

LITURGIES

Saturday, January 2, St. Basil and St. Gregory

"In your midst is the one who is coming after me."

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Maria Pham Thi Van

Vocation Prayer – Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king."

Mass 7:30 a.m. - Private Intentions

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Filomena & Antonio Todesco, † Ben & Gwen Garnett, † Jane Patricia Donaldson, † Angelo & Antonia DiFelice, † Souls in Purgatory

Vocation Prayer - Rev. David Avila

Tuesday, January 5

"In the feeding of the crowd, Jesus reveals himself as a prophet."

✦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room by appointment only)

✦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions 6:45 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. – Private Intentions

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.

Wednesday, January 6

"The disciples say Jesus walking on the sea."

Mass at SJC – Private Intentions (Not public)

Vocation Prayer – Diocesan Priests

Thursday, January 7, St. André Bessette

"Today the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Private Intentions

Vocation Prayer – † Rev. Kim Kiwook

Friday, January 8

"The man covered with leprosy begged Jesus to heal him."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Private Intentions

– **Holy Hour with Benediction**

(begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Michael Kruszewski, C.R.

Sunday Collection for December 20, 2020

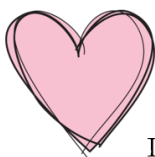
Env. \$2061.00+Loose \$218.25 = \$2279.25

Sunday Collection for Christmas 2020

Env. \$11,242+Loose \$599.30 = \$11,841.30

Sunday Collection for December 27, 2020

Env. \$3217.00 + On-line \$1388.00 = \$4605.00



THANK YOU,
for your generosity!
Your **gift** and **attendance** truly matters.
It is the **life** and **future** for our parish!

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Please contact our Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) ministry for food vouchers, furniture or other in-need inquiries.

Phone: 226-208-6846 or Email: ssvpmary@gmail.com

Please note that regular pastoral home visits are not possible at this time. Depending on circumstances, in an end-of-life situation, a visit might be permissible at home or hospital. It is the hospital that makes the decision and contacts a priest.

 Advent	Jesus is coming
 Christmas	Jesus is born
 Ordinary Time	Jesus teaches
 Lent	Jesus will die and rise
 Paschal Triduum	Jesus suffers and is crucified
 Easter	Jesus rises
	

CHURCH & OFFICE ARE CLOSED!

Please be reminded that all public weekend and weekday Holy Masses in our church have been suspended for the period of the provincial lockdown and until further notice. All reservations have been cancelled.

Only funeral rites are allowed for 10 people only. We are not planning Baptism now unless it is an emergency. Homecare and private home visits are not available. Hospital visits are permissible only in an emergency when authorised by the medical personnel.

The office remains closed for in-person visits, however for inquires you may call and leave us a voice message: 519-753-7316 or send an email: marybrantford@gmail.com. We post current updates on our website: www.marybrantford.com.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is postponed until it will be safe to schedule a new date. We will keep in touch with candidates who have registered.

Holy Mass intentions are celebrated in a **private manner** as scheduled and posted in the bulletin.

WHAT IS THE EPIPHANY?

The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek **epiphania**, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God. "Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world." The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.

Another important sense of Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity. (from catholicculture.org)

EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING

It is also called "Chalking the door" and it is a sign and symbol of asking God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming year. In Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this service, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes.

In Deuteronomy 6:9 God tells the people of Israel: *"These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house... You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."* Chalking the door is a tangible way to honor God in our lives.

Using a chalk that was blessed in previous years, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance: **+ 20 C M B 21 +**

Pray: *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

+ 20 C M B 21 +

The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. It is also an abbreviation for "**Christus Mansionem Benedicat**" which means, "May Christ bless this dwelling!" The first and last numbers simply refer to the current year.

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Saint's proclamation as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church.

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a decree authorized by the Pope. The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." [...]

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis reflected on the fatherly qualities of St. Joseph, describing him as beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, and "creatively courageous." He also underlined that he was a working father. [...] Francis said that the contemporary world required examples of true fatherhood. [...] "Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs," pope wrote. (from www.catholicnewsagency.com)

TURN TO ST. JOSEPH, urges Pope

At his general audience on March 18 this year, he urged Catholics to turn to St. Joseph in times of adversity.

"In life, at work and within the family, through joys and sorrows, he always sought and loved the Lord, deserving the Scriptures' eulogy that described him as a just and wise man," he said.

"Always invoke him, especially in difficult times and entrust your life to this great saint." The pope concluded his new apostolic letter by urging Catholics to pray to St. Joseph for "the grace of graces: our conversion."

He ended the text with a prayer: "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."

(from www.catholicnewsagency.com)

LITURGIES

Saturday, January 9

"The friend of the bridegroom rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice."

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. — 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. — † Maria & John Nguyen

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

Sunday, January 10, BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"When Jesus had been baptized, he saw the spirit of God coming upon him."

Mass 7:30 a.m. — Private Intentions

Mass 9:00 a.m. — † Giovanni & Gaetana Tarantello, † Paolo & Maria

Nardone, † Mafalda Tuori, † Albino Locche

Mass 11:00 a.m. — Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer — Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.

Tuesday, January 12, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

"His was a new teaching with authority."

♦ **Confessions 6:00 p.m. — 6:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room by appointment only)

♦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions 6:45 p.m.**

Mass 7:00 p.m. — † Deceased members of the Carrozzella Family

Vocation Prayer — Rev. Lajos Angyal

Wednesday, January 13

"Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases."

Mass at SJLC — † Morris Foster (Not public)

Vocation Prayer — Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)

Thursday, January 14

"The man with leprosy was made clean."

Mass 9:00 a.m. — † Jim Klezli

Vocation Prayer — Rev. Joseph Durkacz

Friday, January 15

"The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

Mass 9:00 a.m. — † Mafalda Tuori

— Holy Hour with Benediction

(begins after Mass, confessions not available)

Vocation Prayer — † Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.

Saturday, January 16

"I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

♦ **Confessions 4:00 p.m. — 4:40 p.m.**

(in the Msgr. Maloney Room by appointment only)

Mass 5:00 p.m. — † Norma Zamora

Vocation Prayer — Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

Sunday, January 17, SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"The disciples of John came and saw where Jesus was staying..."

Mass 7:30 a.m. — † Albino Locche

Mass 9:00 a.m. — Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Mass 11:00 a.m. — † Andy Blew, † Vincenzo Castagna, † Cathie G.

Astone, † Ivan Zver, † deceased members of the Ciullo Family, Int. of

the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ Community

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

I was truly happy to see so many parishioners who despite virus fears and winter snow attended our Christmas Holy Masses. I just remember that 6 years ago we hosted over 1500 faithful at our Christmas Masses, this year it was 350. We did pray for those who stayed at home and I am sure they were connected to us in spirit too.

I want to thank all who helped to decorate the church this year, particularly Aaron and Viet who designed and made the manger with its illuminations. You can find photos on our website. Angela spent hours sorting out all reservations and print pew labels. For all your donations, greeting cards, gifts — Thank You! I hope to meet you again in the church in the not-too-distant future. / Fr. Luke

"O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers."