



# The Parish of the Good Shepherd

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January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord (Year A - Gospel of Matthew)

(1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12)

## EPIPHANY



This holy day marks the arrival of the Magi to worship the Baby Jesus and the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as the Savior of the world.

However, longstanding tradition connects the Epiphany with two additional events: the Baptism of the Lord and the miraculous transformation of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee.

Although little is known about the Three Wise Men, tradition provides us with their names: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The Epiphany celebrates the moment Christ, the ultimate gift, was made known to the Three Wise Men and thus the Gentiles. Their journey is central to the Feast of the Three Kings, highlighting the global acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah.

Tradition venerates the Three Wise Men as saints, including, because they not only recognized Christ but also revealed him to the world. Their visit symbolizes the Gentiles finding Jesus and expressing, through their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, who he is: King, God, and Savior. In doing so, they show that Christ himself is the greatest gift to all humanity.

The term “Epiphany,” based on the Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “revelation,” commemorates key events in the life of Christ: the visitation of the Three Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and Christ’s first public miracle at Cana. Each reflects a moment of divine revelation.

The Feast of the Epiphany is rooted in the fourth-century, instituted, in part, to emphasize the universal nature of Christ’s mission. The Epiphany of the Lord calls Christians to reflect on the gifts given to Jesus: gold, symbolizing the Lord’s royalty; frankincense, used in the worship of God, signifies his divinity, and myrrh, a burial ointment, points to Jesus’s redemptive Passion and death.

### Epiphany traditions vary widely:

- Catholic families may celebrate with Epiphany chalk blessings 2026, marking of their homes with a special blessing.
- Three Kings Day (*Día de los Reyes*), including parades and gifts for children.
- Eastern Christians, including Eastern Catholics, focus on the baptism of Jesus, with water blessings in churches and rivers.
- In France, families enjoy the French King Cake (*Galette des Rois*), with a hidden figurine of Baby Jesus inside.
- Spanish-speaking countries celebrate *Los Reyes Magos* with festivities and Three Kings gifts for children.

### Did You Know Chalking of the Doors: 20†C†M†B†26

*Epiphany Blessing  
with Chalk*

Epiphany marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “*chalking the doors*”. The formula for the ritual, adapted for 2026- is simple: take blessed chalk and write the following above the entrance of your home: **20†C†M†B†26.**

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the **Magi; Casper, Malchior, and Balthazar**, who came to visit Jesus. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: “**May Christ bless the house.**”

The † represents the cross, and the “20” at the beginning and the “26” at the end mark the year.

Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that *He* stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



I give for the vitality  
of my  
**Church**

Pre-Authorized Donations Program

### Pre-Authorized Donation Program

Thank You to all who have registered. You can find forms to set up for this program at your parish church and the parish office. Any concerns please call 506-546-1420 or email [donation@nb.aibn.com](mailto:donation@nb.aibn.com).

*The pre-authorized program does not include special envelope donations such as Christmas, Easter, heating etc. Please continue to use your paper envelope for these very important donations.*

•**Influenza (Flu) & Covid Season:** Parish churches are asked to ensure hand sanitizer and masks are available for all parishioners. We ask everyone who is not feeling well with flu-like symptoms such as cold, cough, or fever to stay home until you are better. This way we can help to prevent spreading this very contagious virus.

•**Winter Weather Mass Cancellation:** Due to winter weather, Mass cancellations can happen without much notice. Parishioners are asked to consider before heading out to mass that road conditions may be hazardous and sidewalks and church driveways not yet cleared. Please know your parish contact to call in case mass is cancelled. Thank you and be safe.

•**Donation Envelope Boxes for use in 2026:** When picking up your envelopes for 2026, **please ensure your name is on the box** as some numbers may have changed. We remind you not to use your new envelopes until January/2026. By **completing and returning the information card** found in the front of each box with your name, address and phone number, we will verify and update our files to ensure all your information is up to date. For those who have pre-authorized donations, a separate income tax receipt will be issued.

•**Catechism Class:** Next class at Holy Family Church in Bathurst will be on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

•**Bible Class-With Father Keith:** Class will resume in the New Year.

