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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Eucharist	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish (Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12)	
MONDAY, January 6		No Mass	
	6:45 p.m.		9 am Choir Rehearsal - Adult Members
TUESDAY, January 7 <i>St. Andre Bessette, Religious</i>	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.7-10; Mark 6.34-44) (I) Margaret O'Flaherty	
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour	
	7:30 p.m.		CWL Executive Meeting - Marian Room
WEDNESDAY, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.11-18; Mark 6.45-52) † Maria Piadade Costa	
	7:00 p.m.		5 pm Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
THURSDAY, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 4.19 - 5.4; Luke 4.14-22a) † Ljubica Babic	
	7:00 p.m.		11am Choir Rehearsal - St. Cecilia Room
FRIDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (1 John 5.5-13; Luke 5.12-16) † Adelaide Bras † Holy Souls (I) Suzy Cizmar	
SATURDAY, January 11	4 - 4:30 p.m	Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - The Baptism of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Filomena Albanese; Christine Quinlan; Walburga Muir; Mateus Evangelho; Joao Bairos; Robert Charles Emmett	
This week's Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of the Deceased Family Members of C. & L. Paiva.			

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORTS

Regular Collection • December 22	\$ 3,300.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 172	
Average envelope donation – \$17.08	
New Church Building Fund	\$ 1,132.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,432.00
Christmas Collection • December 25	\$ 25,531.00
Total number of regular envelopes – 494	
Average envelope donation – \$36.79	
Regular Collection	\$ 2,726.00
New Church Building Fund	\$ 1,145.00
TOTAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS	\$ 29,402.00

HOLY CROSS H.E.L.P.S.

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners Holy Cross H.E.L.P.S. was able to assist 24 Catholic School Referrals (38 children) and 26 H.E.L.P.S. clients (13 single adults and 13 families with 30 children). Thank you.

CHILI AND THEATRE FAMILY NIGHT AT CHRIST THE KING SECONDARY SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Holy Cross Social Committee on **Saturday, March 1st, 2014** for a Family Chili Dinner in the Cafeteria at Christ the King Catholic Secondary School and then enjoy a Musical Evening in the CtK Theatre. The **"BLACK FAMILY"** will be there to entertain. They are a Musical Family with a **"Celtic Flare."** Two hundred tickets will be available for the Dinner and Theatre and 100 tickets for the Theatre only. Watch for more information in the New Year. For information contact Marie at 905-873-9480 or Jane at 905-877-7226.

BATHROOM VISITS

We are experiencing some minor vandalism in the church bathrooms. Parents are kindly asked to ensure their children are supervised on any trips to the bathrooms.

JANUARY 5, 2014

MESSAGE FROM FATHER CULL

A heartfelt expression of thanks

On behalf of the parish staff, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all who sent greetings, cards and gifts. I very much appreciate your generosity and kindness, and I rejoice in the blessing of serving you throughout the coming year. I cannot recall a time as a priest when I felt more at home and joyful of heart! I assure you of my prayers each morning before the Blessed Sacrament. May the Christmas Season be a time of peace and joy for you and your loved ones. A special word of thanks is extended to all who helped to celebrate Christmas with such reverence and gracious dignity. Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to decorate the church so beautifully. Thanks to the choirs, children's liturgy leaders, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and ministers of hospitality.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, the Magi follow the guidance of a star that leads them to Bethlehem. In a spirit of humility, they present their gifts to the One who is priest, prophet and king:

- Frankincense for a priest: Jesus is the eternal High Priest of the new covenant.
- Myrrh for the anointing of a body at the time of burial: Jesus fulfills the prophetic word that the Saviour would give His life for the salvation of all people.
- Gold for a king: Jesus is the King of all creation.

During the Christmas Season, we too worship the newborn King and place our gifts before Him. The Gospel today reminds us that the Magi were humble enough to seek direction in order to find their way. On the journey of faith, we also need others to assist us, pray for us and encourage us.

As a parish family, may we continue to support one another on the journey of faith. We especially remember those in our community who are preparing for baptism or reception into the Church at Easter.

Christmas Floral Tributes

Thank you to all who made a donation in memory of a deceased loved one and helped to beautify the church during the Christmas Season. As we praise God for all those who became members of the parish this past year through the sacrament of baptism, we also remember and continue to pray for all those who were buried from the parish this past year and for their families. To all those who mourn the death of a loved one and are experiencing a sense of loss during this season of peace, we offer the support of our prayers.

Pope Francis and the Joy of the Gospel

On November 24, 2013, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel. Among his many insightful reflections, he describes a parish in the following words: "It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach." As a way of entering into the mind and heart of our Holy Father, I will be offering two sessions on some of the key components of the Exhortation. The sessions will be offered on Wednesday, January 22nd and Wednesday, January 29th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Youth Conference in Toronto - July 4 - 6, 2014

Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio has for many years hosted youth retreats and conferences. I am delighted that the University will be offering a youth conference from July 4 - 6 in Toronto. I am hoping that many of our young people will participate in the conference. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 13th and I would like to register as a group at this time. The Registration cost is \$275.00 per person for youth/chaperone/leader that includes entrance to the conference, 6 meals and hotel accommodations. I believe that this will be a wonderful opportunity for our young people to celebrate their faith and to draw ever closer to our Eucharistic Lord. I have been at a few conferences at Franciscan University with young people and have been so inspired by the joyful atmosphere and the faith of those present. If any of our young people are interested in attending, please feel free to contact me or Barb Boulanger at the parish office. For information visit www.steubenvilletoronto.com

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