



The Epiphany of the Lord

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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WEEKEND MASSES

Sat. - 8:30am - Bilingual
- 4:00pm - English
Sun. - 9:30am - English
- 11:00am - Polish

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Announced Masses

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 30 minutes before & after Mass

Baptism: Meet with Fr. Boguslaw
Instructions required

Marriage: Contact Office at least eight months before desired date
Instruction required

Children's Sacraments:
Contact Fr. Boguslaw

Hospital Visits: Notify Nurse at hospital to call "Priest on Call".

Home Shut-ins: Contact Parish Office

No angel spoke to the Wise Men from the East, but the "true Light" that enlightens every man shone upon them. They set out on a long journey. They sought and found the Lord, the hidden King of the ages. The revelation – the Epiphany – is also taking place for us: today we hear the words of the message that "the Lord and Master has arrived." In holy sacramental signs, the King of the world, the Servant of God and humanity, comes to us. We encounter Him in our neighbours." Today, we heard the prophecy of Isaiah, who lived seven centuries before the Lord Jesus and foretold the light that would shine upon a people plunged into darkness. This time, the word of comfort is addressed to the people returning from exile and trying to rebuild their city and their temple. "Arise and shine, O Jerusalem" – fatigue and sadness pass away. People experience the help of God coming to their aid. The pagan nations return to Israel the remnant of His children, living in exile, and offer precious sacrifices to God, who saved and glorified His people. The Magi, traveling to Bethlehem with gifts, represent the pagan people to whom Christ appeared as the "Light of the world," and we are invited to arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord shines upon us, whom "all the peoples of the earth will adore." "All kings will worship Him, and all nations will serve Him," because the Lord saves from death and has compassion on the poor and needy. The second reading teaches that the promise of salvation reaches...

...Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was established (1857). Her confessor and friend died, and she moved the community to Poland where she opened schools for girls and a convent. Over time, they built more free primary school in diverse areas. Marcela died at 83 and left seven convents with 350 sisters. Her ashes are in Jazlowiec.

4. St. André Bessette, Religious (Jan.7) *Orphaned born in Quebec. *Humble lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross. *Became a celebrated healer and miracle worker, famous for his devotion to St. Joseph.

*Eventually he organized the building of the massive St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. * Was Canonized as a saint in 2010. *Suffered of poor health and had little education. *Served as a doorkeeper, offering comfort and prayers to thousands, attributing all healings to St. Joseph * André is the FIRST CANADIAN SAINT.

5. St. Raymond de Penyafort, Priest (Jan.8) *Dominican Friar (12th C.) *Became the confessor of People Gregory IX. *He compiled the five books that were considered the most organized collection of Church law. *Raymond succeeded St. Dominic in becoming the Superior of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) * He retired as Superior of his Order when he turned 100 years of age. *He is the patron saint of canon lawyers.

6. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Jan.11) This feast marks the end of the Christmas season for the Church. Though Jesus did not need to be baptized, in submitting himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, Jesus provided an example for us. If even Christ should be baptized, how much more thankful should we be for the Sacrament of Baptism, which frees us from sin and welcomes us into the Church? "It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Holy Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. A voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (Mark 1:9-11)

7. VICTORY FOR PRO-FAMILY FORCES: Some ideological problematic phrases have been removed from UN resolution: The General Assembly adopted a document related to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. They agreed to remove wording about "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" from the text of the resolution. The amendment was adopted thanks to the votes of delegates from Asian and African countries, with all European Union member states, including Poland, Hungary, Italy, and Slovakia, opposing it. The vote can also be considered an indicator of new trends in international law; where by cooperating in the General Assembly, conservative groups could have future successes.

8. FROM EKAI.PL (Polish online magazine of the Catholic Information Agency). **CHURCH NEWS:** According to the latest report from Operation Rescue, 54 abortion clinics in the United States have closed in the past year alone. This is the highest number since 2022 and reflects a long-term trend. Since 1991, 70% of these facilities have disappeared from the map of abortion clinics in the United States.

9. FROM THE BOOKKEEPER DESK: Donation Envelopes for 2026 are ready to be picked up from the back table in the Church. **As always they are alphabetically organized. Please check your last name, not the previous number, because it could have changed.** If you can't find yours, call or visit the office and talk to Maria. DO NOT USE THEM UNTIL January, to avoid mistakes in our accounting books and your future Tax Receipt. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND INVOLVEMENT supporting our Parish! Cathy.

...further, as St. Paul writes, even pagans are called to salvation. The apostle was called to bring the Good News to the pagans. This means that every baptized person is responsible for proclaiming the Gospel. The new people of God is composed of both Jews and pagans. It is Faith what determines membership in the New People of God. In the Gospel, St. Matthew speaks of the calling of the Gentiles. He presents this truth in imagery, in the story of the wise men coming from afar to worship the Lord. The Jerusalem scribes did not do this; they did not come to the stable to honour the newborn King. They were not guided by the "star of faith." Only faith leads to God, and faith encourages connection among people of different nationalities, races, religions, and worldviews. Only faith mobilizes concern for peace and reconciliation between nations.

