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Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise
Still Seek Him.**



JANUARY 4, 2026

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

A King to Behold

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Readings:

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–13

Ephesians 3:2–3, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the Child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one



revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3). Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king. The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14). One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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 3RD 2026 TO JANUARY 10TH 2026

Sat Jan 3rd 5:00pm - Thanksgiving for the Selvadurai family

Sun Jan 4th 7:30am - People of the Parish
9:00am - Stephen May †

10:30am - Cecelia and Cyril Rodrigues †
12:00pm - Thanksgiving for Carmelita Abrazaldo

Mon Jan 5th 8:30am - Karen Bellamy †

Tue Jan 6th 8:30am - Birthday blessings for Soledad Lacsamana

Wed Jan 7th 7:30pm - Hospicio Mercado Jr. †

Thur Jan 8th 8:30am - Christnawati Lochan-Mukhall †

Fri Jan 9th 7:30pm - Loretta Lennon †

Sat Jan 10th 8:30am - Open

OUR SICK:



Fausto Tomasi, Marybel Irwin, Margaret Horvath, Daniel D’Alimonte, Magdalene Trotman, Holly Macinnis, Inacia Rodrigues, Carol Morra, Edna Zetazate, Tonya Medekowski, Ray Acayan, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O’Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Steve McAuley, George Paraby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Eccleton, Ursula Solomon, Kathleen Copeland, Giacomina Genova, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D’Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Marie Dignum, Stephanie Solomon, Ofelia Magat.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY **February 8, 2026**



Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who serve in marriage ministries, whether in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment. First celebrated in the Archdiocese of Toronto in 2011, Marriage Sunday was designated on the second Sunday of February each year (the weekend prior to the Family Day long weekend). In 2026, Marriage Sunday weekend will be celebrated on **February 7/8**.

Celebration of Marriage Mass

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.**

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Catholic Women's League of St. Boniface Parish (CWL)

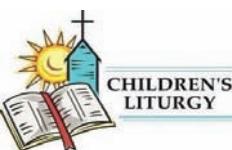
Coffee Sunday:

Please join us for our next Coffee Sunday on **Sunday, January 4th, after all Masses**. Thank you



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word Program will be on **Sunday, January 12th at the 10:30am Mass**.



All children 4 to 7 years of age are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REMINDERS

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation Classes will begin on **Saturday, January 17th @ 10am** in the parish hall.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

First Holy Communion Lessons will begin on **Saturday, January 24th @ 10am** in the parish hall.



BUILDING FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



In support of the on-going construction at the front of the church, the St. Boniface Finance Council is targeting to raise \$120,000. Todate, we have raised a total of **\$65,530**.

This campaign will run till the end of January, 2026.

If you still wish to donate, you can use the grey Buy a Brick Building Fundraising Envelopes that are available at the entrance of the Church or along the wall pockets. You can also donate online on our website. Kindly drop your envelope donations in the offertory baskets.

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