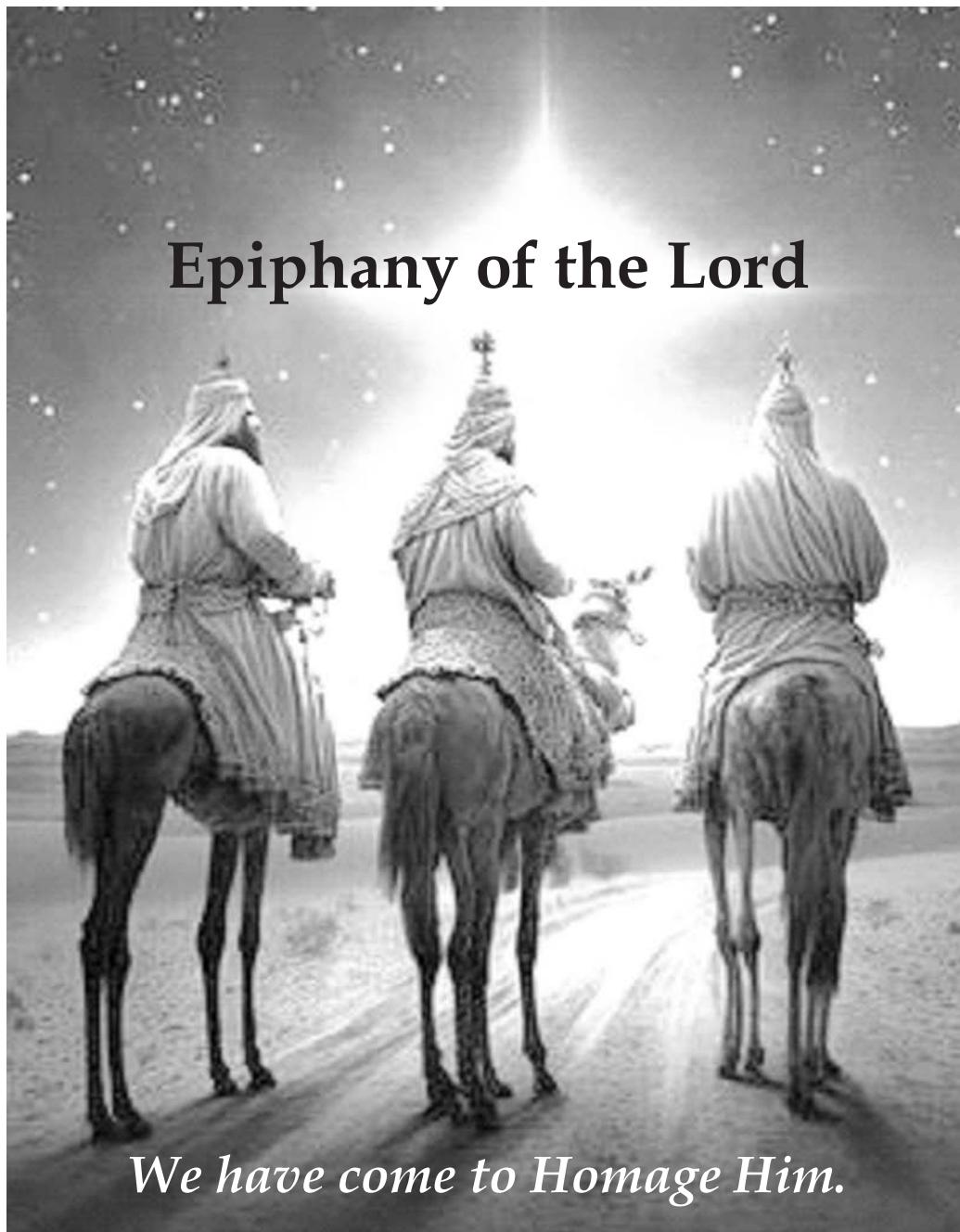


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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Date	Time	Holy Mass	Parish Meetings
SUNDAY, January 4 Epiphany	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sunday Eucharist - (I) Holy Cross Parish <b>(ON LINE at 6:00 a.m.)</b>	
MONDAY, January 5	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) In thanksgiving for the support of the GFORCe3 Concert	
TUESDAY, January 6	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	7:00 p.m.	Daily Mass † Art Harris	
WEDNESDAY, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass (I) Juliette Jose	
Thursday, January 8	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Peter Glynn	
FRIDAY, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Murray Morrison † Brendan Rossiter † Cipras & Ann Matelis (I) Fr. Dave (I) Personal Intentions	
SATURDAY, January 10	9:00 a.m.	Daily Mass † Marko & Barbara Babic & deceased family members	
	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)	
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass - the Baptism of the Lord <i>Offered for the Intentions of the Deceased Faithful:</i> Stella Stone; Aurelio & Boleslaw Wegryz; Robert Gerald File; Stanislaw & Andrew Pych; Reta McGuinness; Aileen Connell; Robert O'Gorman. Intentions of Claire Warnock.	This week's Sanctuary Lamp is for the intentions of the McGuinness Family.

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the nations. In the visit of the Magi, guided by a star, we see that Jesus comes not only for Israel but for all people. The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh proclaim who He is: King, God, and Savior who will give His life for us. As we celebrate this feast, we are invited to follow the light of Christ in our own lives and, like the Magi, to offer Him the gift of our hearts and to share His light with the world.

the mystery of Christ's birth with reverence and joy. May God reward your generosity abundantly, and may the light of Christ remain in your hearts throughout the year!

