



# Epiphany of the Lord

It is very clear that the Jewish people are the chosen people of God. Yet in the Old and New Testaments there are indentations that the message of the God of all creation is to be offered to all nations. The early Christians, after Jesus's death, held that The Way of Jesus was intended for Jewish Christians but not for Gentiles, even though Jesus was open to them in his lifetime. Paul's conversion turned all that upside down. "In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind." Paul had a tough time convincing some of the apostles that Jesus and his message were to be shared with Gentiles. Eventually, Peter recognized Paul's approach and missionary efforts to the Gentiles. Paul went out to "all nations" and the word of God spread. He took the light of Christ to everyone he met and wherever he went. The feast of the Epiphany, the feast of "opening" our doors to others, speaks to our day. Mary opened the door of her house to the Wise Men from the East. Pope Francis opens his arms to all. The promise of a Messiah for all is fulfilled. This Epiphany let us advance the fulfillment of the promise by inviting and welcoming all who want to praise Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

*Friar Ed Debono, OFM Conv. Kingston, ON*

**First reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12

**Rose # 30** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS** will be served today by the **Knights of Columbus**.

**EXCHANGE OF MYSTERIES** for the English Groups will take place today – on **Second Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2017** following the Mass at 9:30am, after which the **Rosary Group** shares the **Christmas Wafer (OPLATEK)**, in the parish hall at 10:30am. All are welcome!

## Baptisms



The following children will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism:**

*Olek Skrodzki son of Edyta & Marcin  
Nickolas & Maximilian Frydrych sons of  
Agnieszka & Marcin*

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.



## Weddings

The following couple is planning to be married:

*Renata Victoria Reitmeier daughter of  
Krystyna & Stanislaw  
Michal Marcin Ramzia son of  
Barbara & Jacek*

We wish them all God's blessing.

## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

The term "epiphany" means to 'show' or 'to make known' or even 'to reveal.' In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas. In some churches the day is celebrated as Christmas, with Epiphany occurring on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has theological significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ.

This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few. The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children.

**RADIO MARYJA OPLATEK & 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTANCE** will be held on **Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 - 2:30pm** Mass at St. Maximilian Kobe and **4:00pm-banquet** at Polish Culture Centre. Info: **Joanna 905 819-1040**

**OBLATE RETREAT - From January 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>** The Oblates will be away on their annual Retreat. We sincerely ask the faithful for their prayers on behalf of our Oblates so that God may Bless them during this time of retreat and renewal May they be renewed in Spirit so they may renew us the people of God.



## TRADITIONAL DOOR INSCRIPTION CEREMONY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY

Gold and frankincense was blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany in the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Blessing of chalk was first introduced in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This beautiful tradition is carried out in many countries, as well as Poland. The Blessed Chalk is used to inscribe the first letters of the names of the Magi and the current year (K+M+B 2017) on the front door of Catholic homes.

Following Mass, a small piece of blessed chalk may be taken home and the following is said with family and friends gathered at the front door:

**K+M+B 2017**

*Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.*

*All: And dwelt among us.*

*Leader: May Christ dwell in our midst.*

*All: Amen.*

*Christmas carols may be sung to conclude the ceremony.*

**OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2017** – are displayed in the narthex by the main church entrance in alphabetical order according to the family name. All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first "beginning offertory" envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed for it.

**Parishioners who did not pick up their envelopes for 2017 are asked to do as soon as possible. Envelopes that were not collected will be passed onto other parishioners. We also ask not to use envelopes from previous years.**

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

*Baptism of the Lord is encouraging us to renew our baptismal vows, which our parents took in our name on our baptism day.*

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## Ordinary Time

*Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday after Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. Both of these periods of time, combined, are the longest time in the liturgical year.*

*During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*On the first day of week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.*

*Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from the apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.*



## 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Assumption Province cordially invite you to the closing celebrations of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00pm** – Solemn Mass at St. Eugene de Mazenod Church in Brampton. The Presider and homilist will be Cardinal Orlando Quevedo OMI Archbishop of Cotabato, Philippines. Thomas Cardinal Collins as well as many other Bishops confirmed their attendance. We invite parish communities, organizations, and all people of goodwill to join us for this event. Following the Eucharist a standing reception will take place at Millennium Gardens Banquet Hall located beside the church (20 Polonia Ave, Brampton).

## TIME FOR THE FAMILY! CATHOLIC FAMILY RADIO

Catholic Family Radio came into existence on the day of the Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 1994 as a Catholic Youth Studio. Studio was mainly helping our youth but now is able to serve the entire family, from the youngest to the oldest members.

Radio broadcasts every day from 8:00pm on AM530 or in the internet at [www.radiorodzina.com](http://www.radiorodzina.com)

We would like to encourage you all to listen, pray and support us.

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## 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF APPARITIONS OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 2017, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appearance of Blessed Virgin Mary to three young Portuguese shepherds in Fatima, Portugal. We believe that the celebrations taking place in Fatima will be a time of special blessings.

We are getting ready to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. We believe that the celebrations in Fatima will be a time of special grace. We want to get ready for this event through prayer.

We invite everyone for the Fatima Prayers in our parish on every 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

NEXT FATIMA DEVOTION  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

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## In Short

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary. After Mass, a meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the John Paul II Cultural Centre.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OPLATEK** on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
Info & tickets 905 276-3789

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** - The next course will be held from Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 6 classes. Sign up – parish office.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS** – couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services 416 921-1163.

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord

8:00 ☩ Stanislaw Siemiginowski - son  
19:00 ☩ Janina & Jozef Urbanczyk & Barbara Niechwiadowicz & Zdzislaw Szczesna -family  
☩ Jadwiga Sajewska ( 1<sup>st</sup> anniv.)  
Special intention for God's blessings, health and successful surgery for Krystyna - CPC

### TUESDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Franciszek Rabianski – wife  
Special intention for God's blessings, health and successful surgery for Krystyna - friends  
19:00 ☩ Marek Kmiec – Piotr Ginko & family  
Special intention for God's blessings for daughter during her pregnancy - mother

### WEDNESDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Jan Kosnik (12<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – family  
☩ Anna Ozga – daughters & their families

### THURSDAY, January 12<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Apolonia Trzeciakowska – daughters & their families  
19:00 ☩ Anna & Piotr Rogoza – daughter Krystyna & family  
Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Aleks & Emily - parents

### FRIDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Vincenty Demski – wife & family  
18:30 **Fatima Devotion**  
19:00 ☩ Sabina & Zenon Mikolajczak – children & grandchildren & great grandchildren  
☩ Helena Belz - daughter

### SATURDAY, January 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Michal & Mateusz & Lukasz & parents  
17:00 ☩ Czeslaw Zebrowski (anniv.) – son Ryszard & family  
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for son Henryk – Helena Rebizak

### SUNDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 ☩ Zofia & Eugeniusz Kozacz – daughter & son & their families  
9:30 ☩ Edward Niedziela - parents  
11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**  
13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Szaflarski family  
14:30 ☩ souls suffering in purgatory from Starzyk & Stuglik families  
19:00 ☩ Bronislawa Oblak (40<sup>th</sup> anniv.) - family