 am** + Mary Dalton – *Gerry & Judy Kraft*

**11:30 am** - Int. of Lidia Riccioni – *Pat & Margaret Drohan*

## LITURGICAL ROLES

JAN. 9 & 10	Sat. 5:00PM	Sun. 9:30 AM	Sun. 11:30 AM
Altar Servers:	V./P./J. Miller	R./J. Henri	B./B./K./N. Starr
Commentator:	J. Deneau	T. Angel	M. Oram
Lector:	B. Burns	C. Haid	I. Kangaloo
Ushers:	K./T. Friesen	T./J. Germann J. De Sousa	C. Dignam M. Monte
Gift Bearers:	Archambault	Rye	Masbad
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Dokis G. Balm A. Bendia L. Macedo R. Landgraff	H. Kress J. McCullough A. Simoes D. Henri M. Lynch	T./K. Boettger B./S. Markides A. Monte

**Coffee Sundays** ... Are resuming on the second weekend of each month. If you are interested in helping out please contact **Denise Case** at [sdcase@rogers.com](mailto:sdcase@rogers.com) or 519-501-8370 (email preferred).



*Save the Date!*

**Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**WINTER GAMES NIGHT!**

Hosted by St. Mark's Parish Fundraising Committee. Join us for an evening of cards or bring your favourite board game! Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Admission \$8 (includes sandwiches, desserts, drinks). To volunteer or donate a prize please call Edwina at 519-954-5669.

## Attention Parents of students in Gr. 7...

If you have not yet registered your child for **Confirmation** at St. Mark's Parish, please be sure to do so as soon as possible. Registration forms and handouts from missed meetings can be found on the information wall in the narthex, or call the parish office with your questions (519-571-9200).

### Gr. 7 Confirmation Preparation Sessions for 2016

*Required for all Grade 7 students preparing to be confirmed at St. Mark's Parish in 2016, regardless of school affiliation.*

As part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Fr. Don will hold 6 Sunday sessions for candidates, sponsors (if possible) and parents following the 11:30 Masses (*take a 10-minute break after Mass and reassemble in the church for 12:45 p.m. – this way, you can come to Mass without having to return to the church during the week for these sessions*). Remember to be present at Mass each and every Sunday as well as for these sessions.

These mandatory sessions provide an opportunity to learn more about our faith so that Confirmation itself will be a truly meaningful celebration of the sacrament. Listed below are the dates, times and topics to be covered:

### Sunday Afternoons from 12:45 to 1:30 pm:

**JAN. 24:** Who is Jesus Christ?

**FEB. 7:** The Meaning of Baptism

**FEB. 21:** The Sacrament of Confirmation

**MAR. 28:** The Mass and the Eucharist

**MAR. 6:** The Call to Holiness (The 10 Commandments)

(3-week break for March Break and Easter)

**APR. 3:** The Sacrament of God's Mercy

## Offertory Collections

### CHRISTMAS 2015

Christmas/Sunday Envelopes ..... \$ 10,927.50  
Pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,255.96  
Loose monies ..... \$ 2,184.45

**TOTAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS..... \$ 14,367.91**

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 5,170.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ..... \$ 294.23

**TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$5,464.23**

### December 26/27, 2015

Sunday envelopes..... \$ 3,027.90

Sunday pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52)..... \$ 1,255.96

Loose monies ..... \$ 488.65

**TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS..... \$ 4,772.51**

Mortgage envelopes..... \$ 50.00

Mortgage pre-authorized debits (MONTHLY AMOUNTS x12÷52) ..... \$ 294.23

**TOTAL MORTGAGE OFFERINGS..... \$ 344.23**

*Thank you for your generosity!!*



## Calling for Altar Servers

All those who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve at the altar. It is a wonderful experience – it is a service to the Lord. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please pick up a "New Altar Server" sign-up form from the information wall in the lobby, fill it out and drop it in the collection basket during Mass. We will contact you for training.