### **Thank You for the Gifts!**

On behalf of Fr. Dave, Fr. Will and the staff at Holy Cross parish, a sincere thank you to everyone that dropped off cards and gifts for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

### **Adult Faith Study Resumes this Week**

A reminder to all participants in the Foundations of Faith Catechism Study: we resume our weekly sessions this Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

### **Quote of the Week**

"Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to His love, and the future to His providence." — *St. Augustine*

### **Sunday Smile**

I tried watching one of those virtual fireplace videos on Netflix, but it didn't work. I think I forgot to put the login.

### **Thank You, Christmas Volunteers!**

Our sincere gratitude to all who generously shared their time and talents to make our Christmas liturgies prayerful and beautiful. From liturgical ministers and musicians to decorators, ushers, altar servers, and those working quietly behind the scenes—your service helped our parish celebrate

### **Toonies for Turkeys**

**WOW!** This year's *Toonies for Turkeys* weekend collection for the Georgetown Food Basket exceeded all expectations, raising **\$2,382.60**. In keeping with our past practice, the Knights of Columbus will round the total to an even amount, **\$2,500.00** and present a cheque on behalf of Holy Cross Parish to the Food Basket this week. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to help make this year's campaign such a great success.

### **Sunday (Novalis) Missals**

2026 Sunday Missals will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. The Knights of Columbus sell the Missals for \$5 each. The Sunday Missal is useful for reflecting on the Scripture readings before Mass. Your 2025 Missals can be left with the Knights for disposal.

### **Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026**

Boxed sets of 2026 envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you are not currently an envelope user and would like to start please contact the parish office. Also, *pre-authorized giving* forms for 2026 are available in the Narthex - please return them promptly. If you would like to learn more about this way of supporting the parish please contact the office.

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

You may wish to donate the Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a deceased loved one. Contact the parish office for further details.

### **Rosary Repairs**

Do you have a broken rosary lying around that you're not sure what to do with? Well, there's good news! We have a parishioner that has the skills and tools to repair rosaries, and is more than happy to do so for you! There is a box in the narthex titled 'Rosary Repairs' – simply take an envelope from the box to insert the broken rosary, write your name and contact information on it and we will let you know when it's fixed and ready to pick up.

### **Hospital Stays**

For your information - Due to privacy laws, the hospital does not provide us with a list of Catholic patients as was the practice in the past, even if you give them information about your religious affiliation when admitted. This is just a reminder that if you find yourself or a loved one in the hospital and wish to have a visit from Father, please contact the office so we don't miss you! If it is an emergency, ask a nurse to contact the on-call priest.

### **NEW! Saturday Good Shepherd Atrium**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (also known as "the Atrium") is a parish-based ministry at Holy Cross Parish. It is open to all children between the ages of 3 – 13, offering them a unique opportunity for faith development. This program, founded in Rome, is a soundly traditional method of allowing children to enter more fully into the mystery of God using the principles of Montessori education. The sessions provide presentations, materials and a sacred space where the children can grow in their personal relationship with God, as it is first proclaimed to them through Jesus, the Good Shepherd. ***he next session is Sat, Jan 17 from 9:00-10:30am. For more information, please contact the parish office.***

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

#### **Making Healthy Lifestyle Choices**

According to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, 8 in 10 cases of premature heart disease and stroke are preventable through healthy lifestyle behaviours. **Eat well:** Discover how heart-healthy food choices, whether eating at home or dining out, can help lower your risk. **Get moving:** Explore the benefits of regular activity and find simple ways to add more movement to your day. **Maintain a healthy weight:** Understand the basic principles of a healthy weight and waistline — and why they matter. **Stop smoking:** Smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke increase your risk of developing heart disease and stroke. **Manage stress:** Learn to recognize the sources of stress in your life so you can address them effectively. The HeartSmart Kids Library ([www.hskids.ca/hsk-library/](http://www.hskids.ca/hsk-library/)) has free access to over 200 activities designed to educate students and families about heart and brain health. For more information, visit [www.heartandstroke.ca/healthy-living](http://www.heartandstroke.ca/healthy-living), <https://food-guide.canada.ca>, or [www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Public-Health](http://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Public-Health).

### **Healthcare Services through one number 1-844-806-3093**

The Connected Care Halton Ontario Health Team Navigation Line connects community members directly to the right health, social, and community supports, all through one number. It offers a simplified, human-centered way to navigate services that can otherwise feel overwhelming. People can call for support with palliative care, mental health and addictions, senior services, caregiver support, disability services, cold/flu/COVID questions, and more. Callers are guided to the most appropriate next step, whether that's a warm transfer to the right support line, a health or social service program, or a community resource. This Navigation Line was created to reduce barriers, enhance patient experience, and ensure timely access to the right care when it matters most.

### **Health Questions or Clinical Advice – call 811**

Health811 is a free, confidential, 24/7 provincial service offering quick access to health advice from registered nurses, evidence-based health information, and referrals to community services. Residents can use Health811 to:

1. Speak with a nurse any time of day for non-emergency guidance
2. Get help determining whether to visit a doctor, urgent care, or emergency department
3. Access multilingual support
4. Learn about symptoms, medications, chronic conditions, mental health concerns, and more
5. Find local health and community resources

Health811 is particularly useful outside regular clinic hours and helps reduce unnecessary emergency department visits. You can call 811 or visit [www.health811.ontario.ca](http://www.health811.ontario.ca)

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