•**Baptisms 2026:** Parents who wish to have their child baptized can complete and submit the online registration form and complete the baptism preparation course; both are found on our webpage at [goodshepherdparish.faith](http://goodshepherdparish.faith).



•**Weddings 2026:** Couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office before making any other arrangements at **506-547-4737**. Please note that only the couple themselves can book their wedding date and make the necessary arrangements.



•**Bulletin Announcements:** Announcements for the upcoming weekly bulletin must be received by Wednesday at 11:00 am by email at [churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:churchesgoodshepherd@gmail.com)

•**Cemetery Notices:** Contact the Administrative Office of The Parish of the Good Shepherd at 506-547-4737 to arrange all burials in the cemeteries allowing us to complete the mandatory paperwork.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

- ✠ Gregory Doucet (Betty Doucet) SA
- ✠ Aubrey Firth (Debbie & Randy Fall) SA
- ✠ Aubrey Firth (Alsa Firth) SA-Cemetery

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2026  
“Peace be with you all:  
Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming’ peace|



Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the World Day of Peace 2026 was celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Holy Father invited everyone to welcome peace and become witnesses to it because it “*exists; it wants to dwell within us. It has the gentle power to enlighten and expand our understanding; it resists and overcomes violence. Peace is a breath of the eternal*”. Christians must become witnesses, and quoting St. Augustine, the Pope invited them “*to forge an unbreakable bond with peace*”. We are all invited to walk this path traced by the Risen One. He himself embodied unarmed peace because “*his was an unarmed struggle*”.

Peace is a gift that must be safeguarded, in fact if it “*is not a reality that is lived, cultivated and protected, then aggression spreads into domestic and public life*” and one can fall into the trap of thinking that in order to achieve it, one must prepare for war by embodying the “*irrationality of relations between nations, built not on law, justice and trust, but on fear and domination by force*”.

The Holy Father recalls that St. Augustine recommends “*not to burn bridges or persist in reproach, but to prefer listening and, where possible, engaging in discussions with others*”.

In order to achieve disarming peace, we must embody meekness because “*goodness is disarming and perhaps this is why God became a child*”.

Peace comes from evangelical humility. A child, in all its fragility, could change hearts, question our choices, and lay down our weapons.

Pope Leo reminds us that peace is possible, it is not a utopia, and that ecumenical and interreligious dialogue are privileged ways to achieve it. Nor must we forget to embark on “*the disarming path of diplomacy, mediation, and international law*,” which requires mutual trust, loyalty, and responsibility in the commitments we make.

“*This is the peace of the risen Christ, a peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. It comes from God who loves us all unconditionally.*”

**Pope Leo XIV**

**SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**  
123 Saint Andrew Street, Bathurst, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Thanks to the Lord! (*Claudette*).  
**St. Brother Andre Candle:** Jean Noreen Cormier (*The Family*).  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** The Holy Sacrament will be exposed on Thursday, after the English 12:00-noon Mass and on the first Friday of each month after the French Weekday Mass.  
**Heating Collection:** Weekend of January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral Collection Envelopes:** The 2026 envelopes are now available. It is very important that the first envelope is filled in with your complete donor information for our accounting and tax purposes.

**HOLY FAMILY**  
430 St. Peter Ave. Bathurst, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** William Daley (*Kelly Ann Doucet*).  
**Catechism Class:** Next class will be on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the church basement.  
**Holy Family Knights of Columbus:** Join us for Chicken Bouillon on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 am mass. Cost is free will offering.  
**Holy Family CWL:** First meeting of 2026 will be on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the basement of the church. Please bring a non perishable food item for the Volunteer Centre. New members always welcome.  
**Holy Family CWL:** We wish to thank the parishioners and friends who participated in the **Giving Tree Project** for the Volunteer Centre making it possible for us to provide gifts for 120 children. Also a special thank you to the CWL members for their monetary contribution which allowed us to purchase \$10.00 gift cards from McDonald's for 30 teenagers. It should be noted that McDonald's matched our purchase with a full meal and McFlurry coupon. It is so heart warming to see this generosity in our Christian community when everyone is dealing with difficult times. May the good Lord bless you and your families in the new year.  
**Artificial Christmas Trees:** We are looking for a few trees to add to our collection in preparation for next year's Christmas decorations. If you are looking to dispose of your tree after taking it down this year can you please contact Cletus Boucher at 506-548-9232 to arrange a convenient time for pick up.

