

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



First Reading (Isaiah 60:1-6)

The glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.

Second Reading (Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6)

St Paul re-assures all that both pagan and Jew share the same inheritance in and through Jesus Christ.

Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12) We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

Reflection

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word, *Epiphania*, which is compound of two Greek words (*epi* - "upon") and (*phania* - "shining"), thus it means "a shining upon" and it is sometimes translated as "manifestation" or "revelation." In revealing himself to the Jewish people GOD also reaches out to all nations, attracting them to his glory.

At Christmas we celebrated the revelation of the Christ child to fellow Jews; on the Epiphany we celebrate his being revealed to the wise men - representing all nations of the world.

The First Reading today speaks about the Light of the LORD, Who has come, and the glory of the LORD Who shines upon the earth. Out of the darkness, a new light shines upon all nations, not just on the people of Israel. People from far away come forth, bringing gifts.

The Responsorial refrain proclaims: "LORD, every nation on earth will adore you." It, too, speaks of foreigners coming to give homage and gifts to GOD's Chosen One. St. Paul reminds us that "in Christ Jesus, the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews." Thus the Good News of salvation is not reserved only to the people whom GOD chose in the past, but to the non-Jews also. That is, GOD's Light of grace is "shining upon" all peoples.

May you continue to be enlightened by the Light of Christ and shine the Light upon others.

Feast- BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Monday, January 9)

Today winds up the Christmas/Epiphany season.

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. Today Jesus is revealed to the world as He is baptized in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Today is the transition from Jesus's private life in Nazareth to His public ministry. Jesus came among us so that He could continue the plan and mission of His *Abba*-Father. He realized it was His role to make others come to appreciate and accept how GOD is active in their lives. This was Jesus' calling. And Jesus, in turn, has commissioned others, adopted sons and daughters of His *Abba*, to continue what He has started. We are called to - immerse ourselves into Jesus' work, symbolized by our Baptism. We are called to share in the mission of Jesus, the Priest, the Prophet, and the King.

May you continue to live out your mission as a follower of Jesus and son/daughter of GOD the Abba-Father!

Mass Intentions (Jan 7-12, 2023)

Memorial – St. André Bessette

Sat. Dec 7/4:30 p.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird

Sun. Jan 8/10:00 a.m. Nick Baird - Teresa Baird
Gino Alfonso - Parishioners
Antonio Muzzo - Anna Muzzo
Eileen Shanahan - Shanahan & Scott Families
Rosaria Bertucci & Vito Andreacchi - Elisabetta Nardi
Estela & Ray Angelo Taguinod & Richard Gélinas - Guia Gélinas

Wed. Jan 11/10:00 a.m. Speedy recovery for Coral Henriques - Kahawita family

Memorial – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Thu. Jan 12/10:00 a.m. Pasqualina Di-Murro - Velia

Friday, Jan 13

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR MASS.



**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
Giving thanks to The Lord & for Special Intentions.**

Sick and Shut-Ins

**If you have a family member or know of a friend who is shut-in and wish to receive Holy Communion or a visit from our pastoral home care team please call the parish office.
We are here to serve you.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday, 30 minutes before mass or any other day/time by appointment. (514) 488-0778.

MASS INTENTIONS REMINDER...

Please keep in mind when requesting a mass or Sanctuary Lamp for your deceased loved ones. Each mass or lamp is \$15/-. Please remember to put in your request 30 days before your requested date to avoid disappointment.

Thank you for understanding.

Please pick up your **2023 SUNDAY ENVELOPES** at the back of the church. If your box is not available, please leave your name and box number on the sheet provided on the table and your box will be ready for the following Sunday. Should you take the wrong box by mistake, please don't forget to return it.

If you have moved please fill out one of your envelope with the new address for tax purposes. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

Fr. George Joseph,
Wardens for assisting him in addressing important issues concerning the parish. Teresa for her Annual Raffle Fundraiser. Choir for their Annual Contribution to the parish. Catechist for their dedication in educating our kids in the faith. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristan, Ushers, Pastoral Home Care Team, Social Action Coordinator, Volunteer's, all who contributed in any other way and last but not least Our Parishioners for being part of all the excitement and success in 2022.

STEWARDSHIP

The Eight T's of Stewardship

The Eight T's are: **Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology.** You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

TIME- Time is a gift from God. Psalm 139:16 states that "All the days ordained for me were written in Your [God's] book before one of them came to be." Our times are truly in God's hands (Psalm 31:15). And, regardless of the number of years God ordains for us, we say with the Psalmist, "You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath" (Psalm 39:5). Jesus reminds us that we cannot add a single hour to our lives by worrying about it (Matthew 6:27). Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." So, what are we to do with God's gift of TIME? St. Paul gives this instruction: "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:11-12). St. Paul also gives us this encouragement in

Ephesians 5:15-16: "Be very careful, then, how you live —not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." As maturing stewards we receive TIME as a gift from God and strive to make the best use of it in our family relationships, work, and other life activities, including our work in God's kingdom and church while He blesses us with life on this earth. We do this not only as an obligation, but also as a free and joyous activity. At the end of our lives when we stand before the Judge of every human being we will rejoice when the Kings says, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). Every January many people make a lot of good resolutions and some of them included using TIME wisely. Now we can reflect on how we're doing...and resolve again to use our gift of TIME in a way that honors God and blesses others. And that is only fitting because "maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do, including the wise use of their time."

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