## St. Joseph Patron of Canada Parish

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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.

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

he Feast of the Epiphany, which Egypt sometime originated in during the third century, predates celebration Christmas. of Historically it celebrated the three Epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus' divinity: His birth, the adoration of the Magi, and His Baptism. Unlike the Eastern Catholic churches and the Orthodox churches, we in the west celebrate the three events individually.

A proper way that we can celebrate the Epiphany is to look at a memorial which we celebrate on January 3, the Most Holy Name of Jesus. This memorial greatly supplements and serves the Epiphany. You might say we see this with the identity of Christ being made known through His 'manifestation'. This was witnessed by the shepherds at the Birth of Christ, revered by the coming of the Magi, and pronounced by a voice from Heaven identifying Jesus as "My Beloved Son" at His Baptism.

What we can learn from the Epiphany and from the Feast of The Holy Name of Jesus, is how we are able to keep the name of Jesus holy in our lives. The image of the Magi helps us to achieve this. Something profound happened to the world that changed it and as priests they came to give praise. We are called to do the same in our lives.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly, they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

- St John Chrysostom

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

This week please pray especially for:

Stephanie Lampkin, Bob Dzioba, Dennis Demelo,



This week we pray especially for the following families of our parish:

## Blanchet-Haffey, Bodi, Bonello, Borkowski, Bourque, Brozic

2025 Envelopes are now available downstairs in the hall. Numbers remain the same as last year.

Tax receipts will be prepared soon and will be issued for annual minimum donations of \$25.00.

**Bulletins** are available online at:

http://www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/097



Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Fr. Mark

#### **JANUARY 5, 2025**

DAY & TIME		MASS INTENTIONS (January 6 – January 12)	REQUESTED BY:
Tue.	7:00 p.m.	Intentions of Annemarie Vrscaj	Kosir Family
Wed.	9 :00 a.m.	Adam Dyczkowski	Kwiatkowski Family
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Giuseppe and Maria Querques	Querques Family
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	For the Sick of Our Parish	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Frank Hannah	Chris and Paul Hansen
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Doug and Catherine Hannah	Geralda Savoie
	11:00 a.m.	Pro populo	





#### **CONTACT PERSONS for CWL and K of C**

Anyone interested in learning more about our parish Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus is invited to call the appropriate contact person:

CWL: Christie deSouza: 519-400-6012 cwl@lartist.com K of C: Ian Nolan: grand.knight.8050@gmail.com

### MEETINGS

Mon. 6:00 p.m. Tops

Tues. 7:30 p.m. K of C Executive Wed. 8:00 p.m. Acton Sharing

## Liturgical & Roles

Sat.Jan 115 p.m.LectorKathleenEx. MinisterChris

Sun. Jan 129 a.m.11 a.m.LectorJayLizzieEx. MinisterAnnAaron

### Sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony

Father Mark arranges Baptisms and Marriages personally, by appointment. Please see Father after Mass to set a time for an interview. Marriages must be arranged one year in advance. Completion of a marriage preparation course is required. Applications may be obtained from Father Mark.

#### Winter Weather Conditions:

During inclement weather, we remind Parishioners to be cautious when coming to Mass and be prepared to stay home if conditions are treacherous. We wish all our Parishioners to be safe both on the roads and on the sidewalks this Winter.

Thank you to St. Joseph CWL for a very generous donation of \$1000 to the Parish to help fund the repairs to our organ. It has been in need of repair since at least 2019 and we are blessed to have it back in order and sounding beautiful.



Come Let Us Adore Him Christ the Lord!



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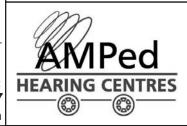
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