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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Two Solemnities Launch New Year

Fr. Ranjan D'Sa

This past week, on Wednesday, we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the New Year. Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Manifestation of Christ as the King and the Messiah. Both solemnities have something specific to tell us – the Word which became flesh in Mary, is God and the Savior of all the World.

Let us start with the **Feast of Epiphany**: Scripture only mentions that the wise men came from the East and does not give any further details about them, i.e. their names, status or how many they were. In his writing, Matthew constantly gives reference from the Old Testament to prove that the child that is born of Mary, is the promised messiah. The visit of the Magi fulfills a few Old Testament Prophecies. They were regarded as kings from the East because of the reference we find in Psalms *"The Kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts"* (72: 10). Matthew's purpose was not to give us details about the historical event but rather to emphasize that Christ is not a property of any one group, but rather, He is the Lord and Savior of the World.

The Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God** is

one of the most ancient celebrations to come down to us. The council of Ephesus (AD 431) gave it specific direction, meaning, and purpose. This feast stresses the incarnation of God in human form, which he took in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Therefore, Mary is the bearer of God – Theotokos. Mary's humble 'yes', filled her with every grace from heaven and elevated her to the majesty of becoming a mother of God. Through her absolute obedience, she gave to the world its Savior, the one who would save her and all of us.

These two Solemnities set a tone for our new year 2025. Like Mary we need to totally trust in God's redemptive work among us. That means we must let our past go and begin life afresh again.

Fr. William J. Bausch narrates a beautiful story in his book *'Once upon a Gospel'*, about a woman named Alice, who called professional movers to pack and take her stuff to her new home. Alice told them to "pack everything". In her new home, Alice realized that the packers packed literally everything including trash bins, old newspapers, empty ketchup bottles and grapefruit peels. Her 'new' home still had the old garbage. Let us start the new year accepting Christ as the Savior of our life. Let us start it afresh with His all-renewing graces.

PARISH LITURGIES

— THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD —

Tuesday, January 07

8:30 pm + Walter Delija

Wednesday, January 08

8:30 am + Kyung Ja Chun

Thursday, January 09

8:30 am Int. John Paul McGwynon

Friday, January 10 - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:30 Int. McGwynon Family

9:00 - 10:00 **Adoration**

— THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD —

Saturday, January 11

4:00 – 4:30 pm **Reconciliation**

5:00 pm For:

+ Matija Uvodic, + Leo De Meo, + Ernest Porral Jr. + George Huber

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am For our

11:00 am Parishioners

Season of Christmas: Jan 02 – Jan 12



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PAGEANT PLAY AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS!



**SAINT DOMINIC PARISH
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING 2025**



It has been a tradition in a number of cultures to prayer a particular blessing over the home on the Feast of the Epiphany. Known colloquially as ‘chalking the door’ this Epiphany Blessing is one way that families and individuals can invite God’s blessing into their home and family life throughout the year.

To ask of this blessing of God for your home our Parish Social committee has prepared “Epiphany Blessing Kits” for all families of the parish who would like to perform the blessing of the family home on this year’s Epiphany. The kits will be distributed for FREE following all masses this weekend.

This traditional home blessing is a wonderful way to engage the whole family, your friends and even neighbours in seeking the graces they need for the coming year.

May your 2025 be truly blessed!

“Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and domin-



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in memory of the Tapp Family

Parishioners are invited to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp that hangs above the tabernacle. This candle burns 24 hours a day seven days a week as a sign of honour to our Lord. If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention during a specific week, you are asked to please contact the parish office. The cost is a \$10 donation per week. Your intention will be noted in our weekly bulletin.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday offering envelopes for 2025 are available in the Narthex for all who are currently using envelopes. As we approach a new fiscal in January we ought to consider our individual and collective responsibility for the upkeep of our parish facilities, the support of our parish staff and the promotion of God’s reign through the many educational and outreach activities of our parish. Parishioners who are not currently using envelopes but wish to do so, please contact the parish office during office hours. Another option is pre-authorized giving. More details are found at saintdominic.ca/support-us

JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, “Pilgrims of Hope!” All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocese Website: hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee

EPIPHANY OF THE Lord—January 5th, 2025

“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, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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 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 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 07-09, 2025. For more information, call 905-664-5212, or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip #165 – Family time matters as much when our children age, as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys – pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that is to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older. (From Teresa Harnett, Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

CHRISTMAS – YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer and fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday, January 4th beginning at 6:30 pm, at the Annunciation of Our Lord Parish, 280 Limeridge Road W., Hamilton. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 6	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Tuesday, January 7	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.
Wednesday, January 8	Diocesan Priests
Thursday, January 9	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Friday, January 10	Rev. David Avila
Saturday, January 11	Married Couples

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CWL NEWS

There is NO CWL Meeting in January. The next CWL Meeting will be on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 pm.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SAVE THE DATE

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 01, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Registration will be available online in January at hamiltondiocese.com)

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

January is the perfect time to sit together as a couple with a good cup of coffee or hot chocolate and do a little year-in-review. Did we spend enough time with each other and with our families? What went well for us and where do we recognize challenges? Discuss how these things could be better in 2025 and commit to making it happen for your couple relationship. A little marriage reflection and tune up can keep the spark alive!

(From Teresa Harnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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

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