

EPIPHANY OF

THE LORD

04 JANUARY, 2015

“Arise, shine,
for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you!”

St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Masses: Sat Vigil: 7 p.m., Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
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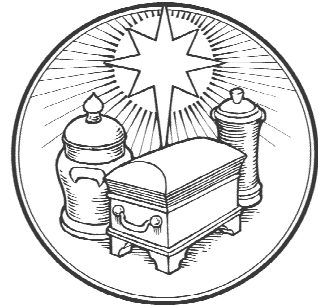
Today's Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

“May He have dominion
from sea to sea,
and from the River
to the ends of the Earth.”

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 528, 848, 863, 868
CCCC: 107, 168, 172
YOUCAT: 136



The Solemnity of the Epiphany has a rich tradition all around the world. By translating its name epiphania, which means “revelation”, we find the rich meaning of today’s feast. On this feast we celebrate the revelation of God’s saving love in Jesus. The offer of God’s salvation is for all people. This is made clear by the presence of the Gentiles found in all of today’s readings.

The first reading from the Old Testament reflects the joy felt by the people of Jerusalem after their return from Exile. God’s light has come and God’s people are delivered. God’s saving act is like a beacon of light shining before the entire world, showing the compassion and love of the Lord. Even Gentiles are drawn to God’s radiant light, as they stream toward Jerusalem from every corner of the earth.

In today’s Gospel the wise men from the east are drawn to the Saviour by the light of a star. These magi are foreigners. They are Gentiles who have not learned about the Law or the Prophets. However, these foreigners find the Christ child and honour Him. The Gospel today shows how the journey of the magi is a journey of faith, guided by the light of God’s love. The wise men follow a star, which leads them to Christ the light of salvation.

A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME: UNIVERSAL OFFER OF SALVATION

Today’s feast of the Epiphany proclaims that God’s gift of salvation is for all people.

The word Epiphany means to show forth or to make visible. This feast reminds us that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, was made visible to the Magi. Jesus welcomes all those who seek Him.

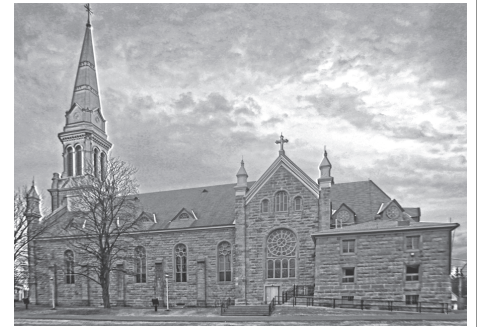
The Catholic Church believes that all are meant to share in God’s love. “The Church’s essential nature is universal...preaching the Word of God and proclaiming the kingdom throughout the whole world”(AG 1).



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How is Jesus made visible in your life?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Saturday, January 03rd

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Betty Burt (5th Anniversary of death) by
Doug & Jane Anderson

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Percy Lalonde by wife Amelia & family

Sunday, January 04th ***Epiphany of the Lord***

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Remi & Alice Carriere by Marleene
McWilliam & family

11:00 a.m. Loretta Broussard by Alice & Gordon Hull

Monday, January 05th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Jerome by
Ron Welsh

Tuesday, January 06th No Mass

Wednesday, January 07th

7:30 a.m. Ronald Leblanc by Sylvie & Lionel Leblanc

Thursday, January 08th

7:30 a.m. Theresa Watters by John Martel

Friday, January 09th

7:30 a.m. Harry Towes by David & Nancy Hill

Saturday, January 10th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. LouAnna MacDougall by Eleanor Villeneuve

Sunday, January 11th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Leonard Kingston by St. Columban's Choir

11:00 a.m. Claude Ouimet (18th Anniversary of death
by Richard & Carole Pilon

Monday, January 12th

7:30 a.m. Sonny Herrington by Shirley Wadsworth

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 21 DECEMBER– THANK YOU

Sunday	\$5,716.90	Votive Candles	\$207.35
Loose	527.20	Books	66.90
Total	\$6,244.10	Priests Pension Fund	90.00
Christmas	\$ 265.00	Flowers	20.00

Happy Anniversary

Father Jerome

*Celebrating your 28th Anniversary
Of Ordination to the Priesthood
On 30 December*

Thank you Father Halle

*for celebrating at the 7 p.m. Mass
on Saturday, 3 January,
to enable Father Jerome to attend a
celebration of his anniversary
being held in L'île Perrot.*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – IS TAKING A BREAK

Due to low participation the program
at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is suspended
while the parish contemplates
alternate approaches to this ministry.

PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS
as we discern the Lord's will for this important
ministry. Don Smith, our Parish Leader for this
area, welcomes your input.
e-mail: media.ministry@live.ca or
telephone: 613-932-8952.

FATHER HALLE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

to help with pastoral care for the residents
at the many Nursing Homes which he services.
Training will be provided.
Please call Fr. Halle at 613-933-6097.

