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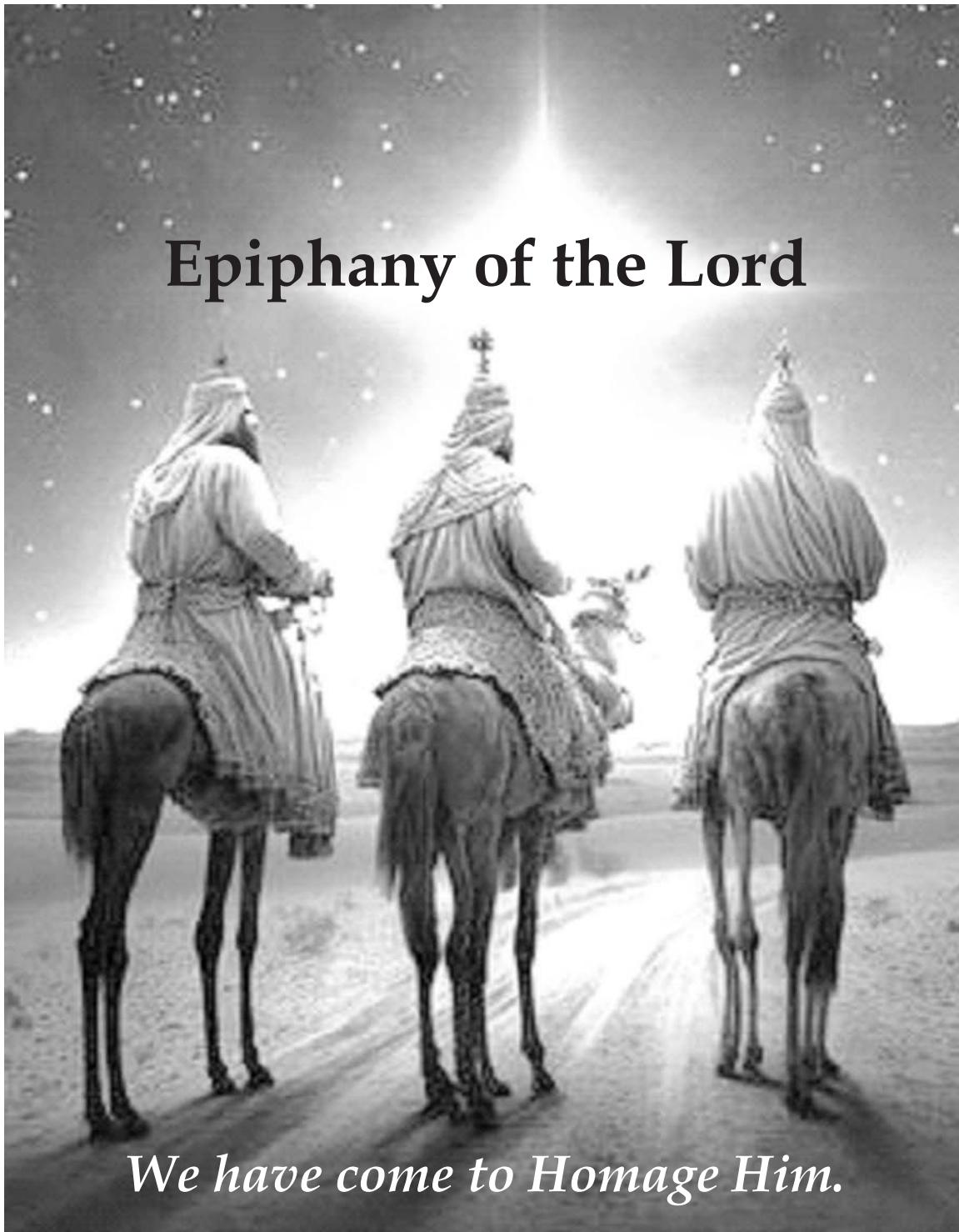
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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

**TUESDAY, January 6th**

7:00pm + Gerrit Kistemaker
 + Ken Hills
 + Penny and Finley McCarney
 + Nancy Peverly

WEDNESDAY, January 7th - St Andre Bessette

7:30am + Huguette Allaire
 + Francis D'Souza
 + Nadia Berruti
 + Abramo Capavilla
 + Krystyna
 + Bogdan
 + Linda
 + Katarzyna and Michal Lyko
 Intentions of Marlene Bauer

THURSDAY, January 8th

7:30am + Donato Lacivita

FRIDAY, January 9th

7:30am + Natalie Crosby
 + Guido Caprara

SATURDAY, January 10th

9:00am + Diana Duden
 5:00pm + Thomas Tam Tran

SUNDAY, January 11th – The Baptism of Our Lord

8:30am All Parishioners
 10:15am Intentions of Nhan Tran
 12noon In Thanksgiving for VINH and HANG Tran



May God's peace be with those who have recently died, and those being persecuted for their faith & race, and those killed in natural disasters & their families. Please remember our parishioners who are sick and homebound and those in our Prayer Network in your prayers.

