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

# The Epiphany of the Lord—January 5, 2020

### From the Pastor's Desk...

Happy 2020! We've made it through another calendar year. I am deeply grateful to all of you for bringing us to this point. We had wonderful celebrations of Christmas and New Year. So many people gave hours and hours of their time; others shared their talents and skills, and still others their financial resources to create a spectacular setting for our first holidays back in our historic church. Still others prayed so earnestly for our restoration, for the flourishing of the parish, and for the glory of God. To each of you, whether your contribution was filling a spot in a pew, decorating, reading, making music, doing unseen service like cleaning or counting the collection, I can only say a heartfelt *THANK YOU!* We are all blessed in so many ways.

As most years, this first Sunday of the year is Epiphany. While we quaintly move our statues of the Magi closer in at the manger scene, this feast has so much to teach us. The gospel story tells us that wise men came from the East. They would have been non-Jews, people from a different culture and religion, speaking a different language. They traveled far and found the "king of the Jews" in a humble setting in a little backwater town of Judea, not far from Jerusalem. He was not in a palace; he was not in an important city. The Greek word "epiphaneia" means an appearance, a glorious display. God's Son made an appearance to these foreigners as a helpless little child in humble surroundings.

And today, some 2000 years later, God is still making appearances among us, in places where we might least expect it. It is so easy to find God in the Blessed Sacrament, or inside the church building. We sometimes see God in the "important" people who lead us. Yet at the end of this Church year we will hear the final judgment passage from Matthew's gospel, where the risen Christ reminds us that he is to be found in the thirsty, the hungry, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. For me, that is the difficult part of my faith. If I am to find the Christ in the child Jesus, in a manger, then I am also called to find him in other humble surroundings: in people with addictions, the homeless, those with mental illnesses. But even that can be romanticized. I also need to find Christ in the one who bothers me, who wants too much of my time. Perhaps Christ is in that person I just tried to avoid seeing in the supermarket or the one I passed on the street.

As we begin this year, I invite you to spend a moment in front of the Nativity scene in church or in your home, and to ask our loving God where else he might be making an epiphany. Could it be in the person right next to you?

In Maurice

#### Reflection for the Week

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps. 72)
May our gratitude for the gifts you bestow upon in this life be
proclaimed to the nations and bring us to
everlasting joy in your presence

If you've had a breakdown in your marriage or experienced divorce, we are here for you. Learn more about the annulment process and register for a one-night information session (child care provided) at GSLakeshore.com/Peace

Thank you to all who participated in the International Students Holiday Dinner on Friday, December 27th. 2019. The help of parishioners and of our partners on this project from Campus Ministry and the International Student Centre is greatly appreciated.

May we all begin the new year with resolve to continue to create a strong community spirit with all of our neighbours!





Just to remind all those who minister in any way in our parish community how much the giving of yourself is appreciated, we are once again inviting you to attend an *Appreciation Dinner* to be held on Saturday, February, 1st 2020

Save the date, and look for more details in the near future.



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

As a parish family, we want to strengthen our faith and our life in Christ by being intentional disciples, reaching out to the community and creating a parish of inclusion. To that end, we are re-establishing our "Leave a Prayer/Take a Prayer" Baskets.

There will be a basket at the front and side entrances of the church. Please feel free to write an intention and place it in the basket and also take a prayer that someone else has placed in the basket. Do not include any personal information about yourself or a loved one that you or they wouldn't want people knowing and use first names only.

As we pray for our intention and those of one another, we draw closer to God and to each another.



Just a reminder to pick up your
2020 offertory envelopes
All parishioners who currently have
envelopes will be reassigned a new
envelope number.

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- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW ENVELOPES YOU USE IN 2020.
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2019 ENVELOPES RECYCLE THEM!
- If you do not see your envelopes or would like envelopes please call the office.
- IF THERE IS ANY INFORMATION SUCH AS NAME OR ADDRESS CHANGE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR EMAIL

#### Week at a Glance

Monday, January 6th

Catholic Life Meeting (Rosary Hall)

<u>Tuesday, January 7th</u> 7:00pm Seven Sorrows (Rosary Chapel)

7:00pm Latin Mass (McÈwan Ćampus-Church)

Wednesday, January 8th

6:00pm RCIA (McEwan Campus-Assumption Room)

Thursday, January 9th
3:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Hour (Rosary Chapel) 6:00pm Choir Practice (Assumption Church) 7:30pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Rosary Hall)

Friday, January 10th

SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)

3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)

Confessions (Rosary Chapel) 6:30pm

7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

<u>Saturday, January 11th</u> 9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)

3:45pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel) 5:00pm Mass (Assumption Church)

7:00pm All Are Welcome-AA Meeting (Rosary Hall)

Sunday, January 12th

9:00am Mass (Assumption Church) 11:00am Mass (Assumption Church)

11:00am L'il Saints Program (Rosary Chapel)

7:30pm Mass (Assumption Church)

7:30pm L'il Saints Program (Rosary Chapel)

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THANK YOU for your continued support!

#### Catholic Life Group-Monday, January 6th,2020 from 6:30pm-8:00pm in Rosary Hall.

This is a very informal conversation group that benefits from sharing the application of the Gospel to our everyday lives. It's a great way to gain support for living our faith in the modern culture. All adults are welcome!



#### **Bereavement Support Group**

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 7:00pm in Rosary Hall

Contact Marilyn Morrison Bereavement Minister for more information at 519-253-2761.



WINDSOR /ESSEX PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Heading in Procession down Ouellette Ave from St. Alphonsus Church

85 Park St. E.

Sunday, January 12th, 2020 3:00pm-4:00pm

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ALL ARE WELCOME...PLEASE JOIN US!

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 6th

†Reno Bertoia by Dennis Malette †Antonia Dominato by Dennis Malette

†Antonio Cervi by M. Crolla

Tuesday, January 7th
8:00am †Remo Incitti by his wife Lucy

†Bill Hunt by Dennis Malette †Betty Piché by Rhonda & Mark Blanchette

12:10pm †Marilyn Buchanan by Miranda Macri †Audrey Athavale by Kevin, Sally, & Kevin Jr. McQuaid For the Intentions of Heather by Kevin, Sally & Kevin Jr.

Wednesday, January 8th

8:00am For the Intentions of Joe & Pam Beneteau by Rhonda &

Mark Blanchette

For the Intentions of Sherri & Kevin Peltier by Rhonda & Mark Blanchette

For the Intentions of Marion & Kerri Blanchette by Rhonda

& Mark Blanchette

Thursday, January 9th 8:00am For the Intentions of Ed & Claire Blanchette by Rhonda & Mark Blanchette

For the Intentions of Sheila Johnston by Rhonda & Mark

Blanchette

For the Intentions of Linda & Greg Christy by Rhonda &

Mark Blanchette

12:10pm

Friday, January 10th

8:00am For the Intentions of Anastasia LaBelle by her dad Dan Lamotte

For the Intentions of Josie Carbone by Rhonda & Mark Blanchette For the Intentions of Pat Marino by Rhonda & Mark

Blanchette

<u>Saturday, January 11th—Assumption Church</u> 5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sunday, January 12th—Assumption Church

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners 11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners 7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

## **Sanctuary Light Memorial**

#### For the week of January 5th-Rosary Chapel

†Lina Mucciaccio by her mother-in-law Ruffina

**Assumption Church** 

For the Intentions of Daniel & Nicole by their Mom



To schedule a Daily Mass Intention or The Weekly Sanctuary Light Memorial



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- Call the office: 519-253-2493
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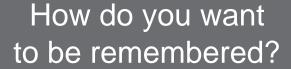
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