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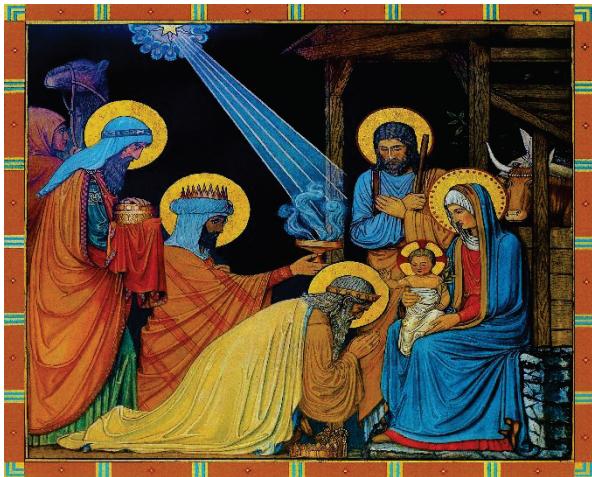
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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate another great feast of the Christmas season, the Epiphany or manifestation of the newborn Saviour to the wise men of the East who are representative of all the Gentile nations for whom the Son of God also became incarnate. Christ is revealed as the Light for all people. Do we bring the Light of Christ to others as we should? The Person and mission of Christ were further manifested at His baptism and by His first miracle at Cana.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Next Sunday, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord continues the Epiphany theme of manifestation. At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus is manifested as the Son of God and Saviour by signs and wonders at the Jordan. As the heavens open, the Spirit is seen in the form of a dove descending upon Him and the Father's voice is heard "You are my Son, the beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Lk 3:22). Although Jesus who is sinless has no need of sacramental baptism, He leads the way for His people through the waters of life made holy by the One who is baptized. The immersion in water and coming up again is a sign of the Paschal Mystery of the dying and rising again of Christ by which we are saved. Baptism is, therefore, symbolic of our dying and rising in Christ. The Feast of the Lord's Baptism bring the Christmas season to a close and Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 12.



THE DATE OF EASTER

In former times, when calendars were not available and most people could neither read nor write, the date of Easter was solemnly proclaimed at Mass on Epiphany. It was necessary to announce the date of Easter at the beginning of the year because many other liturgical celebrations depend on its date. Easter is the Christian Passover, celebrating our liberation from sin through the Paschal Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is observed in the spring around the same time as the Jewish Passover which celebrates Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Since the fourth century, the Church has celebrated the Lord's Pasch on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring. Thus the date of Easter varies from year to year falling between March 22 and April 25. Although the dates of Easter and other feasts are now calculated and accessible years in advance, the traditional Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are commemorated each year.

The following is the Proclamation for 2026:

Know, dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the seventeenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-fourth day of May, the feast of Pentecost. On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

C.W.L CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who supported them by purchasing Raffle Tickets for their Christmas Draw. Also, special thanks to Connie Gomes for her donation of the Coffee Machine.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Prize: \$500.00 ~ Steve Dugas
- 2nd Prize: \$200.00 ~ Elaine Atwood
- 3rd Prize: Coffee Machine ~ Adelia Doron

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2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We still have a number of Offertory Envelopes that have not been picked up yet. Maybe you haven't had a chance, or people have moved and not informed us ~ if you have not had a chance to pick up your 2026 Offertory Envelopes yet, please do so as soon as possible.

A GENTLE REMINDER

While we are on the subject of Offertory Envelopes we have been asked by the "Counters" if we would mention the following:

- (1) Please do not use tape or staples on your Offertory Envelopes
- (2) Also, please write clearly the amount of your donation on the envelope ~ to spare the counters the chore and because Jean, our secretary, records your donation from information on empty envelopes.

These things will make counting go smoothly and ensure that accurate amounts are recorded for Income Tax purposes. Thank you for your continued generosity and understanding.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday 5 January
9:00 a.m. Special Intention *

Tuesday 6 January
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7 January
Saint Andre Bessette, religious
7:00 p.m. Special Intention *

Thursday 8 January
9:00 a.m.

Friday 9 January
Friday is a day of Penitential observance
9:00 a.m.

Saturday 10 January
10:00 a.m. Repose of Filomena Rodrigues
Req. by Anthony Rodrigues & Family
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
5:00 p.m. Repose of Christine Diane Martin
Req. by Marie Belanger

Sunday 11 January
10:00 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon Repose of Filomena Rodrigues
Req. by Anthony Rodrigues & Family

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY
Parishioners are invited to keep the Holy Father's intention in their prayers

Let us pray that 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.





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