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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.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 6 – No Mass
Tuesday, January 7 – St. André Bessette, Religious
 9:00AM † Theresa Friedman – Michael & Carleen Van Dam
Wednesday, January 8
 9:30AM † Nick & Katie Gengler – Catherine Ruetz & Family
Thursday, January 9
 9:00AM For Healing of Marianne Mocanu - Husband
Friday, January 10
 9:00AM † Claude Freiburger – Loreen Freiburger
Saturday, January 11
Vigil of Baptism of the Lord
 5:00 PM † Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel
 † Colonel & Jean Moser – Moser Family
 † Audrey & Gerald Moser – The Family
Sunday, January 12 – Baptism of the Lord
 9:30AM † Blanche DeLuca – Virginia Tkach
 † Bill Smith – Mary & Geraldine Smith
 † John de Viveiros – Dave & Patti Pagett
 † John Lavigne – Loretta & Family
 11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah addresses his prophecy to Jerusalem, a city personified, symbolizing the whole people. The prophecy was probably written around the end of the exile in Babylon (586 BC), when the first Israelites returned, finding their beloved city Jerusalem devastated. The temple was gone, the city walls were in ruins, the economic conditions were dire, and there was no Davidic king to rule over them. In this context, Isaiah offers a vision of the city and people transformed. Not only is this a portrait of future renewal, it also announces a dramatic transformation that is happening in their midst. Isaiah tells the people to rise up, to let their light shine, to raise their eyes and look around them to see what the Lord is already doing.

At the heart of Isaiah's promise is the glory of the Lord. A unifying theme is this section of Isaiah, divine glory is a weighty manifestation of God's power and presence. Isaiah uses imagery of light and shining radiance to announce how visible God's glory is, if only the people will look around them. God's luminous glory is so powerful that the divine light will shine forth from the people themselves. Even foreign nations and kings will walk by the light that flows forth from Jerusalem.

For the newly returned exiles, the image of wealthy nations streaming toward their city would present a sharp contrast with their memories of impoverished Jerusalemites trudging into exile. With God's radiance shining from the inhabitants of Jerusalem, foreigners will arrive with riches, coming on caravans of camels, bringing gold and frankincense. Along with Isaiah, the Prophet Haggai offered a similar vision of hope. Through him, the Lord told the people, "the treasure of all nations shall come" and I will fill this house with splendour. For long centuries, the glory of Jerusalem and the inclusion of Gentiles envisioned by Isaiah, Haggai, and other post-exilic Prophets did not find fulfillment. On this feast of Epiphany, we celebrate prophetic fulfillment with a new manifestation of God's glory to foreigners, represented by the wise men.

(Excerpt from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word)

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, January 6
 9AM – NOON Pickleball Gym
 NOON – 1PM Lunch & Learn – Book study: *Walking with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins Nursery
 7:30 – 9 PM Faith Enrichment – *Gospel of Luke* Large Hall
 DVD study by Frances Hogan Hall
Tuesday, January 7
 6:30 PM 11:30 AM Choir Practice Church
Wednesday, January 8
 9AM – NOON Pickleball Gym
 6:30 PM *Lectio Divina* (preceded by dinner) Large Hall
Thursday, January 9
 9:30AM *Celebrating the Word* – Reflections on upcoming Sunday Readings Large Hall
 7:00 PM 9:30 am Choir Practice Church
Friday, January 10
 9AM – NOON Pickleball Gym
 6:00 PM Youth Music Church
 7:00 PM Youth Group Meeting Large H.
Sunday, January 12
 10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall
 5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Jan 11	1 Jim Walsh	1 Trudy Allensen
5:00 PM	2 Christiane Martin	2 Guy Tremblay
	C Sharon Carey	3 Debbie Delattre
Sun. Jan 12	1 Benita Ann Gallina	1 Rob Hinsperger
9:30AM	2 Cecilia Beechey	2 John Klein
	C Linda Wanka	3 Betty Gross
Sun. Jan 12	1 Kelly Krause	1 Marianne Butler
11:30AM	2 Mike Anderson	2 Donna Herbstreit
	C Lois Peterson	3 Natalie Ferrier

As the Christmas decorations come down some people write the following on their front doors with a chalk that was blessed for the occasion on the feast of the Epiphany.



20 * C + M + B + 20

A key to the code:

— The '*' symbolizes the star that led the wise men to Jesus.

