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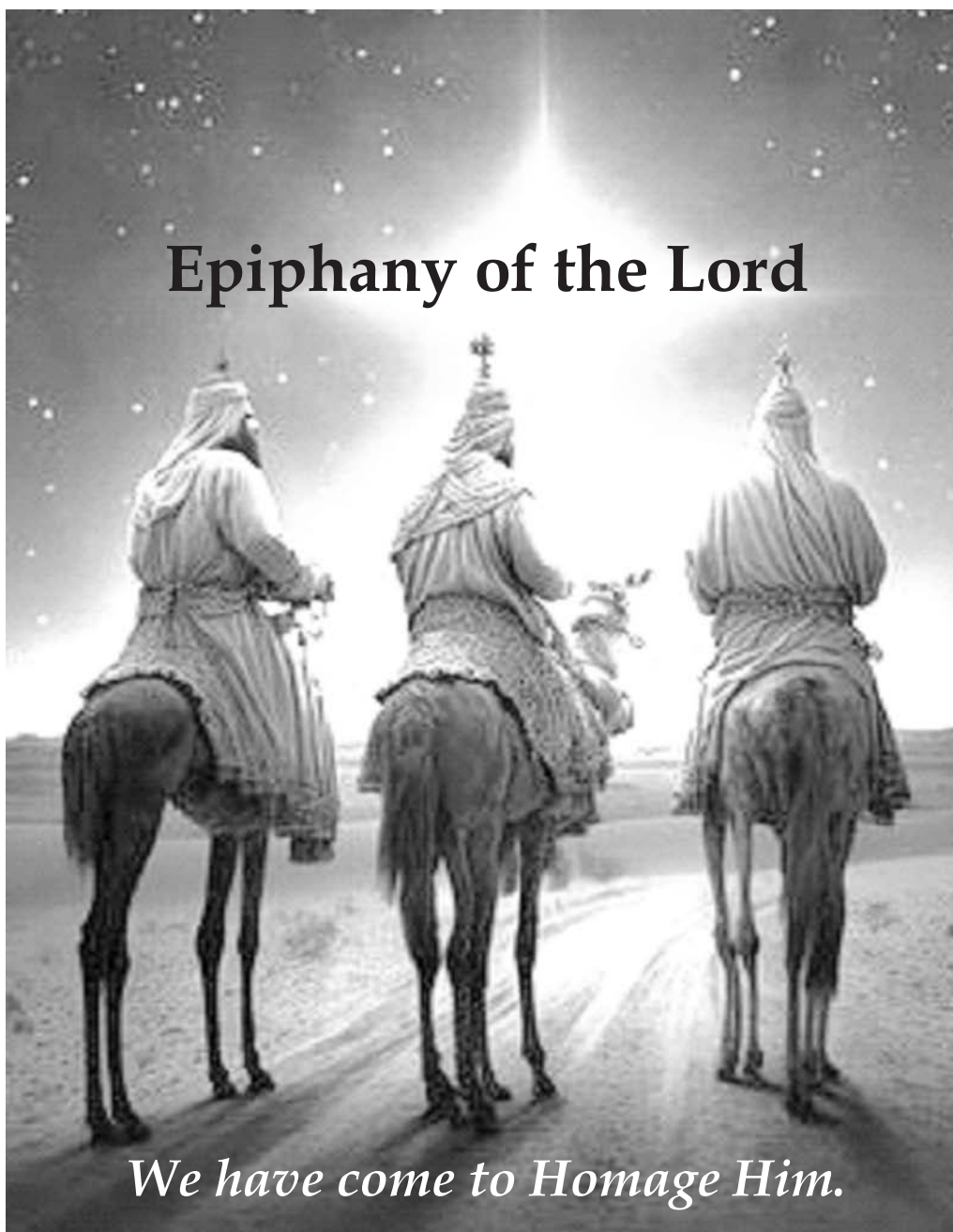
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THE EPIPAHNY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 5 – Jan 11, 2026

