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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



MONDAY– JANUARY 6TH

7:15 am + Gino Pansolin

TUESDAY– JANUARY 7TH – ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

7:15 am + Geraldine Bernard

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 8TH

9:00 am + Lucy Gabriele

7:00 pm + Norma Anastasio
+ David Melowsky
++ Teresa & Francesca Martinello

THURSDAY– JANUARY 9TH

7:15 am + Dory Isidro

FRIDAY – JANUARY 10TH

7:15 am + Jenny Bravo

SATURDAY – JANUARY 11TH

9:00 am – Intentions of Eddie & Maddie

SUNDAY LITURGY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY – JANUARY 11TH

5:00 pm ++ Deceased Members of Violin
Family

SUNDAY – JANUARY 12TH

9:00 am – Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 am ++ Colomba & Leo Mancinelli

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

PRAYER CALENDAR

MONDAY – Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.

TUESDAY – Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.

WEDNESDAY – Diocesan Priests

THURSDAY – Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P..

FRIDAY – Rev. David Avila

SATURDAY – Married Couples

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

CWL membership dues will be \$40.00 in January 2025.

Please write your full name, address, phone number and email address when you send in your fee.

"TREE OF REMEMBRANCE"



Once again our Christmas tree in the sanctuary is decorated with red crosses and white angels. The crosses will have the names of those parishioners who have died during the past year. The angels will have the names of those persons who have been baptized in our parish during the last year. As part of their service project, some of our Confirmation candidates have made and prepared these crosses and angels for our tree. We thank them for sharing their time and talent.

VOCATIONS INSERTS

Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2025

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – A HOLY YEAR OF HOPE

This year on Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, like Pope John Paul II in 1999, opened the Holy Door to begin a Jubilee Year in 2025. It will be an ordinary holy year — in

accordance with the tradition of the Church to celebrate such a year every 25 years, to give every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life. Those who participate in a Holy Year pilgrimage are granted a plenary indulgence; those who are unable to attend in person for concrete reasons are invited to participate spiritually, “offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.”

The last ordinary Holy Year, the Great Jubilee Year of 2000, which took place under John Paul II, was one of the biggest events in the history of mankind. The Holy Father Francis wants the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be lived as a “year of hope,” very symbolic in times when the world’s wars seem to be unending and multiplying. Catholic tradition refers back to the Jewish tradition of the “jubilees” present in the Bible (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13), although in Rome it was started simply for pilgrims. In preparation for the coming Holy Year, Pope Francis has decided to dedicate the year 2024 to prayer in its personal and community dimension. The term “Jubilee” comes from the name of an instrument, the yobel, the ram’s horn, used by Jews in Biblical times to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).



BLESSED CHALK

Each year on the Feast of the Epiphany the Church celebrates the blessing of chalk and homes which is a great Catholic tradition for families. Bless your door every year on this Feast! It’s very simple to do: using the blessed chalk write **AD 20+C+M+B+25** on the ‘lintel’ of the door (the horizontal piece above the door). The letters have two meanings. First, they mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “25” at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is written as a request for Christ to bless the homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The C, M, and B also represent the initials of the Magi—Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar—who visited Jesus in His first home.

The chalking of the doors of a home encourages Christians to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. The following is a short prayer that can be said for the blessing:

God of heaven and earth, Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

This past weekend we welcomed into the family of God:



AMAN ALCINDOR-BOURNE

ANIYA ALCINDOR-BOURNE

Children of David & Fatima

Congratulations to the Parents, Godparents,

Grandparents and Families





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