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Epiphany of the Lord



WELCOME to the new MEMBERS and all VISITORS to our PARISH. Visit our website <https://www.assumptionparishottawa.ca>

PRAYER REQUESTS: Let us pray for good health and well-being of Charles Stanton, Claude Cloutier, Cora Guillermo, Glenda Hadloc, Lucienne Sabourin, Ryan Kane, Ben Malicdem, Lina Groulx, Edelaine Piol, Deacon Paul Beaudoin, Charles Hebert, Virgie Bautista and Theresa Akan.

MASS INTENTIONS: In the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall only *three* (3) intentions at each Mass are allowed. So please contact the parish office to reserve your preferred dates (*at least a week before*). Requests will be handled on a "first come first served basis". Thank you for *your understanding and cooperation*.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION
January 2024**

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of
HOLY COMMUNION**

January 13 at 4PM – Nora Arriola and Chona Abulencia with Lori Scott; **January 14** at 9:30AM – Lynn Obero and Mary Miguel with Nora Horrigan; 12:00 PM – Rizza Yabut and Nora Cerda with Helen Belda; 7:00PM – Melchor Tejero and Noly Formoso with Gloria Piol

Mass Intentions for the Week

January 6, Saturday 9AM – **Ferial Day** (white) – Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary by *Nena Coronel*; 4PM - **SUNDAY LITURGY** – †Pat Furlong *by Dr. Shauneen Furlong*; †Romeo Castanos *by Nena Coronel*.

January 7 – **Epiphany of the Lord** (white) 9:30AM – Thanksgiving *by Deacon Paul & Linda Beaudoin*; Lynn & Abner Obero (31st anniversary); †Betty Barrett *by Frank Barrett*; †Juliana & Francisco dela Cuesta *by Pilar dela Cuesta* 12:00 NOON – †Crispino Obero Jr.; †Elvira Delos Santos; †Servillano & Maximo Pobleto *by Enna Manalili* 7:00PM – Pro Populo

January 8, Monday 8AM – **Baptism of the Lord** (white) – †Holy Souls in Purgatory *by Nena Coronel*

January 9, Tuesday 8AM – **Votive Mass of St. Anthony of Padua** (white) – †Girlie Cumagon *by Nena Coronel*

January 10, Wednesday 8AM – **Votive Mass of lady of Perpetual Help** (white) – †Cabe & Family *by Nena Coronel*

January 11, Thursday 8AM – **Ferial Day** (green) – †Nachon Family *by Nena Coronel*

January 12, Friday 8AM – **Memorial St. Marguerite Bourgeys** (white) – Sor Ann dela Pena (birthday) *by Nena Coronel*

WEEK ENDING COLLECTION REPORT
Dec. 30, 31/23 & Jan.1, 2024 - \$6,308



To those who assisted in the Christmas Novena Masses 2023 and to all our donors.

PLENARY INDULGENCE on the Occasion of the 8th Centenary of the CHRISTMAS as experienced by Saint Francis of Assisi

Who can gain this indulgence? All Catholics and those who are sick

When? From December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Where? At the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH (Vanier) and in any other churches pastorally managed by the Franciscan families throughout the world

How? For those who are ill or home-bound can equally benefit from the gift of the plenary indulgence, *by offering their sufferings to the Lord and carrying out practices of piety (kissing the Bible or the crucifix).* Those who are well needs to fulfill the usual conditions of: (1) a whole-hearted detachment from sin of any kind by going to sacramental CONFESSION, (2) participating actively at in a MASS, (3) PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE NATIVITY SCENES for the intentions of the Pope with the invocations: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph – have mercy on us AND St. Francis of Assisi – pray for us.*

PLEASE PICK-UP your 2024 COLLECTION ENVELOPES at the main entrance of the church. **For parishioners wanting to register, for income tax purposes, please contact the office by phone or email giving your name, address and phone number.** THANK YOU.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION (Confirmation Date is May 4, 2024)

We are now accepting registration for reception of these Sacraments. For more information and registration, please contact the office by phone or email (**Deadline - January 5, 2024**).

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

The **Feast of the Epiphany** celebrates Christ's manifestation to the world --- not only to his chosen people but to all peoples --- represented by the Magi *in the Gospel (Matthew 2: 1-12)* and the Ephesians in the Epistle (Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6).

Epiphany means "manifestation" or "appearance," and there are other manifestations of God in the Bible. During this Christmas Season of this liturgical year, our readings at Mass focus on the following:

1. **At Jesus' Birth**, the angels bore witness at the shepherds (representing Israel) bowed and worshiped;
2. **The visit of the Magi from the East** revealed Jesus to the Gentiles. They followed a star to see the newborn baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The Magi brought Jesus gifts: **gold** considered a symbol of kings; **frankincense**, a perfume representing divinity; and **myrrh**, an anointing and embalming oil that symbolized death.

As Catholics, we are encouraged to remember the journey of these wise men, led by a star. **We are fellow heirs and adopted children of God** who are to follow Jesus and must be guided by our Savior's examples and teachings so that we live, offerings the gift of faithful love until our return to our heavenly Father.



*May the Lord fill your home
with His glory on this
Epiphany Day!*



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