Readings: (a) The Lord sheds his majestic light upon our hearts. Isaiah foresees all nations joining in a pilgrimage towards the LIGHT. God manifests himself in Jesus as a light shining in the darkness of the human condition. Every nation will adore HIM. **(b)** Paul states that God has manifested himself not only to the Jews but to all Gentiles (non-Jews) and we all share, as members of Christ's body, his Divine Promise of eternal life.

FROM CHURCH AND PARISH

1. From the Office: Would you like to put some information in the Announcements?—which will be read towards the end of each weekend Mass and share a Committee or Parish related activity of general interest. The deadline to include your message will be Thurs. by 10 a.m. before the Bulletin and Announcement will be printed. Please contact the office.

2. St. John Newmann, Bishop (Jan.5) *Born in Bohemia, now Czech Republic. *Abundance of priests in his area, he applied to the American Bishops to be ordained. (1835) Fr. John Dubois, Bishop of New York, agreed to ordain him. *John became one of only 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics in that city. * Joined the Redemptorists who focused on helping the poor and the abandoned. * Became Bishop of Philadelphia (1852) * He organized a diocesan school system, built schools, churches and asylums. * John also learned more languages to hear confessions in French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Gaelic.

3. Bl. Marcela Darowski (Jan.5) Polish, pious nun. Her father made her promise that she would marry and start a family. She complied and married a landowner- had two children- but in the next few years her husband died of an illness and later on so her son. Sshe had only her sickly daughter to take care of. Her life full of tragedies changed her attitude and was seeking medical treatment in different European cities; she claimed that she no longer belonged to any earthly being but rather to only God. While in Rome, she met Father Hieronim Kajsiewicz, a priest of the Resurrection Congregation, who became her spiritual director. A year later, Marcela made private vows before him. Kajsiewicz introduced her to a nun, Maria Józefa of the Crucified Christ, who became a close friend. Marcella returned home and faced the opposition of her family about her plans to have a religious life. She started social and educational work with peasants in her community and decided to found another religious community dedicated to support and education for women. She returned h-to Rome, where the Congregation of the Sisters of the...

ANNOUNCED WEEKLY MASSES

**Mon. Jan. 5 St. John Newmann, Bishop—
Bl. Marcela Darowski**

Tues. Jan. 6 Catholic-Orthodox Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for all graces received by Maria Salazar & family

OFFICE BACK TO REGULAR HOURS

Wed. Jan. 7 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

9:30 a.m. Health & blessings for Margaret Hammond from her Prayer Partner

Thurs. Jan. 8 St. Raymond de Penyafort, Priest

9:30 a.m. Health & blessings for Zofia, Franciszek Bruszewscy and their children from the Oryszczko family

Fri. Jan. 9

**10 a.m. ZOOM—Divine Renovation Meeting
in our hall**

The hour of God's mercy & day of atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world

3:00 p. m. + Eugenia & Władisław Bialy from Alicja Kuskowicz & Bialy daughters

Sat. Jan. 10

8:30 a.m. Za Parafian

4:00 p.m. Good health & blessing for Fr. BJ. from the Morettin family

Sun. Jan. 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. + For Deceased members of the K. of C.

11:00 a.m. Za parafian living & departed

Daily Readings Jan.5-11

Mon. Jan.5 1John 3.22-4.6; Ps 2; Gospel Matthew 4.12-17, 23-25

Tue. Jan 6 1 John 4.7-10; Ps 72; Gospel Mark 6.34-44

Wed. Jan.7 1 John 4.11-18; Ps 72; Gospel Mark 6.45-52

Thur. Jan.8 1 John 4.19-5.4; Ps 72; Gospel Luke 4.14-22a

Fri. Jan.9 1John 5.5-13; Ps 147; Gospel Luke 5.12-16

Sat. Jan.10 1 John 5.14-21; Ps 149; Gospel John 3.22-30

Sun. Jan.11 1Reading Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Ps 29; 2 Reading Acts 10.34-38; Gospel Matthew 3.13-17

Pray for the sick:

Richard, Judy, Angus, Patty-Anne, Deacon Larry, Joan, Lillian, Alice, Rita, Mike, Anna, Fred, Yvonne, Sister Norma, Lucrezia, Frances, Carmen, Nisha, Ralph, Richard, Ruthann, Marcel, Mary, Dustin, Cathy, Margaret, Dominic, J.P., Erich, Rosemary, Susan, Alicja, Stanley, Agostino, Janina, Mariola, Alessio, Vince, Alfonso, Hans & all those who request prayers.

January – Pope's Prayer Intention:

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.

Styczeń – Papieska Intencja Modlitwy:

Módlmy się, aby modlitwa Słowem Bożym była pokarmem dla naszego życia i źródłem nadziei w naszych wspólnotach, pomagając nam budować Kościoł bardziej braterski i misyjny.