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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.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 2:1-12)



The Magi represent people on a quest. As we are told, “**they came from the East,**” which is to say, they came from the ends of the earth in searching for truth and light. Finding that Truth and Light in Jesus, the Magi, “**returned to their own country by a different road**” (Mt 2:12). It is much more than information about the physical path. Rather it is to say that after meeting with the Savior they have undertaken a new way of life.

The Gospel emphasizes that when we truly meet Christ, our life won't be the same.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are glad you're here! For details on our parish life, please see our website: www.stmichaelw.ca

Parish Office Hours

The parish office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio and pdf version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘SUNDAY HOMILY’.

The Church is Open for Prayer

The Church is open for quiet prayer Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Prayer Intentions

Prayer intentions are placed at the front of the Altar and are remembered privately at Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful. You can also have your request shared with our prayer group ministry. Please go to our website www.stmichaelw.ca and click on Request a Prayer or contact the parish office by phone or email.

Parish Email List

All parishioners are welcome to join a parish email list. If you are on this list, you will be notified of upcoming parish events including funerals. To join the list, please sign up on our website at

<https://www.stmichaelw.ca/contact-us>

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:00 pm + Special Intentions in Thanksgiving
– Madeleine Reiter

7:30pm-8:30pm Holy Hour with Adoration &
Benediction

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

12:15 pm + Deceased Priests & Religious of the
Diocese of Hamilton - Steve
+ Special Intentions of the Family of Jim
Gingerich – Marg Gingerich

Thursday, January 9, 2025

12:15 pm + Mary Dietrich – The Tyrrell Family
+ Alfons & Evan Hoegler – Evelyn Hussey

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:00 am + Souls in Purgatory – Steve
8:30am - 9am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 11, 2025

5:00 pm + Keith Barker, Sr. – The Family
+ Bernard Adlys – Sonia & Family
+ Special Intentions of Erika Gamboa



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany commemorates the “manifestation” of Christ to the nations and is kept on January 6th or the Sunday after January 1st. The liturgical texts center on the magi but include as well references to Jesus’ baptism and His first miracle at Cana as images of his appearance to the world, events that are celebrated specifically later on. (*Expert from CCCB*)

Who were the Magi?

The Evangelist Matthew never says there were three Magi. That’s a pious tradition that developed based on the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that the Magi brought Jesus. Since the seventh century, the Western Church has recognized these three Magi by the names *Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar*. Originally, the term *magi* referred to a group of people in Persia (modern Iran). ... Scholars have concluded that Matthew’s Magi were Gentile astrologers from an eastern land. (*Catholic Answers*)

Heartache to Healing- Grief Support Group

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. A monthly informal drop-in support group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 8th.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The St. Michael’s Prayer Shawl Ministry has given thousands of Prayer Shawls to parishioners, families and friends, St Mary’s Hospital, assisted living and long term care residents. We also give Baptismal Blankets (The White Garment) to every child baptized in our parish. Please support our work with donations of yarn or cash or join our ministry on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 pm in the parish library. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 8th.

Children’s Liturgy will resume on Sunday, January 12th at the 11 am Mass. If your child is not yet registered, please register at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/childrens-ministry>

Youth Ministry will resume Thursday, January 9th at 7 pm. New members are welcome. Please register at <https://www.stmichaelw.ca/youth-ministry>

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 for current envelope users are available in the narthex. After January 5th, the envelopes will be moved to the parish office. If you are not currently using envelopes but are interested in obtaining Sunday Offering Envelopes, please contact the parish office. All are invited to consider Pre-Authorized Giving as a method to support our parish - forms are available online.



DIocese of HAMILTON

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE – Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 7-9, 2025. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH Parenting Tip

#165 Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older.



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