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

<p>Vocations Calendar Please Pray for...</p>	
<p>Tuesday, January 7 2 pm @ Riverside Place</p> <p>Confessions 6:15-6:45 pm 7 pm @ OLOA</p> <p><i>St. Andre Bessette</i></p> <p>Fr. Lawrence Pare</p>	<p>Souls in Purgatory-A Parishioner</p> <p>Gail Sabga-John Sabga & Family Dario Dimasuay-His wife Lucy Florence Dawson-The Dawson Family Madeline Kelly-Kay MacLellan Wilson Rebelo-Carlos & Maria Rebelo Leo & Gerald Savard-The Family</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 8 10 am @ OLOA</p> <p>Fr. Michael O'Brien</p>	<p>Edward Drouillard 30th Anniversary- Ray & Char Drouillard Jeannine Moncion- The Prayer Shawl Ministry Florence Reganti-Donna Mae Finn Enna Denning-James Denning Parents of Gord & Shirley Meloche- Their Family Giacomo Trotti- Dionisio & Filomena Muscedere</p>
<p>Thursday, January 9 9 am @ SJV</p> <p>Sr. Marija Ivic, S.F.B.Z., Pastoral Minister</p>	<p>Ints. of Larry & Marie-Theresa Lamphier 50th Wedding Anniversary - Lou Anne & Damian Bryce Roger Seguin- His wife Lucy Mike & Barbara Borovic-Son, John Diane Wilhelm-Pamela Taylor Kevin Dunne-Doreen Dunne & Family Curtis Campbell- Doreen Dunne & Family</p>
<p>Friday, January 10 8:15-8:45 am Confessions 9 am Mass @SVDP Fr. Jozef Denys</p>	<p>Special Ints. of a Parishioner- Nicanora Magat-Her Family</p>

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

A Message from Fr. Rob...

A new decade has begun. May this new year be filled with many blessings and as we begin, may we renew our trust in Divine Providence.

We have finished the 12 Days of Christmas but we still have a week left in the Christmas Season. Still plenty of time to enjoy the blessings of the season and prayerfully consider how these days have been an opportunity to really grow in holiness. Advent gave us time to prepare and these days are given to us to just let it all sink in and take root in our hearts.

Today's Solemnity reminds us that the Saviour is sent to be a Light for the all the people of the world. May we continue to search for signs of grace each day. Like the Magi, let us keep our eyes firmly on the Star of Christ.

Many thanks for all the cards, cookies, candies, hugs and prayerful support given to us over the last few weeks. We appreciate the many acts of kindness. Thanks also to Leon Janisse and Windsor Chapel Funeral Homes for the parish calendars.

Please continue to pray for our Family of Parishes and the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead of us in this new year. We promise to pray for the 9 new families across the Diocese which Bishop Fabbro has announced for July 2020.

EXTRA THANKS....

One group of hardworking volunteers deserves our thanks. Each parish has dedicated teams of counters who weekly ensure our Sunday offerings are accounted for and properly deposited. This time of year means extra time and effort and we are grateful for their dedication.


PLEASE NOTE: as this new year begins, consider putting your name and address and amount on the envelope at least for the first few weeks to ensure proper accounting as some numbers may have changed from last year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST

Before Christmas, information was distributed to the children in Grade 2 at L A Desmarais, H J Lassaline, WJ Langlois and St. John Vianney Schools. If your child attends public school or a French language school, information can be obtained from the parish office during the week or at the doors of any of the churches on the weekends.

Parent meetings will be on **Wednesday, January 15th at 7 pm** in the Atonement Family Centre for those schools associated with Our Lady of the Atonement and St. Vincent de Paul and on **Sunday, January 19th at 12:30 pm** in St. John Vianney church for those schools associated with St. John Vianney.

Please phone and speak to Rachelle (St. John Vianney affiliated schools) or Maria (Our Lady of the Atonement/ St. Vincent affiliated schools) if you have any questions.



The Youth Group will begin again on Tuesday, February 4th for games night.