**“Thinking of You” ...**

**Cards for our Parishioners**

If you know of someone in St. Mark's Parish who has lost a loved one or is ill, the parish would like to send a card to express our prayerful thoughts.

Please contact Marie or Betty with the **name, address and postal code** of the intended recipient, and a card will be sent on behalf of the parish. Information can be emailed to **Marie** at marie\_brian@rogers.com or **Betty** at bpenticott@rogers.com.



**C.W.L. CORNER ...**

- **Fri. Jan. 15** – General Meeting



**Pre-Authorized Debit Plan**

Thank you to all who signed up so far for this new plan (58 families)! Withdrawals take place once per month on the 15<sup>th</sup> day (or next business day) of every month. New enrollments are always welcome! Enrollment forms are available year-round on the mail table in the narthex.

Don't forget to use the special (coloured) envelopes in your offertory box, for donating toward special collections (i.e. diocesan, Christmas, Easter, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.) – these collections are not covered by your automatic withdrawals.

White Sunday envelopes and green Mortgage envelopes can also still be used for those times when you may wish to augment your automatic monthly contribution.

*Questions?* Please feel free to contact Pam at the parish office, by phone 519-571-9200 or email, [stmark@rogers.com](mailto:stmark@rogers.com).

**Prayer Network**

**Are you in need of prayer?** If you are experiencing loss, sadness, illness or grief, if you are struggling with questions of faith or have a particular concern, **please let us know.** We have a dedicated group of people who will pray for your request. You can email your request to [stmarkprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkprayers@gmail.com). Your request for prayer can be anonymous if you prefer.

**Also looking for faith-filled intercessors...** If you have a heart for prayer and would like to pray for the confidential needs of others, please send an email to [stmarkprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkprayers@gmail.com).

PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A

*year of favour*

FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

*“May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us...”*

PSALM 90:17A

**H A P P Y N E W Y E A R**

**MULTICULTURAL MASS 2016**

All are welcome to join Bishop Crosby in celebrating the upcoming Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, January 17, 2016** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. Mass will commence at **1PM** and all are invited to attend a social reception in the Cathedral Hall afterwards, where light refreshments will be served, alongside a number of entertaining performances by various communities from across the Diocese.

The 2016 Multicultural Mass falls on the same day as the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, an annual commemoration of the Church that raises awareness of international migration. This is particularly fitting given the current nature of today's refugee crisis. The day of note represents an opportune moment in which to reflect upon recent events across the globe, events that appeal to our humanitarian compassion and our Christian values to serve our displaced brothers and sisters through prayer and action.

**K-W RIGHT TO LIFE CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL**

**Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00pm in front of **Kitchener City Hall** (skating rink). Walk a short distance to St. Mary's Church (Duke St.) at 7:00pm for refreshments in the Lower Hall. Speaker Tim Runstedler, K-W Right to Life Board Member will speak about Euthanasia and the new proposed law for Canada and its implications. All are welcome. **28 YEARS WITHOUT A LAW** - On January 28, 1988 the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions leaving more victims than the unborn. Perpetual Adoration 24 hours January 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa Parish Chapel, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener beginning Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00pm until 9:00pm Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Call 519-746-5433 to sign up or email: [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca)

**MEN'S CONFERENCE**

On **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>** join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at **Canada Christian College in Toronto**. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face. Special Father/Son rates available. Find all info and tickets at:

[www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron](http://www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron)  
1-888-522-2070 or [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com)

**HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY** – Join Father Wayne Lobsinger for a Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy, **May 19-31, 2016**. We will visit Assisi and pray for peace in the world. In Rome we will pass through the Holy Door at the Vatican and attend the Wednesday Papal audience. We will visit the shrine to St. Padre Pio and spend a few days touring in Sicily. Mass will be celebrated each day. For further information and/or registration, please contact Claire Waxman at Talk of the Town Travel 1-800-414-6538 or [claire@talkofthetowntravel.com](mailto:claire@talkofthetowntravel.com). An **information meeting** will be held at **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown, on **January 10<sup>th</sup>** at 3pm.



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