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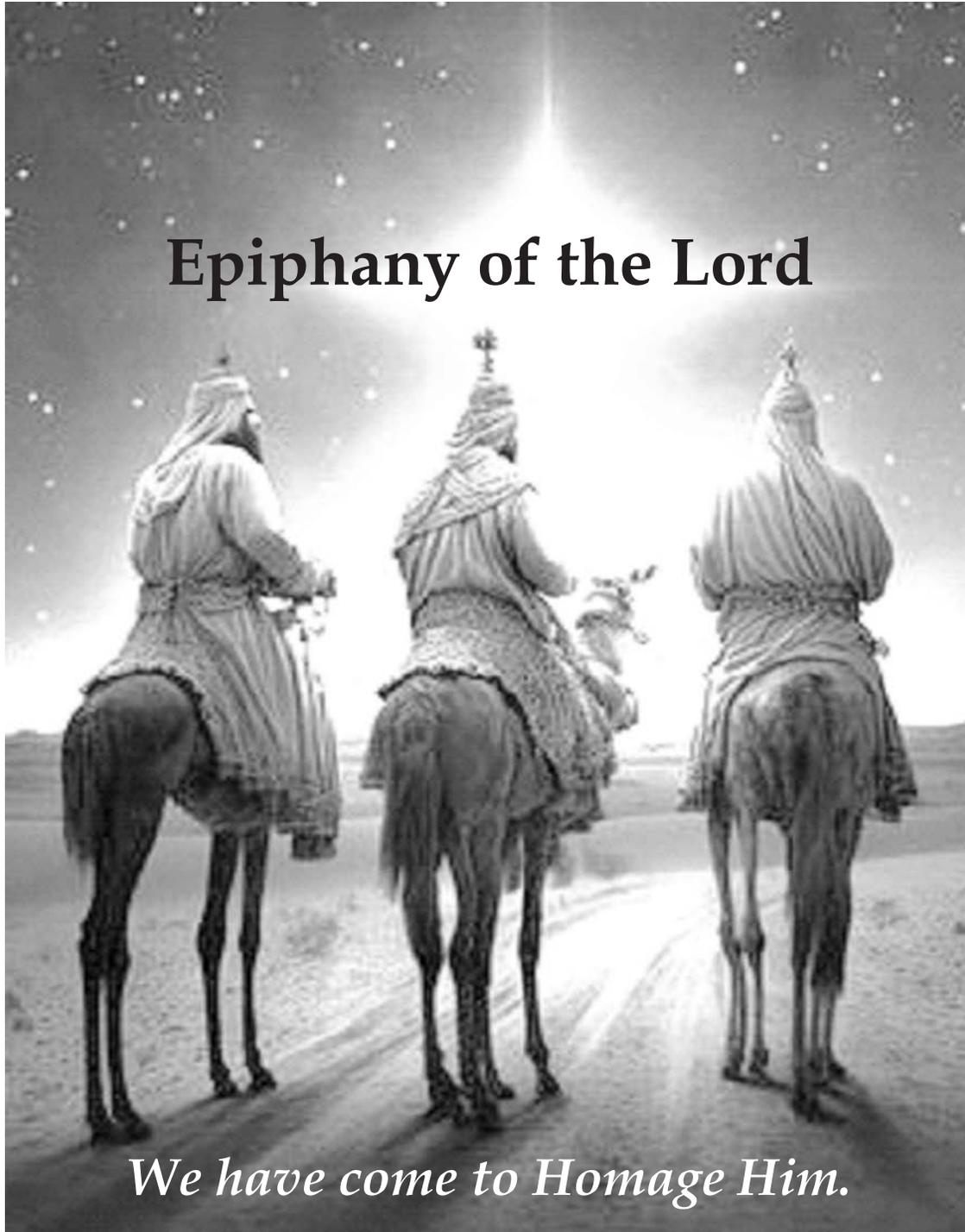
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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 2:1-12)



The Magi represent people on a quest. As we are told, “**they came from the East,**” which is to say, they came from the ends of the earth in searching for truth and light. Finding that Truth and Light in Jesus, the Magi, “**returned to their own country by a different road**” (Mt 2:12). It is much more than an information about their physical path. It is to say that after meeting with the Savior they have undertaken new way of life.

