

# PAROISSE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE PARISH



*Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
Marie, Mère de Dieu, priez pour nous.*



## Mary, the Holy Mother of God Sainte Marie, Mère de Dieu



All of God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus. God became man to bring us salvation and eternal life. God used a woman, Mary, to make this come about, and today we honor her, the holy mother of God. We acknowledge the role she played in God's wonderful plan and thank her for her willingness to embrace the divine will for our salvation.

Today's first readings instructs the Israelite priests to bless their people by invoking God's name, asking that his *face might shine* upon them. In the second reading, we are reminded that God sent his Son, born of a woman to save us. Today's Gospel tells of Mary, hearing wondrous news about her infant and keeping things in her heart. ....

### January 1<sup>st</sup> - World Day of Peace

In his first annual message for the World Day of Peace, Pope Francis has written that peace and social justice are impossible without a spirit of fraternity based on recognition that all men and women are children of God.

## Epiphany - Épiphanie du Seigneur

In many parishes today, a familiar hymn will echo the words telling of the star of wonder leading the perfect light (We Three Kings by John H. Hopkins Jr.). We follow that light to the place of Jesus' birth to bring the gift of ourselves by our willingness to follow him and his teachings. We continue to show the gift of Jesus' humanity to the world.

In the first reading we hear from Isaiah how the glory of the Lord shines upon Jerusalem. In the second reading, Paul tells the people that the gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews and share in the promise of Christ. In the Gospel, we hear the familiar story of the Magi's journey to the birthplace of the Christ Child in Bethlehem.



# MASSES FOR THE WEEK\*



Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
<b>Dec 31</b> Tue - mar	<b>5:00pm</b>	Deceased Meunier Family – George & Rachel	<i>New Year's Eve</i>
<b>Jan 1</b> Wed – mer	<b>9:00 am</b>	RIP Alice Roeland – Gary & Noreen	<i>New Year's Day</i>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>(Lodge)</b> For Parishioners	<b>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</b>
<b>Jan 2</b> Thur - jue	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Aspen)</b> RIP Jack Voyer	
<b>Jan 3</b> Fri – ven <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:00 am - 7:00 pm	<b>8:30 am</b>	Special intention	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</i>
	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Rosary</b>	
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Devotion to the Sacred Heart Of Jesus</b>	
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	RIP Walter Hansen – Vivianne Adkins	
<b>Jan 4</b> Sat - sam	<b>5:00 pm</b>	For Parishioners	<b>Epiphany</b>
<b>Jan 5</b> Sun - dim	<b>9:00 am</b>	RIP Roger Vansevenandt – Mark & Kerry	<b>of the</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	Deceased Relatives – Robert & Lillian Bokenfohr	<b>Lord</b>
<b>Jan 7</b> Tues - mar	<b>8:30 am</b>	Special intention	<i>St. André Bessette</i>
<b>Jan 8</b> Wed - mer	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Lodge)</b> RIP Ed Kryskow – Leo Brochu	
<b>Jan 9</b> Thurs - jeu	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>(Aspen)</b> RIP Louise Desnoyers – Friends & Family	
<b>Jan 10</b> Fri - ven	<b>8:30 am</b>	RIP Yvonne Bolle – Clothilda & Ernie	
<b>Jan 11</b> Sat - sam	<b>5:00 pm</b>	RIP Cyril & Mary Depre - Isabel	<i>Baptism</i>
<b>Jan 12</b> Sun - dim	<b>9:00 am</b>	For Parishioners	<b>of the</b>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	RIP Henry Côté – Sylvia Côté	<b>Lord</b>



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Andy Campbell, Carol Jean, Kiah Courtney, Irene Dupuis, Eugene Scantland, Father Michael; all those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments; expecting mothers; peace in our families, community and the world. Also, for our Bishop Paul Terrio and the Diocese of St. Paul.

\* Parish Office will be closed on Tues. & Wed., Jan 7 & 8, 2014.

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COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES    Dec. 24    \$ 13,467.00  
Restoration \$ 5,540.00

Dec 29    \$ 3,987.50    THANK YOU! MERCI!  
Restoration \$ 225.00

## Envelopes for 2014

Thank you for picking up your envelopes for 2014. There are still some at the back. Please take them or if you did not find yours, please let the Greeters know to take your name. You will have it the following Sunday at the back.

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## The Faithful Revolution : Vatican II

This 5 one-hour video series recalls some of the tremendous impact of the Second Vatican Council on the Catholic Church. Our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that we spend a little time discovering / rediscovering the content of the 16 documents produced as a result of the Second Vatican Council.

\* **Our next session will be on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – downstairs rectory.**

Open to everyone. Please come to learn about the Church more, appreciate, see and share in her mission.

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**Thank You...** To the family of Edward Kryskow for thinking of our parish and having their donations go towards the St. Jean Baptiste Restoration Fund during funeral. Also to all who made the donations - THANK YOU! The total received was \$735.00

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## Children's Coins for Charity

A total of \$499.00 was collected from the third week in November till the end of December. The money went towards Santa's Anonymous.



## Marriage Preparation Session

We are planning to have a Marriage Preparation this spring in Morinville, on April 25, 26 and 27, 2014. For more information contact the parish office. Registration forms available at the back.

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## Baptism Preparation Session

There will be a Baptism preparation class for those who are planning a baptism of their babies on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till 12:30 pm – Upstairs at the Rectory in Legal. Please call the Parish office to register prior to the session.

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## Blood Donor Clinic

The clinic is on Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Morinville Community Centre. This is challenging time for blood collection and we are struggling to make sure we have enough units on hand to help hospital patients in need. Thank you.

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*Have a Blessed New Year 2014!*

