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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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The three Magi were foreigners who came to pay respect to the “New King”. They were the wise men of the Orient, or Africa. According to their time and tradition they believed that every great person’s birth was heralded by the rise of a new star. And now, seeing the star in Jerusalem, they come to pay homage to this new great figure, whose birth is harbingered by the star – along with some strange gifts.

Today’s Gospel passage is more symbolic than historical. St. Matthew wants to tell us that the Messiah as foretold in the Old Testament, is born to us in Christ Jesus. Through the episode of three wise men coming to Bethlehem with gifts, St. Matthew proves to us that what the prophet Isaiah had foretold is accomplished in Jesus. From the Babylonian exile, when Jerusalem was reduced to ruins, Isaiah had proclaimed that people would be marching towards Jerusalem, to the holy mountain on camels and dromedaries loaded with precious gifts. According to Matthew, the wise men have fulfilled this prophecy.

Then, what about the star? When Israel was still in the wilderness, before entering the promised land, around 1200 years before Christ’s birth, Balaam, a visionary from Pethor, on the Euphrates, even without wanting to, uttered the oracle: “*I see him, but not in the present, I behold him, but not close at hand: a star from Jacob takes the leadership, a scepter arises from Isra-*

el” (Num 24:17). Matthew is again stressing the same point that Jesus is the Promised One and the Magi have worshiped Him, the star of Jacob.

Do we need any proofs to accept Jesus as the promised messiah? Let us remember Jesus’ own words to His disciple Thomas: “*Happy are those who do not see me, yet believe*”.



PARISH LITURGIES

—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—

Monday, January 08 - *The Baptism of the Lord*

— No Mass —

Tuesday, January 09 - *St. Adrian*

8:30 am + Walter Delija

Wednesday, January 10 - *Bl. Anna of the Angels*

8:30 am + Alberto Chiavatti

Thursday, January 11 - *St. Theodosius*

8:30 am Int. Liliana Camacho

Friday, January 12 - *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

8:30 am Int. Juanita Camacho

—THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

Saturday, January 13 - *St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor*

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm **For:**

+ Matija Uvodic, + Patrick & Alphonsus Whiffen, + Stefan Stoica, + Sundeep Khosla, +Jeanette & Bill Perkins, Int. Nancy Huber-Bell, Int. Jason Laverty

Sunday, January 14

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parish

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Our first Social Committee Club event of 2024 will be a live concert by Fiddlestix, a local community 5-piece band, on the evening of Saturday, February 3rd. In addition to music/dancing, the price of admission includes a light dinner. There will be a cash bar available. Tickets for this event will be on sale following all masses beginning the weekend of January 13th. The ticket cost will be \$25/person. Proceeds from this event will be shared with the Bronte Winter Coat Drive.


Our annual pancake supper will take place on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. New, this year will feature a 'Topping Bar' where you can add fresh fruit and various toppings to your pancakes. Also, this year we will be featuring a Chocolate Fountain complete with the fixings for everyone to enjoy. Tickets to the Shrove Tuesday event will be on sale beginning the weekend of February 3rd. The cost is \$10/person, children 12 and under \$5.00.

If you would like to get involved in our Parish Social Club, speak to one of our volunteers who will be selling tickets in the Narthex to our upcoming events, or contact the Parish office.

"We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay homage to the Lord."

CWL NEWS

There will be a CWL Meeting this Monday, January 8th at 7:00 pm in the parish centre. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



SANCTUARY LAMP

*Our Sanctuary lamp will be lit this week
in Memory of Bassam Sami*



**The
CHOSEN**

Beginning January 12th, our parish will be offering Season 2 of the hit series, *The Chosen*. The series allows us to see Christ through the eyes of those who knew him. The Chosen takes the stories of the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of scripture.

Participants are welcome to join us Fridays in the Parish Hall from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a screening of an episode, followed by group discussions and activities led by our Pastoral Minister, Michael Aguiar; materials will be provided. We will be focusing on season 2 of the series, spread throughout 8 sessions on the following dates:

January 12, 2024	February 16, 2024
January 19, 2024	February 23, 2024
January 26, 2024	March 01, 2024
February 02, 2024	March 08, 2024

To register, please contact Michael at the parish office or email: michael@saintdominic.ca

CONQUEST AND CHALLENGE

There will be a Conquest and Challenge meeting this Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm at Saint Dominic School.

VOCATIONS MASS

The annual Vocations Mass to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, and Consecrated Life will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I with Diocesan Vocation Director Father Mark Morley concelebrating on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 pm at Saint Gabriel's Parish, 2261 Parkway Drive, Burlington. Bishop Crosby will give a talk following the Mass. All are welcome! Sponsored by the Serra Club of Halton.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Does your marriage feel like it is more trouble than joy, does it feel stagnant or disconnected? Is it causing you constant stress? The solution is Retrouvaille – whose one purpose is to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couples themselves. It is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. For struggling couples, including those who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is March 8-10, 2024. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: teamrecine@gmail.com

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only (those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH VLCCF

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HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 08	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday, January 09	Rev. David Reilander
Wednesday, January 10	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday, January 11	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Friday, January 12	Rev. Matthew Durham
Saturday, January 13	Rev. Aurimas Paulus Rudinskas

WHEN LIFE CHANGES

The Hamilton Diocese is offering a new grief program. Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! Our six-week grief program starts January 17 and will be held from 1:30 – 3:00 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King Street West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register, go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events on the home page.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration for Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks

"Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion."

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
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