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



Knights of Columbus News:

OLOA General Mtg. Tues. Jan. 7 @ 7:30 pm

SVDP General Mtg. Tues. Jan.7 @ 7:30 pm

Bingo, Sun. Jan. 26 @ 7 pm

Church Breakfast Feb. 2 following Sun. mass

SJV General Mtg. Thurs. Jan. 9 @ 7 pm

Senior Cards Party Sat. Jan. 11 @ 7 pm

Catholic Women's League News:

SJV Gen. Mtg Tues, Jan. 14th @ 2 pm

OLOA General Mtg. Thurs. Jan 9 @ 6 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society News:

OLOA Mtg. Mon. Jan. 13 @ 6 pm

SJV Mtg. Mon. Jan. 13 & Jan. 27 @ 7:30 pm

Youth Group:

Leaders planning meeting Tues. Jan 7 @ 6:30 pm

Youth group resumes Tues. Feb. 4 for games night

Crafty Ladies

Tuesdays @ 7 pm @ SVDP in the Basement Hall except the first Tuesday of each month.

Parish Council: Jan. 22 @ 7 pm @ SJV

Prayer Shawl: Thurs. Jan. 16 @ 1 pm @ OLOA

There is a Time for Everything under Heaven...

Let us all pray for all those who are in need of healing, at home, nursing homes or in hospital, and all those who care for them. Let us pray also for those who have died:

Annette Burling, Corina Lachance, Don Kearns,

Donald MacAdam, George Pickering

May the Lord comfort those who mourn them.

The Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our Family of Parishes would like to thank the many people who helped to make our Giving Tree project in the parishes a success including the Catholic Women's League for their generosity. We were able to help make many families' Christmas a little brighter this year.

Our community schools again had their food chain in which students make a line through the school and pass the food donations along as they make their way into awaiting vehicles which take them to our pantry.

We wish to give a great big thank you to all the parishioners who give food and monetary donations all year long which enable the Society to fulfill their mission of helping those in need. All of us working together make a big contribution to helping the less fortunate in our community. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conferences

PARISH MISSION OUTREACH

An important aspect of our being disciples is the assistance we are able to give to our sisters and brothers in developing communities throughout the world. We have a number of mission projects that we support: community kitchens in Peru (Heartlinks) Save a Family Plan (families in India), Catholic Missions in Canada (northern missionaries), CHALICE (aid to various projects worldwide), Malaria nets.

The first weekend of February is our Mission Sunday. Envelopes are in the offertory boxes for St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of the Atonement Parishes. Mission envelopes will also be at the doors of the church for St. John Vianney and St. Anthony of Padua and in the bulletin the weekend prior. In fact, mission envelopes are available year round in all communities. Your generous help enables us to reach out and meet the needs of our mission partners.

Would you like to be part of the Mission Group? Let the office know so we can contact you about the next meeting once the donations have been collected so we can make our disbursements. Thank you!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Rachelle for any baptism inquiries.

It is a joy for us as a Christian family to witness the grace present in the celebration of baptism. Sure it may make mass a little longer but its worth it to witness God's grace at work in the lives of our young families. We must always remember to provide a warm, inviting welcome to those who come for baptism and rejoice with them.

ISNT TECHNOLOGY WONDERFUL???

Over the last few months the parish office has dealt with glitches, crashes and bugs of one kind or another affecting the printing of labels or keeping addresses in the files current and thus making our daily routines an adventure. As well, the Diocese switched to a new email program in December and we have all been learning the new in and outs of this new version. Frustrating? Challenging? Indeed! I am grateful to the staff for their patience and perseverance with all these unexpected hiccups to our daily routine as we all try to serve our family to the best of our abilities.

I ask for your continued patience as we sort things out and make sure all is running smoothly. If there is a problem with your envelopes, address, etc. please contact one of the staff and we will sort it out.

Having said that, while I know it may be frustrating and inconvenient, I ask that everyone be patient, calm and respectful. You might be surprised to know the amount of abuse and unchristian behavior we can be subject to at times on the phone or in person. As you see posted in many clinics, government offices etc. this type of behavior will not be tolerated. Patience and kindness should be the norm.

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