

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020



January 6 - 12

Mon 9:00 am – Special Intention
Tue 9:00 am – Maria Augusta Francisco +
7:00 pm – Special Intention
Wed 9:00 am – Carol Anne Norcott (Int)
7:00 pm Meaford – Reik Hysteck +
Thu 9:00 am – Mary Ann Kirkconnell (Int)
7:00 pm – Tim Johnson (Int)
Fri 9:00 am – Tony Rovers (Int)
10:30 am – Kelso Villa – Jim Cooper +

Saturday – January 11

9:30 am Lion's Head – Mass
11:30 am Tobermory – Pro Populo
5:00 pm Owen Sound – Henry Webb (Int)

Baptism of the Lord – January 12

9:00 am Chatsworth – Frank Beirnes +
9:00 am Hepworth – Lasser & Rudolph Families (Int)
9:00 am OS – Edda Thomsen & Members of the
Green Thomson & Morgan Families (Int)
11:00 am OS – Wayne Serre +
11:00 am Wiarton – Danutra & Piotr Suwala +
11:00 am Meaford – Colin Emms +
1:00 pm Cape Croker – Mass

From the Hamilton Diocese Prayer Calendar

This week we pray for:

Mon Fr. Piotr Golinski
Tue Fr. Andrew Czarny
Wed Sisters of St. John the Baptist
Thu Fr. John Redmond
Fri Fr. Phillip Cook
Sat Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak

* Sacrament of Anointing & Communion to the Sick:

Available upon request

* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

What's Happening

January 6 - 12

Tuesday – Seniors' Cards 1:00 pm
Friday – Divine Mercy Devotion 3:00 pm
Saturday– Ultreya 9:00 am

From the Pastor's Desk:

Happy New Year! What can I wish you in this New Year?



The first Sunday of the New Year is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. On this feast we commemorate the revelation of Jesus to the entire world through the mysterious visit of the three kings, or wise men. The Church sees in these mysterious

figures from the East a recognition of non-Jewish encounter with a God who was, until that point, only known by the Jews. In short, we believe that Jesus came to all peoples, as everyone has a need to know and love God. Jesus is

born for the benefit of all humanity. My wishes for all of us this New Year are that we be more like the three kings who sought out the child Jesus and visited with Him.

First, I wish you and me the gift of humility. The three Kings had to have the gift of humility to bow down before this small child and acknowledge Him as a newborn King. We don't often expect the rich and powerful to operate with this kind of humility, but the three kings from the East show us that it is possible even for the powerful and wealthy to be humble.

Secondly, I wish you and me the gift of generosity. The three Kings offer expensive gifts to the child Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Our lives become much more beautiful and meaningful when we challenge ourselves to be generous with others. Generosity stretches us to stop living just for ourselves and start living for others.

And thirdly, I wish you and me the gift of perseverance. It would have taken much perseverance for the three kings to endure the long journey in search of this newborn King. Perseverance is so necessary for us who wish to follow Jesus in a world filled with doubt and rejection of God. Keeping our eyes on Jesus who is our one goal in life will help us to arrive at our destination and not be distracted by the challenges along the way.

So, in this New Year, may we all grow in the gifts of humility, generosity, and perseverance. God bless you!

Fr. Kuzma

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival. Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. (www.catholicculture.org)

** In the Parish **

Christmas Hampers – Many thanks to everyone at St. Mary's, Hepworth and St. Thomas Aquinas, Wiarton for a very successful **soup campaign**. Grateful thanks, also, to the Knights of Columbus for their very generous donation.

2020 Offering Envelopes are now available for pickup. Please take a minute to print your name, and the envelope number you took, on the clipboard that is with the envelopes. Numbers are not assigned to anyone in particular; simply write your name and address (how you would like it to appear on your year-end tax receipt) on the first 5 or 6 envelopes that you use.

A Thank you to all of our Eucharistic Ministers: We would like to take this time to thank all who serve as Ministers of the Eucharist – not only at Mass, but those who

bring Communion to the sick and home bound are especially appreciated. Blessings to you!

CWL Membership Fees are due now for 2019. The cost is \$25. Please use the blue envelope from your box of envelopes. Be sure to put your name, address and phone number on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you.



Knitters – the Knitting group will change from Thursdays to Wednesdays. Beginning January 8th, after Prayers & Squares (weather permitting), knitters will meet in St. Mary's Church hall from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.



It's that time of year again – Please be kind to those who clean the floors of our churches. It would be most helpful if you would stamp the snow AND the salt off your boots before entering the church. Thank you.



* *In the Diocese* *

Parenting Tip - Colder days in January can mean more time indoors, a perfect time to connect as a family. Board games, puzzles, movie night, sharing a decade of the Rosary, baking or cooking a meal together – these are all great ways to interact and learn about each other. The more time we spend with each other, the greater the connection we feel for the other. Children need to feel they are valued and nothing speaks to their hearts more compared to time spent together! *(from the Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton)*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18th to 25th: This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one.

Bible Sunday - Pope Francis has established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Bible Sunday. This year it will be observed on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Prayer Cards have been sent to each Parish and will be distributed at Mass on the weekend of January 25-26th. Parishioners are invited to offer this prayer together at the conclusion of the General Intercessions in thanksgiving for the gift of God's Word. Order forms for Bibles will also be available in each Parish on that weekend for parishioners who wish to purchase a Bible. We pray that our observance of Bible Sunday will deepen our gratitude for the Word of God and inspire us to root our lives more firmly in the Word of God.

CCYMN Hope Comes Home Conference - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation- *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests,

religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopecomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext.2245.

Stress in Your Marriage? Rediscover Joy in Your Relationship! Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about, or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020. Email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or call 905-664-5212 or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More! “Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered in both Kitchener and Hamilton as follows: **In Kitchener:** At St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener (519-571-9200) - **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, January 28 - March 24, 2020.** In Hamilton: At the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King ST. W., Hamilton, **Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm March 26 – June 4, 2020.** The cost is \$45.00. For more information or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at: www.hamiltondiocese.com.

For the Sick, our fellow parishioners and family members who are in need of our prayers: for Melissa Shular, Eileen Fortney, Len Keffer, Doreen Raco, Helen Meyer, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Scott Fitzpatrick, Steven Scott, Shelley Curley, Ron McCoy, Patricia McMillan, Karl Fortney, Shannon Daultrey, Marjorie Forcier, Arthur Diaz, Sherri Maine, Paul Bagget, Doug Woolway, Coleen Warmington, baby Sutton and baby Kellen, Rosaleen Engel, Marilyn Schinbein, Becki Knisley, Joanne LaFlamme Talbot, June Peet, Mike Adams, Sharon Cantlon, Tom McDonnell, Maureen McTeague, Vern Finlayson, Fred Fries, Josh Cahoon, and Sean McTeague, - **We pray to the Lord.** *If you or a loved one are in need of prayer, please call the office. Each year – beginning in September - we will begin our prayer list anew.*



Donations for December 28 / 29, 2019 are unavailable.

God bless you for your generosity

2020 envelopes are now available; feel free to take a box. Remember to print your name and address on the first 2 or 3 envelopes you use in the New Year, as we do not assign numbers.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. **Ps 72**