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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

MASSES

Saturday, 2nd January

3:30-4:30 Confessions
5:00 p.m. Ron Bergeron by wife Carole (4th Anniv.)

Sunday, 3rd January - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. John Earle by Bruce & Lorrie Donig
11:00 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

Tuesday, 5th January

8:00 a.m. Ruth Julien by Carmen, Joan, Nancy & Reina

Wednesday, 6th January

8:00 a.m. Arlene Hiscock by Ruth Hiscock

Thursday, 7th January

8:00 a.m. Deceased parents of Jean-Pierre & Pauline Dupont

Friday, 8th January

8:00 a.m. Guy Tremblay by Sheila & Louis Tremblay
(5th Anniversary)

Saturday, 9th January

3:30-4:30 Confessions
5:00 p.m. Intentions of the parishioners

Sunday, 10th January - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. Alma Gaudet by Paul & Sharon Gaudet
11:00 a.m. Norvan Grant by Sally & family

NOTICES

LECTORS

9 Jan 5:00 p.m. Eugene Legault
10 Jan 9:30 a.m. Andrea Ethier
11:00 a.m. Susanne Casselman

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

9 Jan 5:00 p.m. Matt & Ariane Paquette
10 Jan 9:30 a.m. Paul & Sharon Gaudet
11:00 a.m. Sally Grant & family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9 Jan 5:00 p.m. Marie Greffe & Bernice MacMillan
10 Jan 9:30 a.m. Trudy Cameron & Leslee Brown
11:00 a.m. Anna & Gerry Snyder

SUNDAY OFFERING - 20 DECEMBER 2015

Sunday Offering	\$5,579.00
Christmas	350.00
Priests' Pension Fund	20.00
Votive Lights	85.15
Flowers	42.00
Emergency Campaign for Syria	5.00
Calendars	10.00

With Thanks!



Once again, I would like to thank all those who worked so hard for our Christmas and New Year celebrations. I thank those who decorated the church, our altar servers, our music ministry, the participants and co-ordinator of the Christmas

Pageant, our money counters and our ushers who made our visitors feel at home and welcome, and of course our regular readers and Eucharistic ministers.

I would also like to thank those who were kind to remember me with cards and gifts during this Christmas season. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

FR. KEVIN

REQUIESCAT IN PACE - For the repose of the soul of WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, brother-in-law of Emma Hollingsworth. May the Lord Jesus welcome him into His kingdom of light and peace.

BINGO

Precious Blood - Wednesday, 6th Jan at 7:00 p.m.

MINI MONSTER BINGO

Nativity Parish - Saturday, 9 January at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird games start at 6:00 p.m.

Prizes will be 50% of sales to a max of \$100/game

Profits are for Nativity Parish

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Justice and peace go hand in hand and this is the Christian challenge - to grow in a deeper awareness of justice and peace in our own lives, in our values and attitudes. Perhaps a creed from Indonesia sums it all up.

"I believe in God the Father of us all, who has given the earth to all people. I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to encourage us and to heal us, to deliver us from the oppressors, to proclaim the peace of God to humankind. He has given Himself to the world, it is amongst all people that the Lord lives. He is amongst us all, the living God. I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in every man and woman of goodwill. I believe in the Church, given as a beacon to all nations, moved by the Spirit to serve all people. I believe that God will finally destroy the power of sin in us all and that humanity will share His everlasting life.

"I do not believe in the power of the strongest, nor the force of arms, nor the power of the oppressors. I want to believe in our human rights in the solidarity of all people, in the power of non-violence.

"I do not believe in racism, wealth, privilege, or the established order. I want to believe that all men and women are equally human, that order based on violence and injustice is not order. I do not believe that I can fight oppression far away if I tolerate injustice here.

"I want to believe that there is but one right everywhere, that I am not free if one person remains enslaved. I do not believe that war and hunger are inevitable and peace unattainable.

"I want to believe in the beauty of simplicity, in love with open hands, in peace on earth.

"I do not believe that all suffering is in vain, nor that our dreams will remain dreams, nor that death is the end.

"But I dare to believe, always and in spite of everything, in a new humanity; in God's own dream of a new heaven and a new earth where justice will flourish"

Extract from an article by Alan Brown

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The passage from St. Matthew about the Magi reminds us of a detective story: some men were on a mission; they were searching for a king. Like first-class investigators, they had to read the signs and be aware of even the smallest clues.

There was a star that appeared - not a really reliable guide, but they managed to follow it. What helped them as they searched for the king were the important passages in Holy Scripture which foretold the coming of the Messiah. The Magi recognized the signs and travelled from another country to find the promised Messiah King. They finally discovered the whereabouts of the Messiah in a humble village called Bethlehem.

Their mission was successful: they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They found the Infant King in very modest circumstances.

Is this the end of the story? Not at all! Since they followed signs as they searched for the Child, the Magi themselves became signs for others. In effect, they influenced millions of seekers who would follow them to the Infant King.

As we begin another New Year, let us say this humble prayer:

Lord, help me to detect the signs that will lead me to you.

Help me to be a sign for those who stumble in a perpetually starless night. Amen.



Georges Madore
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli



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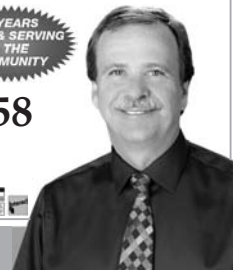
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