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Catholic Parish, Waterloo

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Epiphany of the Lord

We have come to Homage Him.



JAN 6 to JAN 11

TUESDAY – JAN 6 Christmas Season	7:00 p.m.	+Phonsine Morrison – Bayer Family
WEDNESDAY– JAN 7 St. Andre Bessette – Memorial	9:00 a.m.	+Peter Granic – Pat McGrinder
THURSDAY– JAN 8 Christmas Season	12:00 p.m.	+Brian Streeter – Donna Wunder
FRIDAY– JAN 9 Christmas Season	9:00 a.m.	-in Thanksgiving – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
SATURDAY– JAN 10 The Baptism of the Lord	5:00 p.m.	+Luke McAuley – Pat McGrinder
SUNDAY– JAN 11 The Baptism of the Lord	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Marlene Denomme – Jerry & Christa Fischer Living & deceased members of our parish

<i>Parish Finance Report Week of</i>		<i>Nov 23, 2025</i>	<i>Nov 30, 2025</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 2604.00</i>	<i>\$ 2557.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$373.40</i>	<i>\$375.00</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 342.00</i>	<i>\$ 447.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 2,755.64</i>	<i>\$ 2,755.64</i>
	<i>Other (Building fund, funerals, flowers missals, Votives...)</i>	<i>\$372.32</i>	<i>\$372.32</i>
	<i><u>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 6,447.36</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 6,506.96</u></i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$-52.64</i>	<i>\$6.96</i>

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.



Feast of the Epiphany

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.

A sincere Thank you on behalf of Canadian Food for Children, Mississauga, for your generous shoe box contributions. 98 boxes were collected and were put on the container for Sierra Leone, West Africa. May God Bless

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE, also known as Brother Andre was born in 1845 in Quebec, and he entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross as a brother. He performed humble tasks for over 40 years and entrusted all of the poor and sick who flocked to his cell to the care of St. Joseph. During his life he built a chapel, which after his death grew into the great basilica known as St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. He died in 1937 and was canonized a saint by Pope Benedict on October 17, 2010.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Month of January The Holy Name of Jesus

From the earliest days of Christianity, the Holy Name of Jesus has been regarded, in itself, as one of the most powerful of all prayers. The simple repetition of the word *Jesus* throughout the day was seen as a way to answer Saint Paul's call, in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, to "pray without ceasing." Among Christians in the East, this reverence for the Holy Name and certainty of its power as a prayer eventually involved into the Jesus Prayer, which has a status among Eastern Christians similar to the rosary among Roman Catholics. **'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner,'**

The invocation of the Holy Name is closely tied to hope in Christ's mercy, that He Who died for our sins look upon our weakness and draw us near to Him. We hope to be saved even though we are unworthy, and thus we approach Him and dare to speak His Holy Name in confidence of His mercy. It is a reminder of the second commandment, "Do not take the name of the Lord, your God in vain".

On January 6th, Eastern Rite Catholics and Orthodox Churches who follow the Julian calendar begin the celebration of Christmas.

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



*please
join us*

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Jan 18, 2026

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2

BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Please be a part of something extraordinary.

Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café
once of the month.

Prayer for the New Year

O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year.

May it be a time of grace for me,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew my commitment
to following your Son, Jesus.



May it be a year of blessing for me,
a time to cherish my family and friends,
a time to renew my efforts at work,
a time to embrace my faith more fully.

Walk with me, please,
in every day and every hour of this New Year, that
the light of Christ might shine through me,
in spite of my weaknesses and failings.
Above all, may I remember this year
that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to you.

Amen

Table Blessing for New Year's Day

God, our Father,
you chose the lowly maiden of Nazareth,
to become the mother of your eternal Son.
Through the intercession of her prayers
make us, your children,
grow daily in the love of you, our Father,
and in the love of all our brothers and sisters in
Christ.

Send your blessings upon our table,
upon those who prepared this food for us,
and make us always mindful
of the needs of the poor and the hungry.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of Mary.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

In November, our cupboard provided emergency food support to 44 families and 9 individuals in need.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we received \$2,184 in donations, along with an additional \$207 from the Toonie/Loonie collection, which will be used to purchase essential hygiene items. Your continued support makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those in our community. Thank you for helping us extend care and hope to those who need it most.

It's my privilege to support fellow parishioners with their real estate needs. Whether you're buying or selling, I'm here to guide you every step of the way

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