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Week of January 4, 2026

Candle #1 – INTS of DONNA HALEY

Candle #2 – INTS of VINH and HANG TRAN and FAMILY

Please use the envelopes provided to request intentions for the Sanctuary Lamps, which are lit at the tabernacle.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Sunday Offering December 13/14, 20/21, Christmas Day Collection December 24/25, December 27/28, New Year's Day Collection December 31 & January 1, and January 3/4, 2026 will be posted January 12th due to deadlines for submissions of our bulletin over the next few weeks. Thank you for your contribution and God Bless!

If you would like a receipt for your contribution, we need your name & full address. If you would like envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please call the Parish Office at 519-822-4614.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

Imagine being so full of wisdom that you see something before others do. Or having such a close relationship with God that you receive insights that transform your life. Revelations from God are a curious thing in our scientific age, as it respects the laws of reason (often working within them) but is not limited by them.

Often the stars in the sky will strike us as wonderful examples of the beauty of creation. For some of us these stars provide information (such as those who use them as a means of navigation). Consider for a moment seeing in those stars a message that will change all of human history. This is what happened to the wise men in today's Gospel.

If the stars can provide an external source of information, perhaps our dreams and reflection can be an internal source, if we take care that they are not misunderstood. Revelation should always lead us to acts of faith, mercy and love.

Let us be grateful today for the gift of our Saviour and Lord who willingly accepted suffering to liberate us from our difficulties. May we pray today that God will reveal to us insights into our own lives that will change us, just as the wise men were transformed by the message hidden in the stars. *Excerpt from Living with Christ.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN's LEAGUE – MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCH – February 8, 2026

St Joseph Catholic Women's League will be hosting their Annual Mother Daughter Lunch to celebrate the important women in our lives. All grandmothers, mothers, daughters, aunts and nieces are welcome to attend. In the church hall after the 12noon Mass approximate start is 1:30pm. Tickets are \$25 per adult and children 12 and under are \$15. You can purchase tickets by contacting Marti Valeriote at 519-362-0555 or martivaleriote@gmail.com or Jules Royer at 519-731-3447 or cwlstjosephguelph@gmail.com or at the Parish Office (limited tickets at the office). We look forward to

seeing you there. Payment can be made by e-transfer (cwlstjosephguelptreasurer@gmail.com) or cash or cheque.

PARENTING TIP

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

MARRIAGE TIP

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage.

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ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

MEDITATIONS – HENRI NOUWEN SOCIETY

The Small Signs

The presence of God is often subtle, small, quiet, and hidden. "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isa. 11:1-2 NAB). Our salvation comes from something small, tender, and vulnerable, something hardly noticeable. The Lord, who is the creator of the universe, comes to us in smallness, weakness, and hiddenness. When I have no eyes for the small signs of God's presence – the smile of a baby, the carefree play of children, the words of encouragement and gestures of love offered by friends – I remain spiritually blind. The promise of divine presence is hidden in the shoot that sprouts from the stump. **"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** - 1 Corinthians 1: 18

GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING

We rely entirely on donations from our parishioners to help us fulfill our mission of providing a spiritual home where people can come to worship God, receive the Sacraments, and learn about His teachings. Leaving a gift to the Church is a profound way to return to the Lord a share of the blessings you received during your life. A bequest to the Church helps accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As the Church was there for you in your lifetime, you can now provide for your Church's future ministry to others. **THANK YOU** for considering to make a donation to our Parish.



4 WAYS TO GIVE TO ST JOSEPH PARISH

- 1. ONLINE DONATION:** make a donation by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12980>
- 2. PRE-AUTHORIZATION:** this allows you to set up weekly or monthly donations to the parish. If you are interested in donating this way, please contact the Parish Office for more details
- 3. BEQUEST:** A bequest in your Will to our Church is an acknowledgment of your returning to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.
- 4. LIFE INSURANCE:** Giving a gift through life insurance is a unique way to provide the Church with truly meaningful support in a very economical way by naming St Joseph as its beneficiary.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for Kindergarten students! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment.

Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school.

We invite families to register their child for Kindergarten by following these steps:

- Find your school.** Visit findmyschool.ca find your local Catholic school using your home address
- Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](http://wellingtoncdsb.ca) available at wellingtoncdsb.ca. Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms
- Schedule a meeting with school administration.** Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

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