The Magi show that when we encounter the Lord, our lives are never the same. A true encounter with Christ, that is, a deep, personal experience of God's love, leads to transformation of the heart and mind.

Fr. Jamroz

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

7:00 pm + Special Intention of Jim Fish
– Dean Cruikshank

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with
Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

12:15 pm + Special Intention of Lauren Verheyden
– Vanda Verheyden
+ Special Intention of Jackson Verheyden
– Vanda Verheyden
+ Nancy Ansley – Jesna Paul

Thursday, January 8, 2026

12:15 pm + Cliff Aubie – Irene Aubie & Steven
+ Molly Featherstone – Jesna Paul
+ Allen Sr. & Beryl Robinson
– Anthony & Magnell Robinson & Family

Friday, January 9, 2026

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Mary Katherine Long
– Denise Dolf
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 10, 2026

5:00 pm + Walter Stone – The Family
+ Daniel Zachariah – Doug & Gai Brown
and Family

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

For details on our parish life, please see our website:
www.stmichaelw.ca

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00
am to 4:30 pm.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio and
pdf version through our parish website – just click on the
button ‘SUNDAY HOMILY’.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday,
from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar and
are remembered at Mass during the Prayers of the
Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our
prayer group ministry. Please click on *Request a Prayer*
on our website www.stmichaelw.ca or contact the parish
office.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If
you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming
parish events including funerals. To join the list, please
sign up at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany, when Western Christians celebrate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The traditional belief that there were three wise men is a development based on the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (2:11). (*Expert from CCCB*)

The triple revelation of Christ

"We celebrate three wondrous events on this holy day: Today the star leads the Magi to the stable, today the water is changed into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, today Christ is baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation." With these words the liturgy describes today's feast; it consists in the triple revelation of Christ: to the magi, at the wedding feast at Cana, and in Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. In these events Jesus progressively reveals - manifests (Greek *epiphania*) what he is, the Messiah and Savior (*Cardinal Cantalamessa*).

Lesson from Magi

Pope Benedict XVI: The wise men followed the star. Through the language of creation, they discovered the God of history. To be sure – the language of creation alone is not enough. Only God's word, which we encounter in sacred Scripture, was able to mark out their path definitively. CREATION AND SCRIPTURE, REASON AND FAITH, MUST COME TOGETHER, SO AS TO LEAD US FORWARD TO THE LIVING GOD (*Homily, 6 January 2012*).

Saint Andre Bessette

Memorial, January 7th - Mass 12:15pm

Known as brother Andre, Alfred Bessette was born in St-Gregoire, Quebec. He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross. For 40 years, he was porter of the College Notre Dame on Queen Mary Road in Montreal. He was credited with extraordinary favors and with healings, and more and more people came to the college to seek out the 'Miracle Man of Montreal.' Possessed of a deep love for Saint Joseph, Brother Andre erected a statue of the saint on the mountain across the college and built a chapel. Over the years, the chapel grew into

a basilica. Today, St. Joseph's Oratory welcomes more than two million visitors each year. (*Living with Christ*)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Michael's Prayer Shawl Ministry has given thousands of Prayer Shawls to parishioners, families and friends. We also give Baptismal Blankets to every child baptized in our parish. Please support our work with donations of yarn or cash or join our ministry on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the parish library. The next meeting is **Wednesday, January 7th at 1pm in the Parish Library**. We are always happy to welcome new members!

Youth Ministry & Children's Liturgy

The Youth Ministry program will resume **Monday January 5th** at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Children's Liturgy at 11:00 am Mass begins again next **Sunday, January 11th**. See you there!



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The Reel Justice Film Festival

The festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. 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. To register please contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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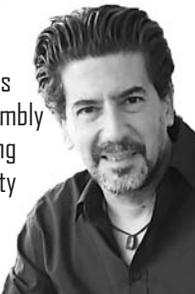
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