— The letters 'C', 'M', and 'B' signify the Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also the first three letters of the Latin phrase 'CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT' which means 'May Christ Bless the house'.

— The three crosses '†' signify the Holy Trinity made known to us through the Incarnation.

— Encompassing them all is the year we have just entered into: '2020'. It is a nice devotion for Epiphany – great for families – and is an active reminder for us through the year of the wonder of Christmas.

(Pieces of the blessed chalk will be available at the back of the church.)



First Communion: Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will run Tuesday or Wednesday nights (To be determined) beginning Jan. 21st or 22nd from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

MANY THANKS TO JOHN MILLER FOR HIS YEARS OF LEADERSHIP OF THE 11:30 AM CHOIR. JOHN IS TAKING A SABBATICAL IN 2020. DONNA MCLELLAN WILL TAKE ON THE LEADERSHIP ROLE.

THANK YOU, JOHN FOR HELPING US TO PRAY WITH YOUR LITURGICAL MUSIC. BLESSINGS ON YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE NEW YEAR!

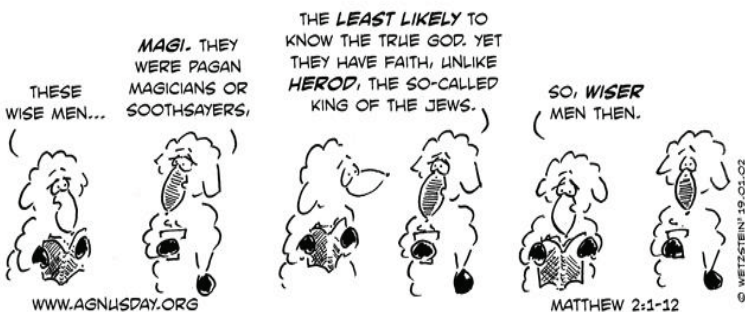
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St. Mark’s Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kit. (519-571-9200)
Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM Jan.28 - March 24

The cost is \$45. For more info. or to register, call the Family Ministry at 905-528-7988X2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com.



“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



Wisdom, it turns out, is relative, even if truth isn't.

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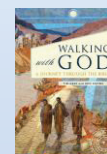
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 DINNER, DANCE & GAMES PARTY
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
 POTLUCK DINNER (6PM) AND
 LIVE MUSIC FOR CEILI DANCING 7PM**

FAITH ENRICHMENT IN 2020:

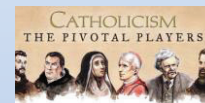
Mondays at 7:30 pm – Frances Hogan’s Gospel of Luke – continuing on Jan. 6th from Chapter 15– It is a detailed study of the author, setting and all the action in this Gospel of Luke. Each session (independent of others) is full of insights.



Mondays at noon - Lunch and Learn Book club resumes on Jan 6th with continuation (Chapter 7) of “Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible” by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. This book unpacks the central story woven throughout Scripture and presents it in an easy-to-read, concise manner.



Thursdays at 1 pm – Pivotal Players- Bishop Barron presents life and impact of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. (now Saint) John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. Starts Jan 16th.



Thursdays at 9:30 am - Celebrating the Word meetings resume on Jan. 9th – This group reflects weekly on the Scripture Readings for the following Sunday using as a guide Celebrating the Word publication of the Congregation of the Resurrection.



Lectio Divina – Wed. Jan 8th (2nd Wednesday of each month) – Meditation on the Gospel of the upcoming Sunday. Meeting starts with dinner.



**St Brother Andre Bessette
 January 6th is his Feast Day**

Chronic stomach pain had made it difficult for St André to hold a job. At 25, he could not read or write. He was deeply devoted to God and to St Joseph and insisted on building a shrine. He quietly greeted visitors as a lay brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and people began to seek prayer from him. St André gave the credit for all of the resulting physical healings to the intercession of St Joseph. In 1924, construction began for St Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal, QC, alongside the chapel built on St André’s insistence.

St André is our first Canadian-born male canonized saint in Canada and he is the patron saint of the poor, the sick and the disabled. (From www.equippingcatholicfamilies.com)

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Christmas donations:	\$28,266.25
Sunday donations on Dec 22:	\$ 3,828.25
Sunday donations on Dec 29:	\$ 2,722.00
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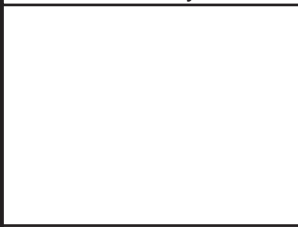
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