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Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise
Still Seek Him.**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST | JAN 4TH, 2026 | ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK!

† = For the soul of. * = Multiple Intentions can be booked

Saturday, Jan 3rd – Most Holy Name of Jesus

*8:30am - † Antonio Polera, by Mary Viglione
- Thanksgiving for Clara Noel-Bellerive on her birthday, by family
- † Sue Reinholtz, by Molema family
5:30pm - Birthday of Anne-Clara Noel-Bellerive, by Anne-Clara N.

Sunday, Jan 4th – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 am - † Gertrude Morgan, by Alma & family
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass)
11 am - For the People of the Parish
12:30pm - † Pedro Riotoc, by Alon family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

Monday, Jan 5th – St. John Neumann

8 am - † Jack Draguzet, by family
7 pm - (Open Intention)

Tuesday, Jan 6th – St. Andre Bessete

8 am - (Open Intention)
7 pm - For Georgina's successful exams, by Juliana

Wednesday, Jan 7th – St. Raymond of Peñafort

8 am - † Eufemia Espiritu, by daughters
7pm - Prayers for family & for the health of Lyla, by Namroud M. Odisho

Thursday, Jan 8th

8 am - (Open Intention)
7 pm - † Giuseppe Siciliano, by family

Friday, Jan 9th

*8 am - (Open Intention)
7 pm - † Giovanna D'Arolfi, by family

Saturday, Jan 10th

*8:30am - In thanksgiving for 10th anniversary of Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel, by members of VM of MC community
- † Leelamma Mathew, by Jacob & Anita
5:30pm - † Michele & Giovanna Di Lillo, by family

Sunday, Jan 11th – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 am - † Pina D'Amico, by Rosa
9:30 am - (Ita.Mass) † Valerio Sassi, by Fiorina & Giovanni Pallone
11 am - For the People of the Parish
12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family
2 pm - (Twi Ghana)
5:30 pm - (Span.Mass)

On Friday & Saturday Mornings is our Multiple Mass Intention days; please be most welcomed to book a Mass Intention on the Open Intention days



The Year is here and you forgot something...

Sunday Missals are almost gone, to purchase, please visit the Parish Office during office hours or after Sunday Masses. Our current price set per missal is \$8.



Happy New Years!

Thank you for your support of our Parish, memories made, food shared and events attended, we couldn't do it without you and look forward to seeing you this year for more joyful times together.

The 'Need to Knows' for our Parish on January 4th, 2025.

Envelopes for this year are here!

For those who had registered for envelopes for 2026, you can now find them in the back of the Parish numbered and a list organized by last name. If you do not have a registered envelope (even if you didn't sign up and would like one), please call the Parish Office during Office Hours.

What is going on in January for Parish Resources?

Please be advised that parish office services will be limited throughout the month of January due to the availability of the parish priests. In addition, all group and ministry meetings, as well as choir practices, should be booked until February. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Thank you.

If I donate for 2025 in 2026, will it count towards 2026?

We would like to remind you that donations received after December 31 will not be reflected in your 2025 contributions. Any donations received after this date will be credited to the current calendar year. We sincerely appreciate your continued support and commitment to our parish community. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness throughout the year.



Do you have the blues?

By the blues, we mean the blue 'St. Andrews Building Fund' envelopes that are available in the foyer and the side entrances. Your contribution goes to be able to cover our various expenses that keeps our Parish, warm, secure and most importantly, holy. If you look up, not too high, just to our roof, we are collecting donations to make the roof more secure and safe for all. Thank you.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for this month is...

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.



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops President, Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault has wrote our Prime Minister, Mark Carney in opposition to Bill C-9 which would affect the religious-text defence from the Criminal Code. Cardinal Leo reaffirmed this. You may find the letter on cccb.ca. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Let us pray the Jubilee Prayer, a final time...

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.



The Reflection for the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus.

All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (mycatholic.life)

Order of Mass (When to Sit, Stand, Kneel)

Introductory Rites

- Stand for Procession and Opening Prayers
- Sit after the Collect (Priest praying after Gloria)

Liturgy of the Word

- Sit for Readings
- Stand for Gospel
- Sit for Homily
- Stand for Creed and Prayers of the Faithful
- Sit until Prayer over the Offerings

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Stand for Presentation of Gifts and Prayer over the Offerings
- Kneel after the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
- Stand for Our Father and Sign of Peace
- Kneel after Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Concluding Rites

- Stand for Final Blessing and Dismissal

Epiphany House Blessing 2026: The Epiphany blessing of homes is a centuries-old Catholic tradition. If a priest is not available, the head of the household may invoke the blessing and, using a piece of blessed chalk, write a special inscription above the home's entrance. The inscription for this year is **20 + C + M + B + 26**. The letters C, M, and B have two meanings: they are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—and they also stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*, meaning "May Christ bless this house." The plus signs represent the cross, and 2026 is the current year, marking the Christmas–Epiphany season.

Welcome to the Young Adult Corner of the Bulletin (1.04)

Daily habits to help you grow in faith is the Morning Offering prayer, Spiritual Reading, the Rosary, Daily Mass, Mental Prayer, the Angelus prayer and Examination of Conscience.

Did you know that the 'Big Bang' Theory was devised by a Catholic priest? His name is Msgr. George Lemaitre.

Did you know that Pope Pius IX was the first Pontiff to be photographed while Pope?

The oldest prayer for the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the "Sub Tuum Praesidium" which dates from circa AD 250.

Familiar with the term "Devil's Advocate"? Before the 1983 reformation of this position, this was a historical office in the canonization process (of a saint), tasked with arguing against making someone a saint by scrutinizing their life and miracles for flaws, now it is more of a trial basis.

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