

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

† - For the repose of the soul / in memory of the person(s) indicated

#### Sunday, January 2

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish.  
10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

#### Tuesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. -----

#### Wednesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory.

#### Thursday, January 6

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#### Friday, January 7

*The Feast of St. André Bessette*

9:00 a.m. † Zoe Pina Sukovieff and Pina Newman by  
Deacon Guy and Christina.

#### Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. † Dr. Wayne Quan by Susan & Jack Streng.  
† Sheelagh Mutton by the family.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ann Taillon, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Christian Diaz, Eugene Vargas, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Norbert Dacquay, Raechal McIntyre, Marcelo Pimentel, Moli Coletti, Zygmunt Wysocki and Melchisedec Candido .

#### THANK YOU

Fr. Vincent expresses his sincere thanks to each of you for the thoughtful gifts, greetings and kindness that you have extended during the Christmas Season. He wishes everyone a blessed , safe and healthy 2022.

#### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

First Friday Holy Hour will take place **after the 9 a.m. Mass this Friday, January 7, 2021.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

God of wonder and awe, point us to your miracles. Help us to see them and never take them for granted. May we return with worship and praise to give you thanks, and return your gifts with giving hearts and lives, we pray to the Lord. Amen.

#### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

*For true human fraternity ~ We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

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**First Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6

*The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

*Now the mystery has been revealed:  
now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12

*We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.*

#### SYNOD UPDATE

In addition to the meetings that will take place among the different functions and committees of the parish, a general meeting has been scheduled for all other parishioners, which will take place encompassing two different days (Saturday January 29 from 10am to 12Noon; Sunday February 12 11:45am to 1:30pm). Parishioners interested in attending should plan to attend both meetings. Sign-up sheets will be available at the church entrance on the weekend of January 8/9. For more information, please contact Wendy Schieman at 613-230-4552.

#### MANY THANKS

The Knights of Columbus are grateful to everyone who attended the movie *Unplanned* last month in our Parish hall and donated to the collection for Miriam Centre. A total of \$214 was raised.

### 2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

Everyone is encouraged to use pre-authorized donations to keep our parish strong and thriving.

A limited number of 2022 parish envelopes are available in the parish office, only for those who do not use pre-authorized donations.

Please write your full name, address and telephone number on the first few envelopes you use in 2022 and **always indicate the amount** of your donation on each envelope. It is important for income tax purposes.

### PARISH CALENDARS

Parish calendars for 2022 are available in the parish office at no cost.

### SENIORS' CORNER

The Council on Aging (COA) provided comments on Bill 37, An Act to enact *Providing More Care, Protecting Seniors, and Building More Beds. Act, 2021* that proposed revisions to two separate acts, the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*, and *Strengthening the Retirement Homes Act (RHA), 2010*. According to the COA, the Government has missed an opportunity to present a new vision for long-term care in Ontario and support real transformation in this sector.

<https://coaottawa.ca/coa-response-to-bill-37/>.

*COVID-19 Support Services - Working together to help seniors and adults living with disabilities:*

*Pharmacy Delivery and Help with Food,  
Meals on Wheels,  
Telephone Safety Checks,  
Transportation,  
Dementia Support.*

<https://coaottawa.ca/special-covid-19-updates/>

### ANNUAL HOMELANDS' MASS

The annual Homelands' Mass scheduled to take place at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sunday, January 9 at 2:30 p.m. is cancelled.**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

As the New Year dawns, we all are looking forward to new, wonderful things and events but in particular, we are looking forward to genuine relief from COVID-19. It has bound us, isolated us and simply distanced us from families and friends. In reality, we find it difficult to enjoy any get together since we must keep distance from each other and stay only within our bubble that too with limited number of persons.

And then there is fear of those who are not vaccinated versus those who are vaccinated. And now we hear that all types of masks we have been wearing for a year are inadequate. In addition, the current variant may infect us even if we have received a booster shot. The pandemic still poses challenges of confusion and fear. Media is constantly bombarding only this bad news. All these things have affected our minds and our ordinary conversation tends to be sad and depressive.

This reminds me of Old Testament plagues in Egypt before Israel fled from Pharaoh for freedom crossing the Red Sea and then their journey into the wilderness for forty years of difficulties, sufferings and even deaths until they reached the promised land! The Israelites severely complained but did not realize that their difficult journey would pass.

As I have often told you "This Pandemic too shall pass". If I were to know when, I would have told you. We have had good times but alas, now we have bad times.

To see the bright light and new day we need to cultivate patience and hope since St. Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ saw that light and taught us her lesson as we dedicate January 1<sup>st</sup> to Mary Mother of God. Let us ask St. Mary to intercede for us and to make the promise of Peace, Health and Prosperity a reality in our lives!

Don't be afraid to call and say "I love you or Jesus loves you" because God is on our side.

Blessings be upon each of you and your families for the New Year 2022.

United in Love and Prayers,  
Fr. Vincent Pereira, JCD, JV.

*"When you say to God, 'our Father', He has His ear right next to your lips."*

St. André Bessette