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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Come, Let us Adore Him

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus – *the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world*, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it. From this alone, we get the idea that this feast is a “heavyweight”.

Furthermore, the Greek word Epiphany was used to refer to the ‘splendid appearance of a wealthy city’, or more commonly to the “spectacular appearance of a ‘hidden divinity’”. This nuance of the word Epiphany puts some glitz and glamour to this already huge feast.

Then we have the First Reading which speaks of the prophet Isaiah’s breathtaking vision of the light and glory of the Lord rising upon Zion, attracting nations and kings and even camels to come streaming to her.

Now, if we put all these together then we would have an irresistibly beautiful, spectacularly glamorous and heavyweight feast. But the Gospel tones it down a little bit. By all means, it does not take away its beauty; St. Matthew puts together the image of a star and a little child in a manger, which is not also beautiful but tender. But then he adds a very sober reminder for all of us: the Epiphany of our Lord is a tender, irresistibly beautiful, spectacularly glamorous, heavyweight event for some, but not for others. So that really this feast *challenges* rather than pampers...

I once came across an article about a mixed martial arts champion. He was asked what the hardest part of being a champion was. His reply was: “people see the shiny belt around my waist, they hear the accolades I receive everywhere, when they read about how much money I have in the bank... the most difficult part is that which people do not normally see, and that is the sweat, the blood and the tears I paint the gym with everyday.”

Epiphany rhymes with shiny. Traditionally the magi look shiny and even regal. But everybody needs to be aware, that before they got to where they needed to

Tuesday January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 +Eugenio & Catarina Moscon
Requested by John and family

Wednesday January 4

12:05 +Joe Diduch and family
Requested by Carole Diduch

Thursday January 5

12:05 +Tim Jackson
Requested by Robert Anning

Friday January 6

11am – Holy Hour

12:05 noon +Anne Marie Calhoun
Requested by the Bowen family

Saturday January 7

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

10 am +Rheal, Julie & Reg
Requested by the family

The Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass – Saturday January 7

5 pm +Linda Quesnelle
Requested by her brothers and sisters

Sunday – January 8

9am +Isabelle Garraway
Requested by Wayne & Joanne Corosky and
the residents of King Place

11:30 am Mass for the people



Please remember the following people in your prayers: Mary McCarthy; Nicole Marchildon; Stephen Roach; Lilah Bates; Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Peter

Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Brenda Bylow; John Jerome

Please pray for recently deceased: Marg Carney; Marie Dupuis; Stephen Bradshaw; Bernice Juneau; Linda Dorion;

be, they had to study the skies night and day. And to finally see the 'baby', they had to spend time, money and energy. Epiphany is indeed shiny. But to be able to bathe in its beauty, one would be willing to get down, dirty and worship someone else other than 'I, me, and myself.'

As we begin this new year, with the help of the Blessed Mother, let us renew our resolve to be humble and obedient servants of the Word, who came and lived with us.

Grace and Peace,
Fr. R C R A



The Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable of all.

Give the Gift of Music!

We love to worship together and praise God through music. Help us celebrate Him in song by donating towards the purchase of new Gather hymnals for St. Margaret's Parish. Any amount is welcome, and for donations of \$45 or more, parishioners wishing to make donations in memory of a loved one can have their name inside the hymnal.



A Sincere Thank You

Father Roselle sends a heartfelt "Thank you!" for the thoughtful gifts and cards. It is truly appreciated.

2022 Tax Receipts

Income tax receipts will be mailed out the first week of February 2023.

Thank you for all the ways you generously support our parish.

New Year's Blessings



From St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff

Fr. Roselle, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim,
Juanita, Jim, Katie, Rose



SOMETIMES CALLED
The Angelical Salutation
OR
Ave Maria



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the
hour of our death.

May Mary be there as she was at her son's death on the cross. May she welcome us as our mother at the hour of our passing to lead us to her son, Jesus, in paradise.

SOURCE: CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2676-2677



Hail, Mary!

Full of grace,
The Lord is with thee;

Blessed are thou
among women,
And blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Because she gives us Jesus, her son, Mary is the **Mother of God** and also our mother. We can entrust all our cares and petitions to her. By doing so, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: "Thy will be done."

By asking Mary to pray for us, we recognize that we are sinners. We give ourselves over to her now and surrender even the hour of our death to her care.

It is God himself, through the angel Gabriel, who greets Mary. This greeting shows God's regard for his humble servant and the joy he finds in her.

The **grace** with which Mary is filled is the presence of Jesus, the source of all grace.

Mary is **blessed among women** because she believed in the fulfillment of the Lord's word. Because of her faith, she became the mother of all believers, through whom all nations of the earth receive him who is God's own blessing: Jesus, the fruit of thy womb.



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Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Office will be

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from January 26-January 2, 2023.

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