## St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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Epiphany of the Lord January 4<sup>th</sup> & January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth". The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say.



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<b>8</b>	Marriage: Please contact the Pastor.			
	<b>Confessions</b> : They are heard before Mass upon request. The Pastor is also available to hear you every Saturday from 14:30-15:30.			

Ministers and servers	Saturday January 4 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday January 5 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Saturday January 11 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday January 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00
READERS	Steven Neatt	John Haberlin	Steve Kack	Pierre Gagnon
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER		Patrick McKenna		Bibiane Lessard
SERVERS	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family
USHERS	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
OFFERTORY COLLECTION	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers Needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed



The Christmas collection was \$2511.00. The collection total for the weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup> and December 29<sup>th</sup>, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$942.30. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	January 4 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	Epiphany of the Lord		
Sunday	January 5 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	Epiphany of the Lord	O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	January 6 <sup>th</sup> (11h30)		Lucille Hudon	Barbara Fleury
Tuesday	January 7 <sup>th</sup> (11h30)		For Peace in the world	Baulé family
Wednesday	January 8 <sup>th</sup> (11h30)			
Thursday	January 9 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 10 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Pro Populo	
Saturday	January 11 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	Baptism of the Lord	Clorinde Lemieux Desjardins (1 <sup>st</sup> A.)	
Sunday	January 12 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	Baptism of the Lord	Gilles Gagné	Diane Pleasance



We have the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Saturday Mass. Between 14:30 and 15:30, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Father Lussier will be available to hear **Confessions** or for private consultations. **Confessions** are also heard before each Mass upon request. Our families and our Congregation are in great need of prayer; please come and join our Pastor for Adoration.





Father Lussier and Richard would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped for Advent and Christmas preparation and celebrations.



On December 28<sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Paraschiv-Quarteros was baptized at our church. He is the son of Alexandru Paraschiv-Dobriceanu and Alvara Quarteros..

«The went into the house and when they saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt and worshipped him»

Today, the prophet Isaiah encourages us: «Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of Yahweh rises upon you» (Is 60:1). The light the prophet has seen is the star which the Three Wise Men see in the East, like many other men. The Magi discover its meaning. Others consider it as something admirable, but that does not affect them. And, so, they do not react. The Three Wise Men realize the fact that, with the star, God is sending them an important message for which it is worthwhile leaving comfort and safety to take on the risks of an uncertain journey: the hope of finding the King leads them to follow the star, which the prophets had spoken of and which the people of Israel had been waiting for centuries.

They arrive in Jerusalem, the capital city of the Jews. They are sure that there they will be shown where the King has been born. Indeed, they will be told: «In the town of Bethlehem in Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote» (Mt 2:5). The news of the arrival of the Magi and their inquiry spreads around Jerusalem in a very short time: Jerusalem was, at that time, a small city and the presence of the Magi with their escort must have been noticed by all its inhabitants, thus «when Herod heard this he was greatly disturbed and with him all Jerusalem» (Mt 2:3), the Gospel tells us.

Jesus Christ crosses the paths of the lives of many people who are not interested in Him. A little effort would have changed their lives; they would have found the King of Joy and Peace. This requires a willingness to look for Him, to move around, to ask without losing heart —like the Three Wise Men— to leave our comfort, our routine. It requires an effort to appreciate the immense value of finding Christ. If we do not find Him, we have not found anything in life, because only He is the Savior: finding Jesus is to find the Path that leads us to know the Truth that gives us Life. And without Him, nothing is worthwhile.



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