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
43 Andrew St. Campbellton, NB

**The House of Agape Prayer Group:** Our prayer group held every **Tuesday at 10:00 am** in the church basement. For more information call Mike at 506-753-5805.  
**50/50 Draw:** *Congratulations to Donald Arseneault* winner of the December 50/50 draw in the amount of \$525.00.

**ST. ANTHONY**  
14000 Route 17 Glen Levit, NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Clarence Adams (*Family*).  
**Mass Book:** St. Anthony's mass book is now open and in need of masses.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO**  
470 Victoria St. Dalhousie NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Eunice Charbonneau (*Shirley Sewell*).  
**Weekday Mass:** Morning mass every Tuesday at 9:30 am. Holy Hour at 6:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction held every last Thursday (Jan 29<sup>th</sup>) of the month.  
**Visits and Communion for the Sick & Shut-Ins:** Please call Deacon Chris at 506-684-2810 to make arrangements.

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
2601 Main Street, Belledune, NB

**Card Play:** Card play will resume in January/2026.

**ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
4118 Main St. Belledune NB

**Sanctuary Lamp:** Lorraine Firlotte O'Brien (*Doris Guitard*).  
**Sanctuary Lamp:** Anyone wishing to light a Sanctuary Candle "In Memory of a Loved one", can do so by completing the donation envelope found on the entrance table in our church. The Sanctuary candle is lit for a full week. Please complete the donation envelope along with your special date and your phone number.  
**Sacristans, Readers and Altar Servers List for 2026:** The annual lists are ready for the above volunteers and can be picked up at mass this weekend. We are always looking for **Volunteers** to assist with Reading, Serving at Mass or Funerals. If interested, call Karen Roy at 506-237-3811. A sincere **Thank You** to all who volunteer.

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## CHURCH TODAY

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### Cardinal Harvey closes Holy Door at St. Paul's Outside the Walls

In his homily during Mass in the papal basilica of **St. Paul's Outside the Walls**, Cardinal James Harvey reaffirms the central theme of the Jubilee: *a trusting confidence capable of passing through history without succumbing to "naïve optimism."*

Christian hope does not ignore the wars, crises, injustices and confusion that the world is experiencing today, Cardinal James Michael Harvey, Archpriest of the Papal Basilica of **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, said in his homily during the Eucharistic Celebration with the closing of the Holy Door, which took place on Sunday morning, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

To escape, to flee from the reality of one's own limitations and imperfections, from the wounded collective history of today, or to remain, chained in one's own inner prisons, allowing resignation to become a habit and then a wound: these are two opposite and complementary movements, like the opening and closing of a Holy Door.

Yet, in these last two, the memory of a mercy that is not consumed is preserved, of a "salvation already given," which, once introduced into history, becomes a seed capable of sprouting without withering. This is the horizon of meaning evoked by the cardinal.

#### PEACE AND THE ONLY HOPE

The sun high above the statue of St. Paul, in the centre of the Basilica's quadriportico, warmed the faithful who had gathered for the liturgy, allaying the harsh winter temperatures.

The Holy Door is located on the right side of the façade, under whose cross stands the inscription, "*Spes unica*". And "*the only hope*," as the American cardinal recalled at Mass, lies in the "Cross of Christ"; an "Easter" wish that sprouts from the unconditional gift of self and "blooms in the new life of the resurrection."

Nearby, the phrase engraved on the Holy Door that has accompanied pilgrims throughout the year, "*Ad sacram Pauli cunctis venientibus aedem, sit pacis donum perpetuumque salus*", is a constant hope that the '*gift of peace*' may truly spread in a world marked by "wars, crises, injustices, and confusion."

