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**Sunday, January 5th, 2020**



Sat. Jan 4	9-10am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
	4-4:45pm	<b>Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b>
		✠ Noel Nadeau (Bill & Mary Podolyak)
Sun. Jan 5	9:30am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
		✠ Marion Mullin (Teresa Walters)
Mon. Jan 6	9:30am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
	7-8pm	Missa Pro Populo
		✠ Joseph "Joe" Guitar (Racz Family)
Tues. Jan 7	9:30am	<b>Holy Hour &amp; Confessions</b>
		✠ Maria Zaraza (Dayna Young)
Wed. Jan 8	9:30am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
		✠ Allan & Anne Primose (Teresa Walters)
		✠ Daniel & Cecilia Leo (John & Diane Szydowski)
Thurs. Jan 9	9:30am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
		✠ Bert Culligan (Racz Family)
Fri. Jan 10	9:30am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
		✠ Mary Whalen (Teresa Walters)
Sat. Jan 11	9-10am	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
	4-4:45pm	<b>Confessions</b>
	5:00pm	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confessions</b>
Sun. Jan 12	9:30am	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>
	11:00am	Missa Pro Populo
		✠ Michael McLaughlin (Liliana Haynes)
		✠ Special Intention (Patti & Cyril Simek)
		✠ John & Francis Blazic (Teresa Blazic)

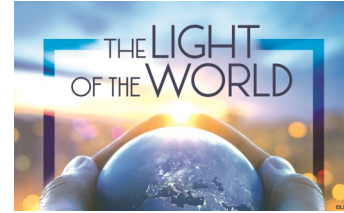
**Confessions from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses.**

<b>Offertory December 21st &amp; 22nd, 2019</b>	
72 Envelopes	\$2,680.00
Loose Collection	\$ 95.15
Total Offertory	\$2,775.15

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honour today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a silent retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.



**Cathedral Appeal Update**  
 It's a new year and the exciting restoration of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria continues in preparation for its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this November! As the first Catholic Church in St. Catharines, it was built to meet the spiritual needs of the Irish labourers who built the first Welland Canal which was opened in 1829. Well, it is now 2020, and this place of worship continues to meet the spiritual needs of many as the mother church of our great diocese. Play your part in this historic event – as we restore, revitalize, renew, and rejuvenate our Cathedral! Visit us on the web at [www.saintcd.com/appeal](http://www.saintcd.com/appeal) or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to make your donation. Thank you and may God bless you!

<b>Offertory December 24th &amp; 25th, 2019</b>	
82 Envelopes	\$4,910.00
Loose Collection	\$ 483.00
Total Offertory	\$5,393.00

<b>Offertory December 28th &amp; 29th, 2019</b>	
63 Envelopes	\$1,895.00
Loose Collection	\$ 45.70
Total Offertory	\$1,940.70
Christmas	\$ 228.00

<b>Offertory December 31st, 2019 &amp; January 1st, 2020</b>	
45 Envelopes	\$1,345.00
Loose Collection	\$ 35.00
Total Offertory	\$1,380.00
Initial Offering	\$ 231.00

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS: Penances and Prayers**

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight under the rafters of a barn: Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay, And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.\* When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet. While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries Come after with our penances and prayers, And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay Beside the wise men's golden jars.\* \*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton



**Epiphany Prayer:**  
 Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of mankind; to whom be glory for ever.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of January:** *We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world. (Apostleship of Prayer)*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020**  
**Unusual kindness**

Bishop Bergie will preside at the liturgy for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** on Sunday, January 19, 2020, 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria in St. Catharines. This year's theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Malta. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need.

**On January 6, 2020 confessions will begin at St. Denis Parish from 8-9pm, Monday to Friday.** These confession times will continue throughout the entire year. A confessional has been built for this purpose in the meeting room close to the St. Denis adoration chapel. The entrance is off of Carlton Street and there is parking in the Church parking lot. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to come have your sins forgiven. *Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds and there is room for more - St. Joseph Cafasso*

**Parish Calendar**

<b>January 2020.....</b>	
<b>Jan 9th.....</b>	Bingo resumes
<b>Jan 15th.....</b>	St. Ann School Mass 9:30am
<b>Jan 15th.....</b>	Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm.
<b>Jan. 15th.....</b>	Finance meeting 6:30pm
<b>Jan 18-25.....</b>	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**2020 Offertory Envelopes: FOR THE YEAR 2020, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.**

Some numbers are re-assigned every year and if you use old envelopes someone else may get credit for your contribution. **It is best to destroy all old envelopes.** A reminder that if you forget your envelope at home, there are visitor envelopes at the church entrance you can use - don't forget to include your name and address on them.

- If you are making up for a missed week, **it is not necessary** to use more than one envelope. Use the envelope for the week you are attending.
- It is always helpful for us if you mark the amount of your donation on the envelope, however this is not required.
- If you are using a lot of coins for your contribution, we suggest that you tape the envelope well as loose change falls out easily.
- For any donations by cheque, please make payable to St. Ann Parish, **including all special collections. Take extra care with the date for the new year.**
- PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOUR ADDRESS OR OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED.**

If you do not use envelopes but would like to, contact the office and we will prepare a box for you.

**ST. ANN WEEKLY BINGO**

**Bingo resumes on Thursday, January 9th, 7pm.** This parish fundraiser provides us with extra funds to pay for elevator inspections/repairs, fire inspections, church enhancement projects (small and large projects over the years). It is run weekly by a dedicated group of volunteers and attended by parishioners and members of our community. Thank you to all who have worked hard to ensure this fundraiser remains a part of our community and to those who continue to support it. All are welcome to attend.

**YOUTH MINISTRY: for grades 5-12, Wed. evenings 6:30-8:30pm, will resume January 15th, 2020. Registration form is on our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry>.** If you would like to volunteer to assist with activities on Wednesday evenings, check out our website <http://stannfenwick.wixsite.com/youthministry> or email the parish.

"Equipping young Catholics to share the truth through word, deeds, and actions, so that their lives are forever purpose-driven and centred on Christ, inviting others to do the same."

We welcome back Genevieve Broadley to co-ordinate this ministry in our parish. Gen has been on maternity leave for the past year and we look forward to her return.

As we begin a new year, you may want to consider volunteering for one of the many ministries/groups in our parish. Visit our website: [www.stannfenwick.com](http://www.stannfenwick.com) for information or phone the parish office.



