

**Baptism of the Lord**

We come today to the end of the Christmas season. And we have the third great 'epiphany' or showing of God in the human person of Jesus. Jesus is now an adult, probably about 30 years of age. We are brought to the banks of the River Jordan somewhere north of Jerusalem where John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus, is living out in the desert. The desert in some ways is a place where God can be found, although for Jesus it was also a place of trial and temptation.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. Many of the incidents, which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

**St. Teresa of Avila:**

Christ does not force our will. He takes only what we give Him. But He does not give himself entirely until He sees that we give ourselves entirely to Him.

**Vocations**

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious consecrated man or woman. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Prayer Network:**

For those not on the internet there is an envelope on the bulletin board at the main entrance marked 'PRAYER NETWORK'. Please take a copy of the prayer intentions inside this envelope and pray for fellow parishioners.

**Preparation for Communion and Confirmation**

**Sunday, January 13th** at 10:00 a.m. – Baptism of the Lord. We would like to invite all Communion and Confirmation candidates and their parents for a solemn renewal of their Baptismal promises.

**Friday, January 25th** at 7:00 p.m. - Meeting with parents of Confirmation candidates. Catechetical Session IV – "Confirmed in the Spirit".

**Offertory Procession**

Confirmation & Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Sundays:  
**January 13th** - 10 a.m. Josie Morwood & her family.  
**January 19th** - 10 a.m. Samuel Heimpel & his family.

**Mass Intentions**

January 14 - 20, 2019

**Tuesday, January 15: 8:00 p.m.**  
**+2018 Deceased Members of St. Teresa Parish - CWL**

**Wednesday, January 16: 8:30 a.m.**  
**NO MASS**

**Thursday, January 17: 8:30 a.m.**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday, January 18: 8:30 a.m.**  
**NO MASS**

**Saturday, January 19: 9:00 a.m.**  
**+Rokicki Family**

**Saturday, January 19: 5:00 p.m.**  
**+David Borth & Scott Weiler – Pat & Dan Weiler**

**Sunday, January 20: 10:00 a.m.**  
**Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish**

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018**

Monday, January 14 – Rev. Todd Arsenault  
Tuesday, January 15 – Rev. Pierre Caouette  
Wednesday, January 16 Consecrated Men and Women  
Thursday, January 17 – Rev. Thomas Flynn  
Friday, January 18 – Very Rev. John Van Hees  
Saturday, January 19 – Very Rev. Con O'Mahony  
Sunday, January 20 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Christmas Carol Concert – Sunday, January 13th**

at 10:00 a.m. Mass. Performed by Quo Vadis Choir & Camerata Ensemble Special Guest Karolina Podolak from St. Eugene de Mazonod Parish in Brampton. Maintain the spirit of Christmas as this choir shares a selection of Christmas Carols Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Catholic Family Radio Toronto. Refreshments and Fellowship in the Parish Hall following Mass.

**All Parishioners** – Please make sure that the parish office has your updated address information for the mailing of your 2018 tax receipt. If not, call Ann in the office at 519-743-4525.

We would like to thank all those who use envelopes and support our parish. This way you can take advantage of filing your contributions along with your personal income tax return.

**Stewardship Report**

<b>December 25, 2018</b>	
Christmas Offering.....	4,248.00
Loose.....	1,228.85
Sunday Envelopes.....	80.00
Building and Maintenance.....	20.00
Initial Offering.....	10.00

<b>December 30, 2018</b>	
Sunday Envelopes.....	2,053.00
Loose.....	406.80
Christmas Offering.....	290.00
Building and Maintenance.....	20.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	20.00
Initial Offering.....	25.00
Sue's Calorie Club – Hall Rental.....	80.00

**Prayer Meeting**

**BLD - GVO St. Teresa Prayer Community** invites you to join their Prayer Meetings every Friday [Healing Masses every First Friday of the month]. Prayer meetings begin with a Rosary at 7:15 pm followed by a charismatic form of prayer at 7:30 pm. This is a great time for us to quiet our minds and hearts, from the busyness of the week, and listen to the Lord, loving you, and talking to you. We pray for one another and for our personal intentions, we sing and we reflect on the readings for Sunday. Regular participation in prayer meetings can strengthen our faith, and help us to find serenity and joy even though facing challenges of daily life. Come and see what the Lord has in store for you! "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Mt 18:20

**C.W.L. Membership 2019!** Membership fee is \$25 and can be put in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. Use the special envelope in your envelope box or put in plain envelope marked CWL including your address etc. Any questions, please contact Mary Helen Stroeder at 519 570 4375.

**St. Teresa Twilight Retreat** -All parishioners are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 15th** with guest speaker Father Michael King, Hamilton Diocesan Vocations Director and his topic will be "His Vocation Journey". Retreat starts with Rosary at 5:00 p.m., then Father King will speak from 5:15 – 5:50 p.m. Roast beef dinner at 6:00 p.m. in parish hall. Father King will speak again from 7:00 – 7:50 p.m., Mass at 8:00 p.m. Mass for all 2018 deceased members of St. Teresa Parish. Tickets will be sold after Mass on January 13<sup>th</sup> or call Pat at 519-885-9593.

**Pasta Dinner Fundraiser Planning Meeting**

Please join the St. Teresa School Playground Committee for a planning meeting on **Tuesday, January 22nd** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This fundraiser will be a joint parish/school event, with proceeds being shared. The Pasta Dinner has been scheduled for Sunday, March 31st.

**Theology on Tap** will be hosting our 3rd event of the season, on **Tuesday, January 15th** from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living Life in a Throw Away Culture". Free finger food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at [Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com](mailto:Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com).

**Faith Enrichment** at St. Louis Church in Waterloo on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. till 9 p.m. – Frances Hogan's Gospel of Luke – starting on **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. It is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel which we hear on Sundays during 2019. No cost. Bring your Bible. Large Hall (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo). Enter via side elevator.

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. till 2:30 p.m. – Lectio: Mark: Faith not Fear series led by Dr. Tim Gray, starting on **January 17th** – Do you follow Jesus 'on the way'? Is the Gospel of Mark only a "condensed" version of the life of Christ? What does it have to offer us that the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John do not? Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful fourteen-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. No cost for the course. Workbook \$25. (53 Allen St. E, Waterloo). Enter via side elevator. For more information call 519-743-4101.

**World Religion Day 2019**

A Prelude to the United Nation's World Inter Faith Harmony Week in February. Discussion about the Role of Religion in Humanity's Future on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5 p.m., Silence Music Hall, 46 Essex St., Guelph. Free Admission and Refreshments. To ensure seating or for information, e-mail: [WRDGuelph@gmail.com](mailto:WRDGuelph@gmail.com)

**Euchre Results**

Next game night will be **Friday, January 25, 2019**.

**Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, January 19, 2019** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.