Monday (ferial)

8:30 am + Maria Nga Hoang and Maria Ren
+ Rosalie Tennison

Tuesday (ferial)

6:00 pm - Int. of Eduarda Avila

Wednesday (Memorial – St. Andre Bessette, Religious)

8:30 am - Int. of Natasha and Family

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Fr. Rajesh D'Souza

Feast - The Baptism of the Lord

Sat 5pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Sun 9am - Int. of Rosa and Carlos Paiva

Sun 11am - Int. of all Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton
Children's Liturgy downstairs in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

Sun 7pm + All Souls in Purgatory

Jan 5 – Jan 11 2026

Monday

Schedule of Events

• Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass 5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am
- Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
- RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Saturday

- Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds) 9:30 am
- Monthly Baptisms 3:00 pm
- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy – in parish Hall during 11am Mass

Pre-Authorized Giving Information

St. Aloysius Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On or near the 15th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify. For more information please see the brochures in the Church foyer, pick up a form at the parish office, or download the forms through our website at; <https://staloyisus.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving>. Thank you for your support of St. Aloysius Parish! May God bless you and your loved ones

St. Aloysius Parish would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity and support, especially throughout the Christmas season.

Offertory Report

Sunday Envelope Collection for Dec 21 \$2485.00

Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Dec 21 \$1175.00

Total Offertory for Dec 21, 2025 \$3660.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount) \$862.54

Christmas Offertory Envelopes (includes all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses) \$5505.00

Christmas Offertory Loose (includes loose /Tip Tap at all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses) \$2772.00

Memorial Flower Donations \$1515.00

Sunday Offertory

Sunday Envelope Collection for Dec 28 \$3055.00

Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Dec 28 \$915.00

Total Offertory for Dec 28, 2025 \$3970.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount) \$862.54

We are grateful for the many ways you support St. Aloysius Parish, not only at Christmas, but throughout the entire year.



Tax Receipt Information: We will soon be preparing the tax receipts for the 2025 tax year. If your home address changed in 2025, please inform our Parish Office as soon as possible so we may update our records.

Thank You

From the St. Aloysius Food Pantry!

The St Aloysius Food Pantry would like to thank our Parishioners for your generous donations to our Christmas Hamper and Toy program this year. Many toys were also donated through our school community. Special thanks to the staff, students and parents of St. Timothy, St. Kateri and St. Josephine Bakhita Schools for their generous donations. Thank you everyone for your kind contributions and for making a huge difference for families in need in our parish community this Christmas.

Bible Sunday January 25, 2026 - In the Diocese of Hamilton, Bible Sunday will be celebrated January 25, 2026. This date corresponds with the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar, which Pope Francis designated as an annual occasion to promote the study and diffusion of the Sacred Scriptures. The celebration is a call to listen to how the Bible speaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith.



Thank You for Supporting Our Church Door Project

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous support of our parish building upgrades. Since August, \$15,800 has been donated toward

the installation of our new doors at the front entrance, Marian entrance, and Parish Hall. This goes a long way toward our total cost of just over \$35,000.

If you'd like to help us reach our goal, "Special Appeal" envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued kindness and support!

ReSTART: Moving Forward Have you experienced a divorce or separation?

This 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal. The sessions will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – Apr 21 from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events.

Enhancing Self-Esteem - This program offered through the Diocese of Hamilton provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building positive self-esteem. Issues covered include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals. The program will run Tuesdays from Feb 17 – April 21 from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! 'Push', a movie about housing insecurity, will be featured on Jan 22, starting at 7pm. 'Push' sheds light on a new kind of faceless landlord, our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to register for the screening. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

Serra Club – Vocation Seeds for The Epiphany of the Lord - "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. By email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Diocese of Hamilton Marriage Tip #154

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in a while to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

From the Family Ministry Office.



Gospel Reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is

different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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