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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH
THE NEW YEAR**



**JANUARY 7, 2024
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
CYCLE B (MARK)**

Newborn King: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel,



He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2). Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2,25). His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings. Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7, 17). This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God. We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12). As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 6, 2024 to JANUARY 13 2024

- Sat Jan 6th 5:00pm - Jaime S. Rivera †
- Sun Jan 7th 7:30am - People of the Parish
- 9:00am - Susan Tuck †
- 10:30am - Marguerite Shaw †
- 12:00pm - Hospicio Mercado Jr. †
- Mon Jan 8th 8:30am - Inez Marie McGovern †
- Tue Jan 9th 8:30am - Chacko Sebastian †
- Wed Jan 10th 7:30pm - Gilda Gaglione †; Ana Maria Lorusso †; and in Honour of St. Anthony
- Thu Jan 11th 8:30am - Thanksgiving for Fr. Peter and Fr. Percy
- Fri Jan 12th 7:30pm - Michael Saville †
- Sat Jan 13th 8:30am - Chacko Sebastian †; and Anniversary Blessings for Jose and Ursula Solomon



OUR SICK:

Anunciacion Chang, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Bob & Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly MacInnis, Norma Diso, Jennifer Solomon, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrew Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ecclepton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kissoon.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY?

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display".

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].



Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Francis Leo – "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "*Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our Archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

REMINDER TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Catechesis Sessions:

SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024—

10:00 AM TO 12 NOON

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024

— 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024

— 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON

SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2024 –

10:00AM TO 12:00 NOON

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2024 — 10:00 AM TO 12 NOON



MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT

MAY 11, 2024 – 10AM TO 4PM

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

It's that time again...MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME !!

Renewal for 2024 has begun !



St. Boniface CWL members and other women in our parish interested in joining, can place the annual membership of \$40.00 in an envelope addressed to the "CWL ST. BONIFACE" in the collection basket at Mass. Cheques to be made out to the: *CWL St. Boniface Council*.

Thank you and a Happy New Year to you all.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

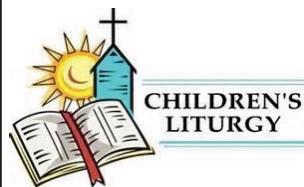
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Rejoice!
"For unto us a child is born" Isaiah 9:6



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will be on **Sunday, January 21st at the 10:30am Mass.**

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