SNOW REMOVAL

CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram (on bulletin boards)
which shows church entrances & walkways where
snow removal will be carried out on weekends
when there is a major snowfall. There are 5
entrances to be cleared & our custodian is not
scheduled to work weekends. This will help
eliminate some overtime work for him if
a major storm occurs.
Thank you for your understanding.

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as the number in the box.

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for the first few weeks in 2015 and
discard any remaining 2014 envelopes.

Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS – CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!

Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, is born for us, born in Bethlehem of a Virgin, fulfilling the ancient prophecies. The Virgin's name is Mary, the wife of Joseph.

Humble people, full of hope in the goodness of God, are those who welcome Jesus & recognize Him. And so the Holy Spirit enlightened the shepherds of Bethlehem, who hastened to the grotto & adored the Child. Then the Spirit led the elderly & humble couple Simeon & Anna into the temple of Jerusalem & they recognized Jesus the Messiah. "My eyes have seen Your salvation", Simeon exclaimed, "the salvation prepared by God in the sight of all peoples" (Lk 2:30).

"Yes, brothers and sisters, Jesus is the salvation for every person & for every people! Today I ask Him, the Savior of the world, to look upon our brothers & sisters in Iraq and Syria, who for too long now have suffered the effects of ongoing conflict & who, together with those belonging to other ethnic & religious groups, are suffering a brutal persecution. May Christmas bring them hope, as indeed also to the many displaced persons, exiles & refugees, children, adults & elderly, from this region & from the whole world. May indifference be changed into closeness & rejection into hospitality, so that all who now are suffering may receive the necessary humanitarian help to overcome the rigors of winter, return to their countries and live with dignity.

May the Lord open hearts to trust, & may He bestow His peace upon the whole Middle East, beginning with the land blessed by His birth, thereby sustaining the efforts of those committed effectively to dialogue between Israelis & Palestinians.

May Jesus, Savior of the world, protect all who suffer in Ukraine, and grant that their beloved land may overcome tensions, conquer hatred and violence, and set out on a new journey of fraternity and reconciliation.

May Christ the Savior give peace to Nigeria, where (even in these hours) more blood is being shed and too many people are unjustly deprived of their possessions, held as hostages or killed. I invoke peace also on the other parts of the African continent, thinking especially of Libya, South Sudan, the Central African Republic & various regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I beseech all who have political responsibility to commit themselves through dialogue to overcoming differences & to building a lasting, fraternal coexistence. May Jesus save the vast numbers of children who are victims of violence, made objects of trade and trafficking, or forced to become soldiers; children, so many abused children. May He give comfort to the families of the children killed in Pakistan last week. May He be close to all who suffer from illness, especially the victims of the Ebola epidemic, above all in Liberia, in Sierra Leone and in Guinea. As I thank all who are courageously dedicated to assisting the sick & their family members, I once more make an urgent appeal that the necessary assistance & treatment be provided.

My thoughts turn to all those children today who are killed & ill-treated, be they infants killed in the womb, deprived of that generous love of their parents & then buried in the egoism of a culture that does not love life; be they children displaced due to war and persecution, abused and taken advantage of before our very eyes and our complicit silence.

I think also of those infants massacred in bomb attacks, also those where the Son of God was born. Even today, their impotent silence cries out under the sword of so many Herods. On their blood stands the shadow of contemporary Herods. Truly there are so many tears this Christmas, together with the tears of the Infant Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts, that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us, to each man and woman and to all the peoples of the earth. May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May His redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: "Our eyes have seen Your salvation". *With these thoughts I wish you all a Happy Christmas!*

Pope Francis

IN THE DIOCESE

COME AND SING

AS WE PRAISE OUR LORD THROUGH MUSIC.

At St. Peter's Church - Open to all who love God & love to sing. God gave us our voices, good and not so good... we give them back to Him with our Praise and Worship music.

6:30 TO 7:30 P.M., JAN. 15, FEB. 19, MARCH 19, APRIL 16TH

St. Francis de Sales K of C

ROAST BEEF DINNER – THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY

in the parish hall. Two sittings to accommodate all:

4:30 & 5:30 p.m. - Adults \$10; children \$5.

St. Francis de Sales Parish

FAMILY BREAKFAST, SUN, 25 JAN. – 8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON

in the parish hall. All are welcome - \$7/person

NEW LIFE COURSE – 8, 9, 10, & 15, 16 MARCH

At St. Francis de Sales Church - Open to all who want to experience the fullness of life that Jesus has offered.

6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Renown Catholic speaker, Ralph Martin will preach a

MINI RETREAT - 27 AND 28 MARCH, 2015

at the Agora Catholic Centre

A great opportunity to grow in faith during the Lenten season.

As a best-selling author, TV host and President of Renewal Ministries, Ralph travels the world bringing the Good News of Salvation far and wide. All are welcome.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT – 24 & 25 APRIL

This exciting conference will be live-streamed from Ottawa to the Agora Catholic Centre. Over 4,000 people in a dozen different sites will learn from this gathering of 8 top Catholic speakers from across North America. Don't miss it.

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