

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Epiphany, which simply means manifestation or revelation, is a Christian feast celebrating the manifestation of God to mankind in human form, in the person of Jesus, and in particular the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi, who were not Jews. It is a celebration of the revelation of birth of Jesus and the visit of the three Kings or wise men, who came to visit and worship the baby Jesus. The men were led by star until they found the promised Messiah. The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful: Gold reveals that the babe in the manger is actually a king; frankincense tells us that he is God incarnate and must be worshipped; myrrh tells us that Christ has to suffer and die to redeem God's people.

PLAN TO EXTEND DONATION DEADLINE - "Charities are at the heart of communities across Canada, lending a helping hand to those in need. This extension recognizes the impact that the Canada Post service disruption had on their fundraising campaigns, and will give charities additional time to receive and process donations so that they can continue their vital work."

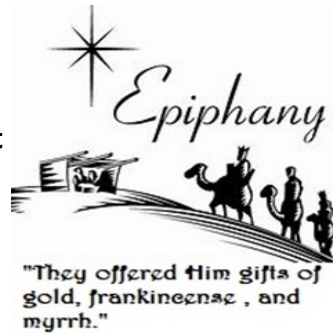
JUBILEE YEAR PLENARY INDULGENCE - (Bishop Daniel Miehm) I hereby decree that in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough four churches throughout the diocese may be visited by the faithful to fulfill requirements for the indulgence: St. Michael the Archangel, 379 Division Street, Cobourg; Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 40 Russell St. East, Lindsay; St. Patrick's, 89 Rain Lake Rd., Kearney and, principal among them, the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains, 411 Reid Street, Peterborough. Plenary indulgence ordinarily depends on the following obligations being observed: a) attend Mass and receive Holy Communion at one of the churches noted above during the Jubilee Year; b) make a sacramental confession [within several days of the above-mentioned visit]; and c) pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

ST MARY'S CWL - 1. The next CWL Meeting is Jan.06/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory. Guest speaker is Dr. Maria Marszal, Topic - Divine Mercy.

2. The CWL Word of the Week is MENTORSHIP. Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The CWL is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come, be part of the journey.

3. A special thank you to all parishioners who contributed poinsettias and other flowers to add to the beauty of Christmas at St. Mary's.

4. On behalf of all parishioners the CWL extends a BIG thank you to St. Mary's Choir. The Choir provided such beautiful Christmas music. It is so appreciated. Your music makes Christmas so very special.



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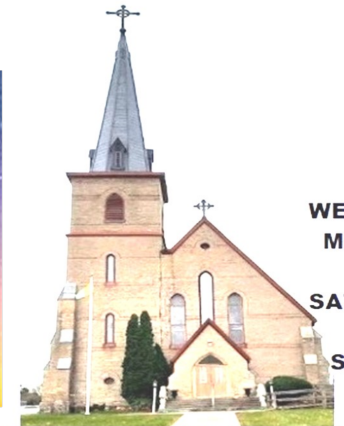
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4-5, 2024



CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

WEEKEND
MASSES

SATURDAY
4PM

SUNDAY
10AM

Parish Committees & Organisations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680

Finance, *Alfons Casteels* - 905 269 2352

Lectors, *Joanna Mecozzi* - 905 375 9502

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion,
Judith Goulin-905 372 7684

Catholic Women's League, *Pat Murphy*
(President)-905 349 2847

Bingo Volunteers, *Jackie Innis*-905 349 2880

St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263

Cemetery Board, *Francis Calnan* 905 269 0795

K of C and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865

Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578

Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne*
Liptay-905 372 3031

St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352

Parish Handyman, *Ed Nemec*-905 349 2923

Religious Articles, *Alta Vance*-905 344 7443

St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton, *Angelo*
Costa (Principal)-905 349 2061

St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg, *Jason*
Roberts (Principal)-Tel. 905 372 4339

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.

Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.

First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 9am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Jan 6, Mon 9am

Jan 7, Tues 9am (No Mass)

Jan 8, Wed 9am

Jan 9, Thurs 9am

Jan 10, Friday 9am

Jan 11, Sat 9pm

Sat 11, 4pm (Baptism of the Lord) - For the people of the parish

Jan 12, Sun 10am (Baptism of the Lord)

Jan 11 -1 2 WEEKEND MASSES

4 pm

10 am

LECTORS: Paula Blick

Michael Stephenson

EMHC : Greg Blick

Bernadette Murray

USHERS: Darrell & Nick Manley

Ian Manley & Ed Nemec



LAST WEEKEND (Dec 28-29, 2024, Jan 1, 2025)

Sunday Offertory - \$2,835

Christmas Offering - \$290

New Year Offering - \$660



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

**Marilyn Cerveney, Eailen Fitzgerald,
Dalton McDonald & Jeanie Grol**

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC # 982) - "There is no offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest. Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FEAST OF EPIPHANY - This event is celebrated in the Christian tradition as the Epiphany, marking the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. The Magi's journey and adoration of the Christ Child symbolize the recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews and the Savior of all nations. Even though some mystery remains to the identity of the Magi, the Church respects their act of worship. As we celebrate Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany, we too must be mindful of our duty to adore our Lord through prayer, worship and self-sacrificing good works. St. Gregory Nazianzen in year 389 preached, "Let us remain on in adoration; and to Him, who, in order to save us, humbled Himself to such a degree of poverty as to receive our body, let us offer not only incense, gold and myrrh..., but also spiritual gifts, more sublime than those which can be seen with the eyes".



TAX RECEIPT 2024 - I am about to print and distribute your 2024 Tax Receipts when I received this important instruction from the diocese related to Government's Plan to extend Donation deadline: "PLEASE DO NOT RUN OR ISSUE ANY 2024 TAX DONATION RECEIPTS UNTIL THE DIOCESE PROVIDES FURTHER DIRECTION ON THIS MATTER". "The Federal Government is attempting to pass legislation to extend the 2024 Donation deadline to February 28, 2025, for the year 2024 due to the postal strike. This legislation has NOT yet been passed but seems imminent. As soon as the Diocese knows the outcome we will provide pastors and parish admin staff with direction on issuing donation receipt (possibility to the end of December and close out tax year in tax receipting software and then issue a 2nd receipt for all donations received Jan/Feb 2025 but align with the 2024 tax year."

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY (For the right to an education) "Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."

CHRISTMAS SEASON - According to the norms issued by the Church, "The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord." Hence, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord does mark the definitive end of the Christmas liturgical cycle.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE (www.stmarygrafton.ca) - On the website screen you'll find and can just click: Weekly bulletins, Mass Times, Events, Photos of parish activities & much more! Be sure to visit often, save it as a favorite, and share it with fellow parishioners. Thank you to Paige Mullin for her hard work in building this new resource for our parish. Let's make the most of it as we continue to grow together in faith and community.