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## **Epiphany of the Lord**



*We have come to Homage Him.*

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Saturday, January 4

**5:00** Ruben Luardo *req by the Family*  
Marie Massolin *req by Charlene Shannon*

## Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

**8:00** Anselmo & Guiditta Pozzebon *req by the Pozzebon Family*  
Marie Ange & Clarence Adams *req by Aileen & Bryce*

**9:30** People of the Parish

**11:30** Jozef Brzozowski *req by Jean*  
Esther Nkoli Oburota *req by St. Pat's Choir*

## Monday, January 6

**8:00** Ruben Luardo *req by the Family*  
Angela & Reno Martin *req by the Family*

## Tuesday, January 7 St André Bessette

**8:00** Kevin & Debbie Dowd *req by Friends*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Wednesday, January 8 St Raymond de Penyafort

**11:30** Tracy Bungay *req. by the Family*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Thursday, January 9

**8:00** Venera & Decimo Castronovo *req by their Dtr: J. Bortolussi*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Friday, January 10

**8:00** Assunta DeGuida *req by Willie & William Janssen*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Saturday, January 11

**5:00** Assunta & Giuseppe DeMizio *req by the DeMizio Family*  
Dec'd Shannon, Guitar & Legace Fam. *req by Charlene Shannon*

## Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Peter Martin Jr. *req by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*  
William (Bill) Woods *req by his Wife: Linda & Family*

**11:30** Albina Tonet *req by Ann Marie, John & Family*  
Ruben Luardo *req by the Family*

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Kevin Dowd, Oscar Ancit & Noli Reyes. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

*Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.*

Mary Power, Flori Heimbigner, Kenneth Power, Jacquie Power, Connie Power, Emma Corfield, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvliello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

December 15: \$9,501.15

December 22: \$8,657.00

Christmas: \$29,813.51

December 29: \$6,959.51

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:  
**Sunday Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23 (Infants Only), April 27, May 18 & June 22.**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **January 14, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 6 and June 10** at 7:00 pm.

*Sacrament of Baptism... Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!*



Congratulations and best wishes to  
**Davis DeMizio, Aiden Lococo & Ryan Vandenberg**  
who were recently baptized

### Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2025

First Reconciliation: **Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 7:00pm**

First Communion: **Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm**

### NEW DATE

Mandatory Preparation Meeting: **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm**  
*(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)*

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>

### 2025 will be a Special Year

The year 2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Church. It will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

The year 2025 officially marks 150 years of the Carmelites being in Niagara Falls, Canada (1875-2025). We will have several celebrations during 2025 at St. Patrick Parish, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, and at the Monastery of Mount Carmel. Stay tuned!



### Hospital Visits

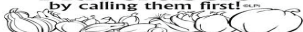
If you have a family member in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let the nursing station know. They will have the switchboard call for a priest. There have been several policy changes at the hospitals. Priests no longer have access to a list of patients. Beginning in September, not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).

### Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

*Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!*

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**Dear Friends:**

This bulletin material had to be into the publisher on December 30, 2024. As I write this, it feels like a July day in Newfoundland, Rainy and 14 degrees!

Happy New Year to everyone. It was great to see so many people out for Christmas Masses! There was a wonderful spirit in the church! Many thanks for your generosity to the parish. Fr. Joi and I would like to say a big thank you for the many personal cards and gifts. They are much appreciated! God bless you all.

By now I am sure most of you are packing away your Christmas decorations. I usually keep the tree up until the Baptism of the Lord! One year I actually took it down just before Ash Wednesday! The Christmas season may be over this week, but our call, our challenge, is to **keep the spirit of Christmas alive** all year! Christ is never out of season. Never.

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever received, **the very presence of our God as one of us**. This presence is manifested to the world at the Epiphany. Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**, the manifestation of Jesus to the rest of the world! These three wise men (magi), representing all nations, followed the star and came to God! They are really our symbolic pioneers. **Epiphany** can be seen as the feast of the pilgrim who seeks God on the journey. The call for us is to make our lives a continuous movement *toward* God, putting our lives in tune with God, bringing **Christ's light** to others. Dispelling all darkness! And may we never forget, that through the Christ Child, there is light for our darkness! No matter what we face or what we go through, the Lord truly shines!

Happy Epiphany! Have a blessed week, and a blessed New Year!

Fr. Gerard



"May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away; May we welcome the adult Messiah and his challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year."

"O God Among Us, may we be visited by angels, may we follow stars, may we bring the gifts we have to offer. May we embrace the journey and travel in love. May Christ bless our homes and find a home in our hearts throughout the year. Amen."

*Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.*

**THANK YOU**

I want to express a big **thank you** to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful. To our parishioners who came out to decorate the church, thanks for such a beautiful display! To those who donated toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones, many thanks for your kindness. To our **lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers**, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community. To our many **children** who participated in the Children's Pageant.... Many thanks for adding so much joy to our 3:30 PM Mass! To big Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus, **[Alexandra, Eric and Oscar]**, many, many thanks! To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies! To **Carol and Sandra, and our Adult Choir and Children's Choir**, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! To **Anthony, Julia and Robert**, thanks so much! **MANY THANKS** to our hundreds of parishioners who donated so generously to the Christmas Gift Campaign. You helped so many people this year! Many little faces lit up with joy on Christmas morning because of you! And many families were fed. And finally, to you, **our faithful parishioners**, many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Joi, Deacon David, and to your parish at Christmas. May God bless you all!

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

**What's a spider's New Year's resolution?**  
To spend less time on the web.  
**How can you keep a New Year's resolution to read more while never opening a book?**  
Watch TV with subtitles.  
**At the beginning of this year I made a New Year's resolution to lose 10 pounds ...**  
Only 15 more to go!



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Catholic through a **Profession of Faith**, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first **RCIA** meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology!



**Is God calling You?...** If you feel called to serve as an **Altar Server, Funeral Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector** or with the **Children's Liturgy** please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.



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