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION – THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

<u>December 24th &amp; 25th</u> <u>December 27th &amp; 28th</u>	<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>	<b>Saint Gabriel the Archangel</b>	<b>Saint John the Evangelist</b>	<b>SMG Cemetery</b>	<b>Saint John Bosco</b>	<b>Saint Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>Saint Anthony</b>
<b>Collection</b>	1331.10 530.00 1508.00	2753.20	534.05 439.75	125.00 255.25		813.10	622.15 865.00	146.00 146.00
<b>Christmas</b>	790.00 1065.00 200.00	225.00	685.74 70.00	500.00 40.00		1957.25	2690.00 70.00	140.00 30.00
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>		110.00				325.00		
<b>Toonie</b>	172.50		57.60	62.90		61.55	49.15	
<b>Fundraising</b>	515.00 (Christmas Bulbs)						525.00 (50/50 draw)	
<b>Donations</b>	5.00/15.00	10.00	20.00	7.00/50.00			200.00	100.00
<b>Cemetery/Memorial</b>	25.00/10.00	40.00						/40.00
<b>Heating</b>	20.00	190.00	20.00			50.00		
<b>Candles</b>	262.00	295.10	276.00	17.25/12.00		109.00		20.00
<b>Living Christ/Missal</b>	/20.00	58.70		/30.00			/10.00	

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS (JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> – JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>)**

<b>Holy Family</b>	<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Laura Lavoie ( <i>Diane White O'Malley</i> )	<b>Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Annette Imhoff ( <i>Art Legacy</i> )
<b>Sacred Heart Cathedral</b>	<b>Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Gérard Vienneau ( <i>Family</i> ) + Brian Carrier ( <i>Diane Doucet</i> ) + Nieces & Nephews ( <i>J. Theriault</i> )	<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00</b> + Sacred Heart ( <i>Prayers Obtained</i> ) + Denis Thibodeau ( <i>Raymond &amp; Claudette</i> )
<b>Weekly Masses</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-noon</b> ( <i>English</i> ) + Thanksgiving - Favour Obtained ( <i>A Parishioner</i> )	<b>Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-noon</b> + Adelina Turbide ( <i>Daughter, Denise</i> )
	<b>Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> ( <i>French</i> ) + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )	<b>Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Our Families ( <i>Pauline Fournier</i> )
	<b>Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Deceased Parents ( <i>Linda MacDonald</i> ) + Timmy Garrett ( <i>Nancy Boucher</i> )	<b>Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Deceased Grandparents ( <i>Nancy Boucher &amp; Family</i> )
<b>St. Gabriel the Archangel</b>	<b>Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Erwin Donnelly ( <i>Wife, Brenda</i> )	<b>Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm</b> + Krystal MacLellan ( <i>Dennis &amp; Roxanne Killoran</i> )
<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	<b>Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm</b> + Francis Fournier ( <i>Family</i> )	<b>Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm</b> + Ada Lawlor ( <i>Kim &amp; Abby &amp; Libby</i> )
<b>St. John Bosco</b>	<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Wallace Guitard ( <i>Joan &amp; Family</i> ) <b>Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am</b> + Guy LaPointe ( <i>Sandy MacLean</i> )	<b>Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am</b> + Martha McLaughlin ( <i>Bunny Sterling</i> ) <b>Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am</b> + Denis Duguay ( <i>May &amp; Omer</i> )
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>	<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + Jean Claude Lanteigne ( <i>Alain Doucet</i> )	<b>Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am</b> + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )
<b>St. Anthony</b>	<b>Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm</b> + For All Parishioners ( <i>The Pastor</i> )	<b>Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm</b> + Larry Felix ( <i>Cynthia Felix</i> )

<b>Pope's Prayer Intention</b> <b>January / 2026</b>	<b>Weekly Readings</b> <b>January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Quote</b> <b>of the Week</b>
<p align="center"><b><i>For Prayer with the Word of God-</i></b></p> <p align="center"><i>Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.</i></p> <p align="center"><b>AMEN</b></p>	<p><b>Monday – Weekday</b> • 1 John 3:22 4:6 / Matthew 4:12-17,23-25</p> <p><b>Tuesday – Weekday</b> • 1 John 4:7-10/ Mark 6:34-44</p> <p><b>Wednesday – St. Andre Bessette</b> • 1 John 4:11-18 / Mark 6:45-52</p> <p><b>Thursday – Weekday</b> • 1 John 4:19-5:4/ Luke 4:14-22a</p> <p><b>Friday – Weekday</b> • 1 John 5: 5-13/ Luke 5:12-16</p> <p><b>Saturday – Weekday</b> • 1 John 5:14-21 / John 3:22-30</p>	 <p><b>Begin the Year with God</b></p>