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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



Tuesday, Jan. 7th

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest
12:05pm +Levi Bacerdo
Requested by Angela Bacerdo

Wednesday, Jan. 8th

12:05pm + Louise Leclair
Requested by Betty & Doug Swales

Thursday, Jan. 9th

12 :05pm + Pacita Rebojio
Requested by Angela Bacerdo

Friday, Jan. 10th

11:00 am Holy Hour

12:05pm Special Intentions for the
Children of Robert & Marilyn Dalton
Requested by Suzette Dalton

Saturday, Jan.11th

10:00 am + Simone Flaim
Requested by John Moscon & family

The Baptism of The Lord

Saturday, Jan. 11th

5:00 pm Special Intention for the
Blackwell Family
Requested by the Blackwell family

Sunday, Jan. 12th

9:00 am + Raymond Lesperance
Requested by Sharron Bradshaw & family

11:30 am Special Intention for the 45th
Wedding Anniversary of Lidia & Adam Baran

Pope's Prayer Intention for January
For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Come, Let us Adore Him

The Feast of the Lord's Epiphany highlights two things. First, God takes the initiative to reveal/manifest Himself to the world. And, secondly, the feast points to the importance of our humble searching for God that leads to an encounter with Him.

God has designed a salvific plan that goes beyond the borders of Israel. He is the God of all creation; the Father who loves all His children from various nations and cultures and wants them to share in His own divine life. This is why the birth of Jesus, God's Beloved Son, does have a universal significance. It has not only brought light and hope to Israel but also embraces all peoples.

The incarnation of Jesus affects the whole cosmic reality, and those whose hearts are attuned to God's will are able to read the signs that the Lord is giving about His human presence among them. The magi had a pure and humble heart that searched for God in their lives. They were open to and longed for God's surprises. God, thus, guided them to the Saviour through a star.

On the other hand, King Herod and the people of Jerusalem, including the priests and the Scripture

scholars, were completely unaware of the great mystery (the Messiah's long-awaited birth) that was already unfolding in their land. What prevented them from believing in the magi and journeying with them? Was it religious arrogance? Was it their spiritual complacency and inattentiveness to God's signs? Even when we have received the gift of faith, may we continue to humbly seek and long for the Lord. Discerning His will for us, we bow before and gaze at Him who alone is worthy of our adoration, our love and our loyalty.

Grace and peace,

Father R C R A

Sharing The Spirit of Christmas

The Georgian Bay General Spiritual team and Deacon Tim would like to thank Mrs. Spence's Grade 1 class at Monsignor Castex and Mrs. Hope's Grade 5/6 class at St Ann's for the beautiful cards they sent for those patients who remained in hospital over Christmas season. Their prayers and heartfelt sentiments put a smile on all who received them and were greatly appreciated.

Father Roselle extends his thanks to everyone who gave him cards and gifts over the Christmas Season.

C.W.L. News

The first Catholic Women's League meeting for 2025 is Monday, Jan. 13th at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!!

2024 Donations and Tax Receipts

All donations for St. Margaret's Parish or the Society for St. Vincent de Paul must be received by the Parish Office by Dec. 31, 2024, to be included on your 2024 tax receipt. Any gifts received after that date will be mailed out the first week of February. Tax receipts will be mailed out mid-February 2025.

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

Jubilee Hymn: Pilgrims of Hope

In this Jubilee year we are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope**. One of the Adult Faith resources available to help the faithful study and prepare is this beautiful hymn. Did you know that you can listen (and sing along!) to the English version of the 2025 Jubilee hymn by visiting <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/qiubileo-2025/inno-giubileo-2025.html>

Pilgrims of Hope

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

Like a flame ...

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Like a flame ...

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.


Like a flame ...

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Barb Ledoucer, John Charlebois, Grant Robitaille, Geraldine Diamago, Ralph Ladouceur, Carol Jackson, Carmen Desroches, David Morton, Dan Camp, Elaine Chiasson, Lisa Wright, Judy Martin, Michael Pontze, Frank Whitkins, Bob Dorion, Carol Quesnelle, Barrett Smith, Alex Latondress, Malachy Maguire, Nick Tardif, Lynda Stanek, Mary Fletcher, Sherry Archer, Abigail Brown, Romelda Morson, Nicole Marchildon, Stephen Roach, Lilah Bates, Shelley Smith, Peter Pattenaude, Brenda Bylow, Betty Laurin, John Gunther

Please pray for our recently deceased relatives and friends: Rev. Daniel Palillo, Rev. Rodolfo Imperial

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