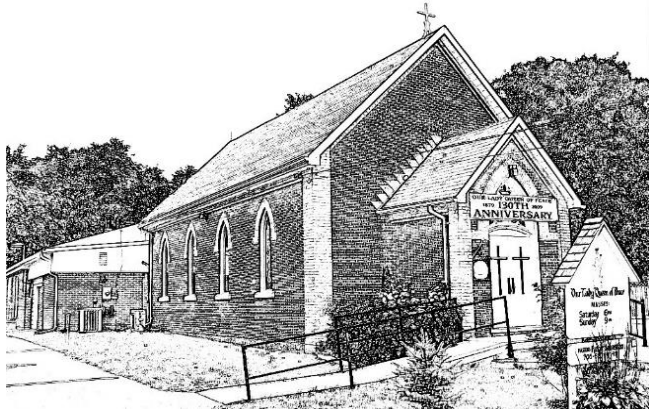


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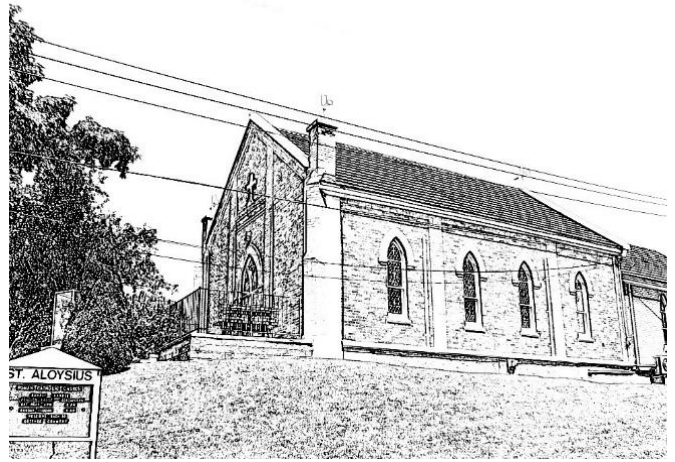


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Sat. Jan 6 th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	Holy Mass † Daniel Dunn
Sun. Jan 7 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	Holy Mass † The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Mass † The Epiphany of the Lord
Wed. Jan 10 th			<i>NO MASS</i>
Thurs. Jan 11 th	9:00 a.m.	FF	
Fri. Jan 12 th	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FF BC	
Sat. Jan 13 th	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	FF BC	
Sun. Jan 14 th	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	BC FF	

Let us remember in our prayers all who are sick

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	New Year's Day	\$ 349. ⁴⁵
	Canada Helps	\$ 0. ⁰⁰
	E-transfer	\$ 250. ⁰⁰
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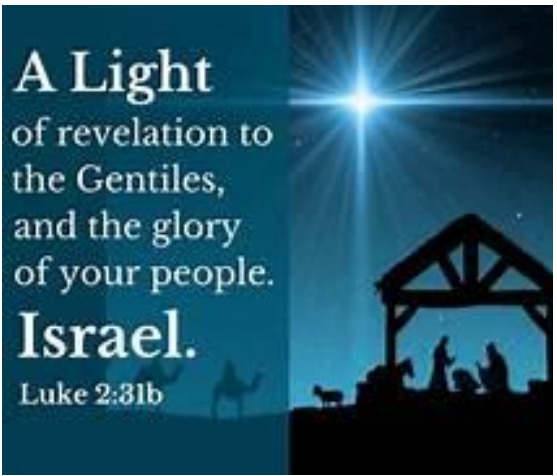
From the Desk of the Pastor...

Greetings to you!

TODAY, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This observance is originally called the "Feast of the Wise Men" from Persia who arrived in Bethlehem to adore the newborn Messiah.

In many Eastern Christian Churches, the Epiphany on January 6 is the primary celebration of the birth of Christ. In the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican II moved the date of the celebration from January 6 to the first Sunday after New Year's Day. In many cultures, Epiphany marks the culmination of the Christmas season, being the twelfth day of Christmas.

Epiphany means "to make known" or "to reveal." Today's celebration focuses on our Lord's manifestation to all men and women of goodwill of his divinity albeit in his human forms – in the person of the infant Jesus Christ. The Gospel reading reminds us of the magi (the number, however, was not specified in the Scripture), who represent the Gentiles and all non-Jewish peoples of the world, paid homage to Jesus. This act of worship by the wise men, which is related to the prophecy of Simeon that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first signs that Jesus was sent by the Father to save all, regardless of race or gender and that the work of God in the world is universal.



The light of Christ illumines all men and women and must likewise be radiated by all who believe in him so that more and more people may come to know, worship and serve him and thereby share in the gift of salvation.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a fitting time to nourish our oneness and Christian fellowship and to heal all wounds of division in our communities brought about by man's sinfulness. We thank the good Lord for shedding the light of his love and life upon us. We pray for his continued presence among us so that we may not only come to worship him, who is the true "Light of the world" but also radiate his saving light to all by our witnessing of his Gospel values.

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany,
Fr. Luis

OLQP

Food Bank: Happy and healthy New Year to all! The Food Bank would like to thank our Parish Family for its continuing support in 2023, which saw a real increase in our client base. The high cost of living leaves many with unwelcome choices between rent and groceries, and it is with this need the Food Bank, along with other FBs in Canada, seek to help. This can only be done through the generous donations from the community. Please continue to share what you can, when you can. It is really appreciated.

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- Envelopes are available at the back of the church.
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The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

History of the Feast of the Epiphany

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East, where it has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the Baptism of the Lord; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the Nativity of Christ; and the visitation of the Wise Men or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

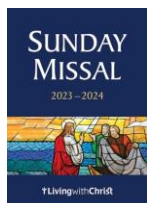
Epiphany Customs

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. While in England and her historical colonies, the custom has long been to give gifts on Christmas Day itself, in Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child.

In Northern Europe, the two traditions have often been combined, with gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between). (In the past, though, the main gift-giving day in both Northern and Eastern Europe was usually the feast of Saint Nicholas.) And in the United States in recent years, some Catholics have tried to revive the fullness of Christmastide. Our family, for instance, opens gifts "from Santa" on Christmas Day, and then, on each of the 12 days of Christmas, the children receive one small gift, before we open all of our gifts to one another on Epiphany (after attending Mass for the feast).

Living With Christ Sunday Missals

The 2023-2024 Living With Christ Sunday Missals are now on sale at the back of the Church and at the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 each.



2024 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

The 2024 Teldon Religious Calendars are available to purchase at the back of the church.

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A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us

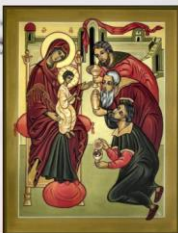
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

LIVESTREAM OF THE MASS

Solemnity of the Epiphany



Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains
Starting at 5 pm on Saturday

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