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**Epiphany of the Lord**

# The Epiphany of the Lord – January 7, 2024

“With Christ’s help we can be his light for others.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Sat, Jan 13</b>	<b>4pm</b>	In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Favours Received by Karen & Jean Carmichael Berl & Blanche Robinson+ by Joan Waugh
<b>Sun, Jan 14</b>	<b>9am</b>	Giuseppe & Michelina Scarfone+ by their daughter Maria Caliciuri Vincenzo Caliciuri+ by his wife Maria Giuseppe Pavone+ by his wife Lena
	<b>11am</b>	Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis

**PRAYER LINE:** *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed. If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

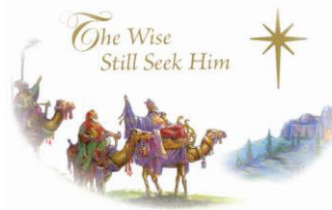
**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** Rosemary Kennedy+

## SCRIPTURE READINGS Jan 8 – Jan 14, 2024

Monday	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tuesday	1Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	1Samuel 3:1-10; Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	1Samuel 4:1c-11; Mark 1:40-45
Friday	1Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 <i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>
Saturday	1Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	1Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

### The Epiphany of the Lord



“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi: following a light - searching for the Light. “The star appearing in the sky kindled in their minds and in their hearts a light

that moved them to seek the great Light of Christ. The Magi followed faithfully that light which filled their hearts, and they encountered the Lord. The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East: our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and love which we Christians recognize in Jesus, the Light of the World.

What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God who speaks to us, who always speaks to us. We need to welcome the light of God into our hearts and, at the same time, to cultivate that spiritual cunning which is able to combine simplicity with astuteness, as Jesus told his disciples: “Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Mt 10:16).

On the feast of the Epiphany, as we recall Jesus’ manifestation to humanity in the face of a Child, may we sense the Magi at our side, as wise companions on the way. Their example helps us to lift our gaze towards the star and to follow the great desires of our heart.” Jan.6, 2014

*By the example of the Magi, with our little lights, may we seek the Light and keep the faith.*

Sunday December 24, 2023	3 077.25
Christmas Offering Dec.25,2023	\$4 226.00
Building Fund balance to date	\$161 037.78

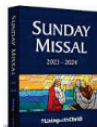
**Building Fund Goal: \$200 000**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



**2024 Envelopes** are ready to be picked up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817

**Sunday Missal 2023-2024 - Sunday Missals are for sale at the Church Office. They are \$5 each.**





## The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord -



**January 9<sup>th</sup>:** "Today, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, *let us ponder the day of our Baptism.* All of us were baptized, let us give thanks for this gift. I ask you a

question: *which of you know the date of your Baptism?* Surely not everyone. Therefore, I encourage you to find out the date, by asking, for example, your parents, your grandparents, your godparents, or going to the parish. *It is very important to know it, because it is a date to be celebrated: it is the date of our rebirth as Children of God.* For this reason, homework for this week: go and find out the date of your Baptism. **Celebrating that day means and reaffirms our adherence to Jesus, with the commitment to live as Christians, members of the Church and of a new humanity, in which all are brothers and sisters.** *May the Virgin Mary, first Disciple of her Son Jesus, help us to live our Baptism with joy and apostolic zeal, welcoming each day the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes us Children of God.*

### THIS WEEK

Wednesday Jan. 10 **9:30AM** Rosary Cenacle  
**5:00PM** – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting  
 Thursday Jan 11 **1:00PM** – Choir Practice (11AM)  
**6:30PM** – Choir Practice (9AM)  
 Saturday Jan 13 **7:00AM** – TMIY (Men's Group) – "That Man is You"

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### Act of Consecration to Mary:

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

## Pope Francis – January Prayer Intention

**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.*



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**January 16, 2024 – All are welcome to join**



**Alpha Is Back!!!**  
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Tuesday January 16 at 6pm  
 Register at [Alphanorthbay.com](http://Alphanorthbay.com)

**Tuesday evenings!** Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, designed to create conversation. Whether you're just curious about faith or new to Christianity Alpha provides an open and welcoming environment where

you can explore life's biggest questions with people who are asking the same things. [www.alphanorthbay.com](http://www.alphanorthbay.com)

### Coming to Stillness: An Invitation to Face Sacred Moments – Beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Is your life too hectic? Out of balance? Do you need renewed energy for your inner life? All are welcome to join a series of **6 ZOOM contemplative prayer experiences** sponsored by Shalom Place and facilitated by Sr Léa

Joanisse. Held on the third Monday of each month. You may register for all six sessions or any individual session. **Individual sessions must register by each Tuesday. To register: [shalomssm@shaw.ca](mailto:shalomssm@shaw.ca), [www.shalomplace.ca](http://www.shalomplace.ca) or (705) 254-4690.** A financial gift (whatever you can afford) allows the ministry of Shalom Place to thrive and grow. Thank you for your generosity.

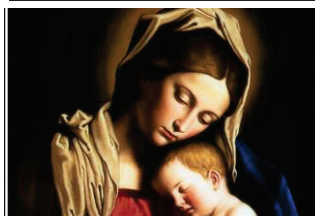
### Coffee Sunday! Sunday Jan. 28th!

Reminder to sign up on the bulletin board and bring your goodies at the beginning of Mass!



### TMIY: Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart :

**That Man is You!** Join us for food, fellowship and faith **Saturdays @ 7:00 AM at St. Peter's Parish Hall.** All men are welcome! Learn more at [tmiy.org](http://tmiy.org).




*Catholics are urged to entrust 2024 to the Mother of God, who "knows our needs" and always intercedes to "make grace overflow in our lives."*



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