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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.*

**WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST
THE KING**



(8:00 a.m. in the Marian Chapel)

Tuesday, January 8	Teresa Sergi
Wednesday, January 9	Rosaria Scibetta
Thursday, January 10	All Souls
Friday, January 11	Helen Dillon – Vera Monaco Teresa Petruccelli Intention Barry Knowles
Saturday – 5:00 p.m.	Dino Fazzari Rosa Sergi

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Dear parishioners: On December 15, your St Vincent de Paul Society held its annual Christmas party for the needy within our community. In the Cathedral auditorium, we hosted about 150 guests, of all age groups. Everyone was given a Fortino's gift certificate to assist with their Christmas groceries and then treated to plenty of food, hot drinks, gifts and toys.

This year, we extend a special thank you to Rick Rossini who so kindly donated his time to provide the entertainment. Rick dazzled and amazed everyone with his acts of "magic and illusion". He was a great hit – especially with the children. Thank you Rick. And of course, this whole event would not have been possible without your generous donations to our annual Christmas appeal – so we humbly thank you for your overwhelming support of our work with the poor. Our group wishes everyone many blessings and much happiness in the New Year.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

The Catholic Women's League of our parish is offering an educational session on **Ovarian Cancer**: learn the signs, symptoms, risk factors and maybe save a life! Everyone is welcome to attend. Special guest speakers are Helen Martin (a 3x Ovarian Cancer Survivor) and her daughter, Judy Giacchetti, from Ovarian Cancer Canada – Sunday, January 13 from 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. A light lunch will be available with a "Free-Will Offering". Contact person: Carolyn at (519) 647-3433.



**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2013**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a; Matthew 2:1-12



The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Today is the traditional day for blessing homes and other buildings by marking the lintels of doorways with blessed chalk. The traditional marking commemorates the three magi (traditionally named Caspar, Melchoir and Balthazar). The markings for this year are "20 + C + M + B + 13" (the three initials of the magi's names between the numbers of the year, separated by four crosses). Below is a blessing to pray for your home.

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation: you have shared your life and grace with our family. In your mercy, bless + our family and our home. May we be people of prayer, and our home a place of peace and love. Help us to live in your love and be generous to all who will visit our home. May the faith of Mary and Joseph, and all your saints, inspire us to follow the example of our Son Jesus, who is Lord and Saviour for ever and ever. Amen.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

Dates for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be as follows – January 27th, February 24th, April 28th and May 26th in the Marian Chapel. Please be sure to make your calendars.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2013 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-2673.

ADOPTION/FOSTER INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you have room in your home for one more? Please join us for an Adoption and Foster Parent Information Night on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Elementary School located at 470 Kitty Murray Lane, Ancaster. Contact Megan Dunlop-Elms at (905) 525-2012 ext. 3257.

A very special **"Thank You"** to the following who helped make this Christmas at the Cathedral of Christ the King such a beautiful celebration: Sandor Kollarich – Custodian, Linda Welton – Secretary, Christine Pogodzinski – Office Assistant, the Servers, Ministers of Readers/Eucharist, Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers), the Choirs, directed by Rob Corso - Music Director, Sister Lena Petrucell, CSJB and Janet Rooney, Sacristy;; Sherri and Alberta Gabriele – Decorating, and the Children's Liturgy. You all did a great job! Msgr. Ed would also like to thank parishioners for their kindness at Christmas; to those who sent cards, dropped off baked goodies and brought gifts to the rectory; we are most grateful. **Thank you.**

PILGRIMAGE MAY 26 – JUNE 5, 2013

Join Father Ed Henhoeffler on Pilgrimage to France, Spain and Portugal on May 26 – June 5, 2013. Visit the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal, relics of the Passion presented at Notre-Dame de Paris, cruise on the Seine River, the Champs Elysees, L'Arc de Triumph and the Eiffel Tower. Lourdes - St. Bernadette to whom Our Lady appeared near the Grotto of Massabielle. Participate in the "Candlelight Procession" Lisbon. Portugal - visit the church of St. Anthony of Padua. Fatima - celebrate Mass in Basilica of the Rosary and participate in the Candlelight Procession. Spain – Santiago De Compostela Cathedral with the Tomb of St. James and much more. Tour package \$3,498.00. Please contact Joanne Cothran – Skylink Holidays Toll Free at 1-866-296-3345. Jennie Dodson, Tour Leader – call (905) 335-6902.

YOUR GIFT TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Msgr. House wishes to thank parishioners for their generous donation to their parish at Christmas. The Christmas collection amounted to \$18,776.00. This is a great help as we can pay extra bills that came in for Christmas and at year's end. Thank you Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Jacek Walkiewicz (S.Chr.)
Tuesday	Rev. Robert Wojslaw (S.Chr.)
Wednesday	Missionaries
Thursday	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Friday	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Saturday	Rev. Bradley Markus

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