

Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

Daily Readings for the week of January 8-14:

Monday: *Baptism of the Lord:* Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Mark 1.7-11

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1.9-20; Mark 1.21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20; Mark 1.29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4.1c-11; Mark 1.40-45

Friday: *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys:* 1 Samuel 8.47, 10-22a; Mark 2.1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a; Mark 2.13-17

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: *World Day of Migrants and Refugees:*

1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20; John 1.35-42

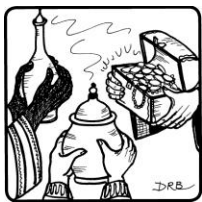


New Parishioners: Welcome to our St. Patrick's Parish faith community! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor and fill out a registration form found on the main bulletin board.

Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord: Today's celebration of Epiphany is reminding us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. Everyone can pray "our" Father. If God is Father of every single person, then every single person in this world is our sister or brother.

The call today is to live our lives in such a way that in our words to people and about people, in our actions with people, we will never act in any way except as a caring brother or sister.

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Tradition has drawn different associations with the gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus. Gold is a sign of wealth and was regarded as a symbol of kingship; frankincense is a type of incense that symbolized divinity and was also associated with prayer, as it was burned alongside the grain offerings in the Tabernacle as a fragrant offering rising to

God. Myrrh is an aromatic resin that was one of the ingredients of the holy oil used for anointing priests, prophets, and kings, and it was also used to embalm the dead (thus symbolically foreshadowing the death of Jesus). But what about us? What gifts can we bring to our Lord and King?

- Sharon van der Sloot

There will be 5:30 evening Mass on Monday for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: This Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. It has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctifies water and pours forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.



The Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduces His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Thank you! A huge thank you to Fr. Bill, who has been with us since the end of November, for helping serve in the North – not only in Yellowknife but also Behchoko and Whati. We were blessed to celebrate with you while Fr. Marek was away and for the Christmas season. Many blessings on your year ahead as you head back to Ontario this week.

2018 Collection Envelopes: Offertory envelopes for 2018 are available in the foyer. The boxes are in numerical order. Please refer to the parish list available on the table to locate your name and envelope number for 2018; and take time to update your address. For those parishioners wanting to use envelopes in 2018, please choose a blank box and fill out the information on the sheet, remember to put your name and address on the first few envelopes. Thank you!

Confirmation Registration: Registration for the sacrament of Confirmation, for students in grade 8 and up, is happening until January 20th. Forms are at the church or see Ms. Lori Tutt at ESPHS. A letter will go out to students next week.



Please call the parish office, or Fr. Marek, if you have a family member in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit and/or would like to have a family member included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

Eucharistic Adoration

The Lord would like to spend time quietly with you. Wouldn't you like to do the same with Him? That is why we have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral each Tuesday from noon to 5 pm. Many of you come to spend time with Him but some have had to stop due to health problems or change in work schedule. We hope to bring in more and more for Adoration so we are appealing to you to sign up on the sheet in the back of church. We are in need of Adorers on Tuesdays from 3-4 pm, and 4-5 pm; and we are always looking for persons to be present when the person scheduled at that time can't be there. We pray these openings will be filled. Contact Gail at paquins@northwestel.net for more information.

Stewardship Reflection

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh..." (Matthew 2:11)

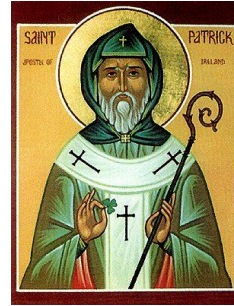
Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt down before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with gifts.

We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord.

We never know what god may be asking us to share.



Offertory collection for December 31-----\$
Other revenue-----\$
Total Income -----\$
Cost to operate our Parish per week-----\$ 6,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the week-----\$



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The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m. **Daily Mass:** Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesdays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm
 Please use the side door.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Priest available ½ hour before each Mass or by appointment

Pastoral Team

Pastor Fr. Marek Pisarek, OMI (444-8700) pisarekomi@gmail.com	Pastoral Assistant Susan Waddell swaddell@theedge.ca	Bookkeeper parishadmin@theedge.ca
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<u>St. Patrick's Vinnies</u> 920-4961 Tues-Sat 10:00 am – 5:30 pm	RCIA Andre Corriveau andrecorriveau@icloud.com	Catholic Women's League Tina Rivera - President 873-5900
Knights of Columbus Chris Wood – Grand Knight cwood11@theedge.ca	Society of St. Vincent de Paul 446-1934 (leave a message)	Development & Peace Suzette Montreuil 920-2765
	Finance Council – Chairperson Gord Van Tighem	

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the Parish Priest to set up an initial interview for Marriage at least one year in advance and prior to setting a wedding date. Marriage preparation is required.

Sacrament of Baptism Contact the parish office to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package (also on the bulletin board in the church). The next preparation session is Wed., January 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

1st Eucharist/Reconciliation- Next session on January 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

CWL Prayer Line: Prayer requests can be emailed to Barb McDonald at barbmcd@theedge.ca. The rosary is prayed every Monday evening for these requests.