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May the  
Spirit of God  
Lead You Through  
the New Year



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Saturday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**5:00** In Honour of Gina Tingin *req by the Family*  
For the Healing of Joseph DellaPeruta *req by Laura Lee*

## Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

**8:00** Giuseppina Canali *req by Anne & John Condotta*  
Marie & Clarence Adams *req by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

**9:30** People of the Parish

**11:30** Marian Abbott *req by the Luciano Family*  
Marilyn & Leo Quinn *req by the Family*

## Monday, January 5

**8:00** Fr. Brian McCulloch *req by Cliff and Teresa*  
Carmela Rinaldi *req by the Family*

## Tuesday, January 6

**8:00** Angela & Reno Martin *req by the Family*  
Anthony Spadafora *req by Fernando Spadafora & Family*

## Wednesday, January 7 St André Bessette

**8:00** Emma & Bert Looby *req by Fr. Gerard*  
Marie & Jack Cadman *by Friends*

## Thursday, January 8 St Raymond de Peynafort

**8:00** Fr. Tony McNamara *req. by the Carmelites*  
Fr. Bruce Taggart *req. by the Carmelites*

## Friday, January 9

**8:00** Fr. Jay Comerford *req by the Carmelites*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Saturday, January 10

**5:00** In Honour of Rico & Gina Tingin *req by the Family*  
Dec'd Shannon, Guitar & Legace Families *req by the Family*

## Sunday, January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** William 'Bill' Woods *req by Linda & Family*  
Giuseppe Messina *req by the Family*

**11:30** Albino Tonet *req by Ann Marie, John & Family*  
Jozef Brzozowski *req by his Dtr: Jean*

### Little Flower Society Cards

Our parish office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

**Catholic Marriage Tribunal...** If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic

Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or [tribunal@saintcd.com](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com)

**Vincent's...** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers for 3 hours per week...Call 289-296-3807 or apply in person, 5970 Lundy's Lane. Store hours, Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 4pm. Join our team and share some hope!

**Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events**

**Call to Serve ...** Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or Usher.  
Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!

### Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

**Check out our website:** <http://www.stpatrickknf.ca>

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Rose MacDonald, Elisa Santin and Cheryl D'Ammizio. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

*Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.*

John Franklin, Mila Clark, Baby Maeve, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Madeleine Jackson, Maureen Young, BettyJean DeFoe, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, Don Antonio, Nancy McKinley, Victor Pizzolato, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Tom Murray, Norm Scott, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Baby Max, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Robert Orsini, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Anna Hunt, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Toni Brideau, D.D., Scott McLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zucharuk, Jeanne S. Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Kelsey Liles, Tony Cuviello, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Mahmat, Betty Crete, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Guerin, Marie Brooker, Teresa Hebb, John Calder, Karen Bradley, Arlene Collee, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Josie Wojciechowska, Elda Schneider, Francesco Albanese, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

Christmas: \$33,129.75

December 28: \$5,739.95

Christmas Flowers: \$1,616.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday January 25, February 15, April 26 & May 31.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Jan13, Feb 3, Apr 14 & May 19 at 7:00 pm.**

**Sacrament of Baptism...** Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

### St. Carlo Acutis Challenge!

Calling all grade 5-12 students!! This is your invitation to take part in the Saint Carlo Acutis Challenge. Use your gifts and talents to create something (a video or app, song or dance, poem or essay, fashion project or social media campaign, etc.) that highlights an aspect of the faith that you are passionate about! The top prize for secondary students is \$1000, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500 (more great prizes available)!! Visit: [bit.ly/Saint-Challenge](http://bit.ly/Saint-Challenge) for more information, or contact us at: [evangelization@saintcd.com](mailto:evangelization@saintcd.com).

Submission Deadline: **April 17th, 2026.**

Showcase & Awards: **Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 @ Denis Morris Catholic High School.**

### Holy Rosary

*Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.*

*Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!*

*The Pastor's Pen*

(Please remember that you can e-transfer your Sunday Offertory as a direct deposit to [stpatrick1895@hotmail.com](mailto:stpatrick1895@hotmail.com)) No password is required. Many thanks for your generosity.

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(Today's Bulletin material had to be sent to the publisher on December 29<sup>th</sup>)

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to all! Many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Joi, Fr. Marvin, Deacon David, and to your parish at Christmas. It's hard to believe that tomorrow (January 5<sup>th</sup>) is the last day of Christmas. But actually we can celebrate Christmas until the Baptism of Jesus! My most favourite part of Christmas was seeing the distribution of Gifts and Grocery Cards to Local

  
Needy Children and families. Our parishioners are so generous. You are certainly a light in the darkness. It was also such a joy to see so many people out to celebrate Mass. Thank you for keeping Christ in Christmas.

Today is the Feast of the *Epiphany of the Lord* (Little Christmas). Epiphany means *manifestation* [to show; or reveal.] This feast celebrates not only that God came to us, but more of human kind entered into the movement. These *wise men* or *magi*, (astrologers), traditionally known as **Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar**, representing all nations, followed the star and came to God! They are our symbolic pioneers. They blazed the trail which we are to follow. Not only did they come to Christ, they prostrated themselves, did him homage, and brought him gifts.

This is really a feast of the pilgrim who seeks God on the journey. The call for us is to make our lives a continuous movement toward God. Putting our lives in tune with God. Bringing Christ to others. Dispelling all darkness. We need to show Christ's presence to others by the way we live. Imagine if we all lived in such a way that our faith burns and shows through, in every aspect of our lives. May the glory of the Christ Child shine throughout the earth, across our country, around our city, and within our families and hearts! God bless you all! Have a blessed 2026!

Fr. Gerard



"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."  
C.S. Lewis

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

On behalf of the parish, I want to say a big thank you to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful. To our parishioners who came out to decorate the church, thanks for such a creative display! To those who donated **THANK YOU** toward the loved ones, many in memory of your kindness. To our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community. To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies. To Sandra, Rima, Anthony, Ashley, Robert, Sonny, Brianna, our **Adult Choir and Children's Choir**, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! Thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us, and pray before baby Jesus! Thanks to Deacon David for his assistance during Christmas! **MANY THANKS** to the hundreds of parishioners who donated so generously to the Christmas Gift and Grocery Campaign! You helped so many people this year! Many little faces lit up with smiles on Christmas morning because of you! And many families were able to have a Christmas meal. And finally, to you, our faithful parishioners, many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Joi, Fr. Marvin and to your parish at Christmas. May God bless you all!

### Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus  
may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you,  
the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father,  
the King of nations,  
the Saviour of humankind;  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



I think the real Epiphany call is:  
When the star in the sky is gone;  
when the Magi are back in their homeland;  
when the shepherds are once more with their flocks;  
then the real work of Christmas begins:  
To manifest God by the way we live and act toward each other.

### St. Andre Bessette, Patron of Family Caregivers

Wednesday, January 7th is the Feast Day of Canada's own St. Andre Bessette (Brother Andre)... August 9, 1845 – January 6, 1937. He expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to Saint Joseph. "St. Andre, your devotion to Saint Joseph is an inspiration to us. You gave your life selflessly to bring the message of his life to others. Pray that we may learn from Saint Joseph, and from you, what it is like to care for Jesus and do his work in the world."

"May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away; May we welcome the adult Messiah and his challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year."

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