



Reflection

The feast of Epiphany teaches us about a “sacred wholeness” (a term Richard Rohr uses in his book *The Universal Christ*). Isaiah, in the first reading, alludes to this wholeness as a light which will rise upon us. In the second reading, Paul refers to it as a mystery which is now revealed. The wise men in the Gospel lived in wholeness as they trusted their dreams to be the voice of God.

If we are to be whole, then we must heed the voice of God within us. God is revealed in our thoughts and in our experiences – but we may have been taught not to trust them. Yet, our Christian community is filled with men and women who heard God speaking to them in their daily lives. They trusted what they heard and showed us what sacred wholeness looks like. Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero are just a few who teach us to trust the voice deep within us.

Sacred wholeness teaches us that before we can critique our culture, we must first listen to that voice deep within, face our shortcomings and then offer a better way of living. The best way to change a situation is to offer something better. Let our prayer in the Eucharist be to heed the voice of God calling us to sacred wholeness.

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The Epiphany of Our Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. “The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.” With these words, the Church proclaims that today’s feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, a verb that means “to shine upon,” “to manifest,” or “to make known.” Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).



The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ’s baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.

K + M + B 2022

Today we bless incense and chalk. After returning home from the church, we use the chalk to write the initials of the names of the three kings and the current year on the door of our home.

You may also write C + M + B (Christus Mansioni Benedicat) which means “May Christ bless this house.”

The letters on the door are a visible sign that a Christian family lives in the house.

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

Upcoming Devotions

First Thursday of the month, January 6th
Prayer for vocations at 6:30 p.m.

First Friday of the month, January 7th
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses



Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Jan will be celebrating their birthdays on January 5th and January 8th respectively. Please join us in wishing them an abundance of God’s blessing, grace, and guidance as they continue their ministry at our parish.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be **NO CONFESSION** on **January 1 – 2, 2022**. Regular confession service will resume on Monday, January 3, 2022. At our parish, priests hear confessions 30 minutes before each Mass.

Holiday Office Hours

Our parish office will be closed from Friday, December 31st, 2021 at noon to Monday, January 3rd, 2022 inclusive. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th at 9 a.m. Happy New Year!

Oblate Retreat

From **January 10th to January 14th** all Oblates will be away on their annual retreat. Please pray for God’s blessing and guidance for our priests during this time of retreat and renewal. **There will be no morning or evening Mass from Monday to Friday.**

Rosary intention for January

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

We are in need of individuals or families who can commit to regular weekly adoration in the chapel. If you can devote one hour of your time each week, please contact the coordinator, Malgorzata, at (647) 888-7487. **Please wear a face mask while praying in the chapel!**

Thank You for Supporting ProLife

Kolbe ProLife Group would like to thank everyone who supported the Change for Life campaign. Your donation will allow us to continue the work of protecting life from conception to its natural death and will help support those in need.

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

Offertory envelopes for 2022 can be picked up from the parish hall. They are arranged in alphabetical order. All those whose envelope number was higher than #2030 have been assigned a new number.



We kindly ask that you write your full name and address on the first envelope in your set. This is important so as to avoid any confusion, especially since many families in 2022 have a set of envelopes with a different number. Such a correction of numbers was necessary because many parishioners did not collect their sets in 2021, while others moved out or passed away. Also, please do not use envelopes from previous years.

Please do not use the new envelopes until **January 2022**.

2021 Parish Statistics

In the year 2021 we welcomed 136 new members into our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism, 99 children received their First Holy Communion, 84 were confirmed, 45 marriages were blessed, and 115 members passed from this to eternal life.

Our community is quite large. Please remember to take care of one another, raise our children and youth with kindness and concern for others, let us respect each other and above all, let us grow and develop spiritually within our families and our community.

Calendar of Saints

Jan. 2nd • Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen: Both men hold the title of Doctor of the Church, an honorific indicating a particular degree of theological insight in writing and preaching that holds a timeless appeal to the Church.

Jan. 3rd • The Most Holy Name of Jesus: Since New Testament times, the name of Jesus has been honoured.

Jan. 7th • Saint Andre Bessette, Patron of Family Caregivers: Known to many in Montreal as Brother André, André Bessette served for years as the porter at the Collège Notre-Dame, where he welcomed the sick and afflicted, praying with them through the intercession of Saint Joseph.

Jan. 8th • Saint Raymond of Penyafort: Raymond of Penyafort had a profound influence on the original code of canon law.

Our Church is Open

Our church is open for in-person celebrations. All Masses are held indoors.

• **Livestreaming** of services and dispensation from physical participation in the Sunday Eucharist continues. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems or other health conditions should be encouraged to exercise extreme caution about any outings, including attendance at church.

• **Local municipal by-laws remain in place – the use of face masks inside all public places is still in effect, even for those who are fully vaccinated.**

Bulletin Advertisements

Did you know that the advertising in our parish bulletin generates annual revenue towards our parish’s financial obligations? Thank you for patronizing our advertisers! If you would like to advertise your business in the coming year, please contact the parish office.

Novi Singers – Concert



Novi Singers Choir is hosting a concert entitled “Christ is Born.” The concert will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Casimir’s Church in Toronto. To purchase tickets, call: (647) 447-6581.

– MASS INTENTIONS –

MONDAY, January 3rd

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For healing for Edward Romasz – wife and children
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Julian & Franciszka Staronski and members of the Staronski and Krus families
- ✠ Janina Fiwek (2nd anniv.) – daughter Beata and son Jerzy with families

TUESDAY, January 4th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For continued grace and Mother Mary’s protection for Aniela on her birthday
- 10⁰⁰ ○ For members of the Kolbe Seniors Club
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Antoni Kosakowski and Janina Ostrowska – family
- ✠ Maria & Walenty Siuda and Helena & Maciej Kolodziejczak

WEDNESDAY, January 5th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Fr. Bogdan Osiecki OMI on his birthday
- ✠ Jan Kosnik (17th anniv.) – family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ Group Intentions

THURSDAY, January 6th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For health, God’s grace and blessing, and Mother Mary’s protection for Mirosław, grandchildren Piotr and Mateusz, and their families – mother and grandmother
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for all Priests and Religious – Gold Rose Apostolate

FRIDAY, January 7th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Maria & Florian Wierzbicki
- 10⁰⁰ ○ For faith for sons – parents
- 19⁰⁰ ✠ Henryk Skwarko – wife and children

SATURDAY, January 8th

- 8⁰⁰ ○ For God’s blessing for Fr. Jan Kobzan OMI on his birthday
- 17⁰⁰ ○ For God’s grace and Mother Mary’s protection for Adam on his birthday and for his mother
- 19⁰⁰ ○ For God’s grace for family – Justyna & Mariusz

SUNDAY, January 9th

- 8⁰⁰ ✠ Izabela Zeglen & Maria Maciejewska
- 9³⁰ ✠ Henry Chuchla (18th anniv.) – wife and children
- 11⁰⁰ ○ For Parishioners and Benefactors
- 13⁰⁰ ○ For Mother Mary’s protection and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Aleksander on his 20th birthday – grandmother
- 14³⁰ ✠ Marianna Basak (anniv.) – son Jan with family
- 19⁰⁰ ○ In thanksgiving for Wladyslawa & Stanislaw Brozny on their 55th wedding anniversary and for God’s blessing and health for them