

Epiphany of the Lord

We celebrate today the second of four great manifestations of God in our midst. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and it means a 'showing' or 'manifestation'. We call today's feast the Epiphany of our Lord. The first of these four manifestations we already celebrated on December 25, when God revealed, manifested himself to us in the form of a helpless, newly-born infant. He is presented as born homeless and in poverty and surrounded by the poor and outcasts (that is what the shepherds represented).

In today's feast, we see the same recently born baby in similar circumstances but the material and social surroundings are hardly touched on. The emphasis here, as we shall see, is different. Here are strangers, foreigners, total outsiders coming to give royal homage to this tiny child. Who were these "wise men" and where did they come from? In the Greek text they are called magoi (magoi) which is usually rendered in English as "Magi". We are not told what their names were or how many of them there were. Tradition settled on three, presumably because there were three kinds of gifts. And they were also given names – Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. We are told, too, that they came "from the east". This could be Persia, East Syria or Arabia – or indeed any distant place. **We might ask ourselves, what are the stars in my life?** The wise men saw the star and followed it. The people in Jerusalem did not. How and to what is God calling me at this time? **Where does he want me to find him, to serve and follow him?**

An Epiphany House Blessing 2019

During our liturgy the chalk will be blessed. Using the blessed chalk write above the home's entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 19**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

St. Teresa of Avila:

Let us live in such a way as not to be afraid to die.

Nocturnal Adoration is held every first Saturday of the month from 9 - 10 p.m. here at St. Teresa Parish. Please join us and spread the word.

2019 Contribution Envelopes will be at the back of the church this weekend (know your Envelope #, they will be in numerical order).

Vocations

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? 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

Offertory Procession

Confirmation & Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Sundays: January 6th - 10 a.m. Rowan Warner & his family. January 13th - 10 a.m. Josie Morwood & her family. January 19th - 10 a.m. Samuel Heimpel & his family.

Preparation for Communion and Confirmation

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.

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

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.

Thank You to all Volunteers

We are so thankful to all the volunteers who helped prepare our church for the Christmas Season. There were tree decorators, nativity setup, cleaning, flowers set up beautifully all around the church and many more small things that we take for granted. Your dedication and efforts are much appreciated.

CWL 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 7:00 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 or call Pat at 519-885-9593.

Mass Intentions

January 7 – 13, 2019

Tuesday, January 8: 7:00 p.m.

+**Jerome Bastian & Leander Grubb** – *Helen Bastian & Family*

Wednesday, January 9: 8:30 a.m.

+**Ed Forwell** – *Joan Airdrie*

Thursday, January 10: 8:30 a.m.

Intention of Christopher Zderski – *Mom Christina*

Friday, January 11: 8:30 a.m.

Intention of Rokicki Family – Rokicki Family

Friday, January 11: 9:45 a.m.

School Mass

Saturday, January 12: 9:00 a.m.

Intention of Rokicki Family – *Rokicki Family*

Saturday, January 12: 5:00 p.m.

+**Brad Voisin & Lea Bender** – *Pat & Dan Weiler*

Sunday, January 13: 10:00 a.m.

Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2018

Monday, January 7 – Rev. Stipe Renic

Tuesday, January 8 – Rev. Peter Watters

Wednesday, January 9 - Felician Franciscan Sisters

Thursday, January 10 – Rev. Ilija Petkovic

Friday, January 11 – Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic

Saturday, January 12 – Rev. Michael Vanderbeek

Sunday, January 13 – Baptism of Our Lord

Stewardship Report**December 23, 2018**

Sunday Envelopes.....	2,214.00
Loose.....	191.60
Christmas Offering.....	575.00
Parish Christmas Party.....	364.25
Vigil Lights.....	151.25
Bingo Donation.....	4,520.00
Estate Donation.....	5,000.00
Funeral - Forwell.....	150.00

Christmas Carol Concert

Quo Vadis Choir & Bend from Brampton will join us for 10:00 a.m. Mass on **January 13, 2019**. Following the Eucharist they will perform a few Christmas carols helping us to maintain the spirit of Christmas and honoring 25th anniversary of Catholic Family Radio.

Catholic Women's League Warmth and Comfort Project - we have collected well over 500 pairs of warm socks for men, women and children (previous number of 3000 should have been 300). Socks will be distributed to the Working Centre, St. John's Soup Kitchen and the school. Thank you for your fantastic response!

St. David Catholic Secondary School - Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Night

Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2019 are invited on **Thursday, January 10, 2019** from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.

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.

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 14th**. 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.

Euchre Results

High Score - Lucy Hart

Most Lone Hands - Lucy Baker & Chris Hennebry

Low Score - Charlotte Wilson

1st Draw - Erma Williams / 2nd Draw - Judy Preston

Next game night will be **Friday, January 11, 2019**.

Bingo

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