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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Year "A" Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6;

Matthew 2.1-12

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (MALACHI 3.1; 1 CHRONICLES 29.12)

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.



MAKING CHRIST MANIFEST TO ALL THE WORLD

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to manifest" or "to make known." This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." The USCCB also says that the "practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

Summary: On this feast day we celebrate the visit of the foreign Magi which represents all the nations coming to know Christ. Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. We cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must use our God-given time and talents to go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections: from the Office of Formation for Discipleship Parish Vitality & Stewardship



P.A.M. (PROVIDE- A- MEAL): The next casserole pick-up date is this Tuesday, January 7th from 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

If you are unable to come during this time you may drop the casserole on Wednesday, January 8th from 8 am to 9 am.

THOSE WHO ARE GENEROUS ARE BLESSED, FOR THEY SHARE THEIR BREAD WITH THE POOR. PROVERBS 22.9



There will be a second collection for the building fund **on January 11/12.**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

EDGE NIGHT: Friday January 10th
from 7 pm-9 pm.



LIFE TEEN: Sunday, January 12th
from 2 pm-4 pm.



YOUNG ADULT: ALPHA
Saturday January 11th
from 6:15 pm-9 pm



WARM WELCOME to all those who are visiting our parish for the first time and also to our faith family. We are honoured by your presence.

If you would like to become a parishioner here, kindly fill out the registration form which you will find at the back of church & drop off the filled up form at the parish office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

JANUARY 18-25, 2020

The theme is "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2). Welcoming strangers - whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees - is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love. We should extend the same kindness to people in need that St. Paul encountered in Malta. *In our parish, we will have a special prayer for Christian Unity recited after the Mass during the week.*

REGISTER FOR GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION

You are invited to enrol your child in a French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board. Online registration take place from December 9, 2019 to January 17, 2020. Students entering Grade 1 in September 2020 are eligible to register.

Visit dcdb.ca and click on the French Immersion banner to register. Opening Doors to Opportunities!



FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION RECONCILIATION CATECHESIS MEETING



All parents/guardians and Confirmation Candidates are required to attend one of these meetings:

Either Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.

Or Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the Church



The envelopes for 2020 are still available in the parish hall. If you do not see your name please contact the office. Please check that your name and address are correct & please discard envelopes from past years.

HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thank you everyone for your support, both in alerting us to family members and friends in need of the special touch of a prayer shawl or lap-throw, and for the financial support that helps us purchase supplies. Since our inception in March 2019, we have donated 91 Prayer Shawls, 65 lap-throws, 26 stoles and 6 baby blankets to those in sorrow, sickness or birth. Thank you all for your generosity.

Through that generosity and the talents of the Ministers, both those at the bi-monthly meetings and those who make them at home, Holy Redeemer donated 17 Prayer Shawls and 38 Lap-Throws to the residents of Abbeylawn Retirement Residence (see their ad on the back of the bulletin) as the first of an annual "Christmas gift-giving" to a group in our parish. Wishing our parish family health and happiness in this New Year.

Photo of some PSM members and the gifts to Abbeylawn in December.



MOVEMBER FINAL NUMBERS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who made donations to Movember - sponsoring our KOC Parish team HRKOC11729. This year our team was able to have obtained donations totalling \$3885 and the team member with the highest total was Marshal Otto with a donations total of \$2190. Men everywhere will benefit from these donations. We look forward to the campaign in 2020 and invite others to join our team.

MINISTRY WITH MATURING ADULTS 50 +

St Bernadette's Parish, 21 Bayly Street, Ajax
 Guest Speaker: Fr. Keith Wallace
 Topic: Loneliness – a biblical personal response.
 Loneliness in Life
 Loneliness in the Faith
 Loneliness from God
 No need to register.
 Tuesday January 21 @ 10:00 – 12:00 luncheon

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 4th

5 p.m. + ANGELO LICITRA

Sunday, January 5th

9 a.m. + MARY LEWIS

11 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

5 p.m. + ANITA CABALLERO

Monday, January 6th

8:30 a.m. + MARGARET GALANTE

Tuesday, January 7th

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30 a.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

Wednesday, January 8th

7:30 p.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

Thursday, January 9th

8:30 a.m. INT. UNANNOUNCED

Friday, January 10th

8:30 a.m. + VINCENT FERNANDEZ

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 11th

5 p.m. + FR. BUD QUESNELLE

Sunday, January 12th

9 a.m. + ROGERIO GALANTE

11 a.m. MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

5 p.m. + PEDRO GOROSPE

Mass bookings are being taken from February to July 2020 at the parish office

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

Are you away on summer holidays?

Are you away on weekend for out of town celebrations?

Are you one not to have cash money on hand for offering?

Perhaps PAG (Pre Authorized Giving) is for you !

There are presently 57 parishioners on PAG

If you would rather make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form. This is available at the back of the Church and in the parish office. *Please note you still need envelopes for the other Special Collections.*

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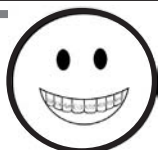


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