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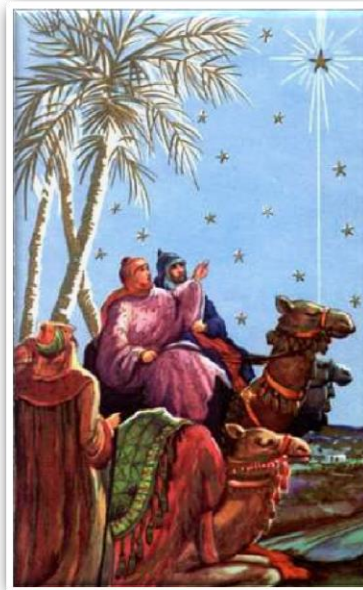
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Epiphany Of The Lord

January 7, 2018



Welcoming New Parishioners:

We warmly welcome all new members to our parish family. We would like to get to know and serve you. In order to do so please fill out a registration form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm English

Sun. 9:00 am English

11:00 am Bilingual

Weekday Liturgies:

Please refer to a recent bulletin for updates for the current week.

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

Sat. 4:30 - 4:50 pm

Sun. 8:30 - 8:50 am

10:30 - 10:50 am

or upon appointment

Baptism:

First Sunday of the month at mass.

Call the parish office for more info and registration.

Marriage/Wedding:

Please call the parish office At least SIX months in advance of your chosen date and before any other arrangement is made.

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please contact the Parish Office After Hours for

Emergencies Only

780-645-9749.

Focus of the Sunday Readings

Seek Jesus diligently in your daily life.

The Magi in the Gospel sought the newborn King diligently, willing to travel from the East to find him. We can find Jesus in our daily lives so much more easily, just by being open to the many ways he is present to us. How diligent are we at finding Jesus in our own life?

The first reading recounts the splendor of Jerusalem as it draws other nations to the glory of God. In his Epistle to the Ephesians, Saint Paul proclaims the Good News that the Gentiles are co-heirs of salvation with the people of Israel. The Gospel recounts the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem, where they worshipped the baby Jesus.

Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969 we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority and the power of Jesus.

In today's calendar the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the wedding at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States (*and in Canada*) we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation, it is celebrated on Jan. 6. In the United States (*and Canada*), the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany.



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Readers There are still some 2018 Workbook for Lectors available for purchase for any readers who wish to buy this book. The cost is \$10.00. Please put the cash or cheque in the envelope provided next to the books.

Ministry schedule

The Ministry schedule for January to March 2018 has been e-mailed to all Ministers for those who do not have e-mails there are copies at the back of the Church.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees January 14

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world. Men and women from various regions of the earth who have not yet encountered Jesus Christ or know him only partially, ask to be received in countries with an ancient Christian tradition. It is necessary to find adequate ways for them to meet and to become acquainted with Jesus Christ and to experience the invaluable gift of salvation." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2012).

Ordinary Time

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.



The Knights of Columbus St. Anne Council, would like to thank all for your support of our annual Christmas Hamper program. Your generosity has helped make Christmas more special for 110 families in the Morinville area. The smiles on the faces of the children at the sight of the hampers have left a lasting impression on those who delivered them. Your support is very much appreciated. The Knights of Columbus recognize your commitment to this worthy endeavor which ensures the ongoing success of the Christmas Hamper project. Therefore it is with sincere gratitude that we wish you the peace, love and joy of the Christ Child in the coming year.

Marriage Preparation 2018



There will be a Marriage Preparation for those who are planning to get married.

February 23, 24 & 26th at the Morinville Rendez-Vous Centre

There are also registration forms at the back of the Church.

To register, please contact Louise Lavoie at louiselavoie@dioceseofstpaul.ca Tel: 780.645.3277 ext 30

Baptism Prep Team

We are in need of a Baptism prep team members we are looking to have approx. 5 members to help present different topics regarding Baptism to the parents we are hoping to have meetings 2 or 3 times throughout the year and is usually held on a Saturday morning from 9 am to 12 pm. If you are interested please contact Fr. Trini or Donna at the Parish office.

Envelopes for 2018 There are still some envelopes for 2018 at the back of the church if you would like to receive envelopes please call the Parish office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Day	Time	Mass Intention	Feast
Jan 6 Saturday	5:00 pm	Special Intention for George & Rachel - Nicole	Epiphany Of The Lord
Jan 7 Sunday	9:00 am	For Parishioners	
	11:00 am	Deceased Family - Alice	
Jan 8 Tuesday	10:00 am	Funeral Mass for Joe Kieser	
Jan 9 Tuesday	8:30 am	RIP Andre & Matilda Boddez – Mark & Kerry	
Jan 10 Wed	10:00 am 1:00 pm	(Lodge) RIP Maurive VanBrabant – Lyle & Doreen Desmond (Church) Epiphany Mass for Notre Dame School	
Jan 11 Thursday	10:00 am	(Aspen) RIP Lucien Beaupre – Angie Gibeault	
Jan 12 Friday	8:30 am	RIP Gabriel Provencher - Joel	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
Jan 13 Saturday	5:00 pm	RIP Linda Tessier – Albert & Alberta	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 14 Sunday	9:00 am	Special Intention for Janet & Gary White - Nicole	
	11:00 am	For Parishioners	

PLEASE PRAY FOR... Irene Dupuis, Emilienne Dostie All those who are sick or struggling; who are going through any medical procedures and treatments.



Please Pray for...

✚ **Norbert Quaghebeur**, who passed away on December 23, 2017
His Funeral Mass was held here at our parish on Tuesday January 3, 2018

✚ **Real Cormier**, who passed away on December 27, 2017
His Funeral Mass was held here at our parish on Wednesday January 4th, 2018

✚ **Joe Kieser**, who passed away on January 3rd, 2018
His Funeral Mass will be here at our parish on Monday January 8, 2018 at 10:00 am
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Ministers for the 11:00 am Mass

We are in need of more Eucharistic Minister and Readers for the 11:00 am Mass if you would like to help with any of these ministries please call Donna at the Parish office.

COLLECTIONS – QUÊTES December 24th & 25th – \$ 11,558.00 December 31st \$ 5269.60

THANK YOU! MERCI

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dust Angels

- January 10th, 8:00 am Wednesday

- Church