



Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday January 5, 2020
 Liturgical Year A



Mass Intentions January 4 to January 12

Saturday Jan 04
 5:00pm + **Pedro Bello** (Requested by Esmeraldina)
Sunday Jan 05
 9:00am + **Adelio & Salvatore Donatelli**
 (Requested by Irma Donatelli)
 + **John Bialik** (Requested by Son John)
 11:00am **For the People of St. Mary's Parish both Living & Deceased**

No Weekday Masses

Saturday Jan 11
 5:00pm **For the People of St. Mary's Parish both Living & Deceased**
Sunday Jan 12
 9:00am + **Mary Velicevic**
 (Requested by Anne & Frank Saje)
 11:00am + **Gerald DeRoche**
 (Requested by Family)

Please remember St. Mary of the Assumption when considering gifts to a charity, in your Will or for funeral donations. St Mary's is run by the generosity of our Parishioners.

Confessions

On January 6, 2020 confessions will begin at St. Denis Parish from 8-9pm, Monday to Friday. These confession times will continue throughout the entire year. A confessional has been built for this purpose in the meeting room close to the St. Denis Adoration Chapel. The entrance is off of Carlton Street and there is parking in the Church parking lot. Take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to come have your sins forgiven. *Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds and there is room for more - St. Joseph Cafasso*

Perfected Revelation

The "epiphany" of Jesus, his revelation to the world, was accompanied by the offering of three gifts, each of which symbolized a different aspect of the divine/human savior.

Frankincense is offered to Jesus, the Son of God, the eternal Word of the Father who is worshiped with the Father and the Spirit.

Gold is offered to Jesus the King of the human race, the summit of creation.

Myrrh is offered to the divine/human savior of the world who suffered and died for the salvation of all.

Jesus is revealed in our own day also. He is revealed as the Word of God speaking to us in the marvelous workings of nature, in the achievements of the human spirit, and in the dialogue between Church and world.

He is revealed to us as King in every victory over ignorance, alienation and powerlessness. He is revealed to us as Suffering Messiah in the heart and face of every poor person, every stranger, every wanderer living in a back alley or under a bridge, every person victimized by others.

"His glory has shone among us." We have only to recognize him and to do what the magi did in his presence: "They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Jesus perfected revelation by fulfilling and manifesting himself: through his words and deeds, his signs and wonders, but especially through his death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth.

Vatican II, [Constitution on Divine Revelation](#), 1965: 4

Gerald Darring

You Can Help Your Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry at each other or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 13, 2020** at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, please call **905-664-5212** or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast is cancelled for the month of January. It will resume February 2, 2020.

Morning Mass

There will be **NO** morning mass during the month of January.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy Program will resume January 12, 2020 at 11:00 am Mass.

Office Hours for Month of January

Office hours for the month of January will be **Tuesday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm.**

Knitting Group

The next knitting group will be held on **January 8, 2020.**

2019 Income Tax Receipts

If you have recently moved, married or are new to the Parish, please make sure that we have all your *correct* information on file. Income tax receipts will be at the back of the church end of January 2020.

Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry

Support Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month (except holidays) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For our pamphlet or information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com. Please see bulletin board as you come in for more information

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education

It's hard to believe that every day, one in five students goes to school hungry and waits in line to receive a breakfast. For lunch some eat pizza scraps from the previous night's supper. During the 2017-2018 school year, in 54 programs, over one million meals were served in our schools to hungry students. A donation of \$13.75 will provide a needy student with a breakfast and nourishing snack daily for a school week.

Other statistics reveal that 80% of classroom learning is done through the eyes, and that one child in four suffers from some kind of vision problem severe enough to impact learning. Many students do not have the financial resources to purchase eye glasses. Several others lack daily essentials such as warm clothing, personal care items, or the financial means to pursue a rewarding education. We often associate poverty with third world countries, little realizing that it exists right here at home in our own backyard.

The Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education is a registered charitable foundation and receipts are issued for tax purposes. Cheques can be made payable to the Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education. Credit cards are also accepted. Donate on line using PayPal and view the foundation's video at www.nfce.org. The mailing address is Niagara Foundation for Catholic Education, 427 Rice Road, Welland, Ontario. Phone (905) 735-0247 extension 210, email, jim.marino@nfce.org

Cathedral Appeal Update

It's a new year and the exciting restoration of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria continues in preparation for its 175th Anniversary this November! As the first Catholic Church in St. Catharines, it was built to meet the spiritual needs of the Irish labourers who built the first Welland Canal which was opened in 1829. Well, it is now 2020, and this place of worship continues to meet the spiritual needs of many as the mother church of our great diocese. Play your part in this historic event – as we restore, revitalize, renew, and rejuvenate our Cathedral! Visit us on the web at www.saintcd.com/appeal or pick up a brochure and pledge form in your church today to make your donation. Thank you and may God bless you!

Bulletin Advertisers

If you or someone you know is interested in advertising in our parish bulletin, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. New bulletin covers will be printed in February.

Schedule of Ministries

	Saturday January 11 5:00pm	Sunday January 12 9:00am	Sunday January 12 11:00am
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	(A) Delores Polgrabia (B) Francine Horton	(A) Linda Warkentin (B) Louise Librock	(A) Sisters of Sacred (B) Clare Obi
Minister of the Word	(A) Paul O'Rourke (B) Kathryn Traynor	(A) Rosalie Bilodeau (B) Julie Hastings	(A) Anne Marie Crocco (B) John Crocco
Altar Servers	Carmenmarie Dewein Evelyn Rosenthal	Anthony Caruso Elio Caruso	Nathaniel Palmdeti Boris Palmdeti Will Kim
Ministers of Hospitality	Morton Hancock	Casey Van Gentevoort Fred Ponikvar	John Bertley
Homebound	Anne Roscoe & Kathleen Clohessy		
Nursing Homes	Linda Warkentin		

Please be here 15-20 min before the start of Mass to prepare