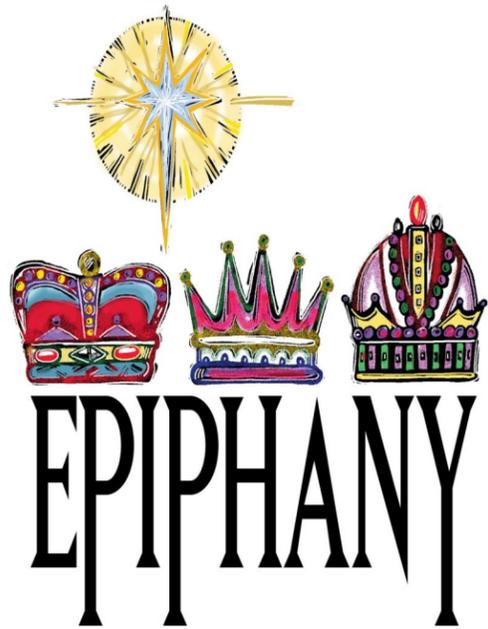


Epiphany of the Lord, January 4th, 2015

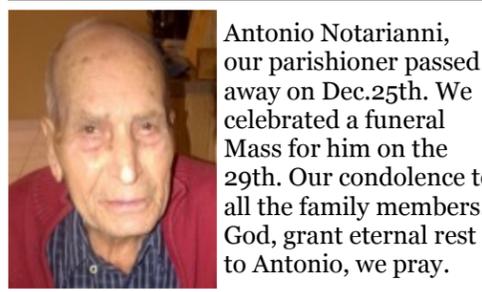


'when the wise men saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.' Mathew 2:1



Last Sunday's Collection
Offertory - \$ 1547.55
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Next Family Mass and Luncheon will be on January 18th, 2015, at 11AM with the Inscription Ceremony for the Confirmation candidates. If you can make a soup or other items for the lunch, plz talk to Fr.Paul



Antonio Notarianni, our parishioner passed away on Dec.25th. We celebrated a funeral Mass for him on the 29th. Our condolence to all the family members. God, grant eternal rest to Antonio, we pray.

Mass Schedule & Intentions from Jan 3 to Jan 11, 2015		
Saturday	5:00PM †	Antonio Gallo by wife & family Maria Agostino by Carmela & Josephine Mancuso Terzo Pace by Salvatore Candeloro Peter Camposarcone by Peter Aiello
Sunday	9:00AM †	Evelina & Tesina DeGaetano by Aledino & Maria Magazzeni Giuseppina Nero by Maria Nobil Vincent Fazzalari by Maria Seneca Claude Poulin by family
	11:00AM	For us and all our dear ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM †	Federico Rampino by Nardina Inneo & family
Wednesday	9:00AM	Angelina Caporicci by Margaret Marko
Thursday	9:00AM	Mass of Thanksgiving - Fr.Paul
Friday	9:00AM	Maria Agostino by Murray & Pam Biggar
Saturday	5:00PM †	Immacolata & Salvatore Bruzzese by family Pasquale Vaccaro by family Claude Poulin by family Angelo Nobile by Peter & Columba Michtics
Sunday	9:00AM †	Domenic Porcaro by Godchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Angelina Caporicci by Carla Silenzi Carlo Nero by Aldo & Anna Nero Antonio Notarianni by Mr. & Mrs. D. Locco
	11:00AM	For us and all our dear ones

5 New Year's Resolutions for Catholics

1. Install 'Catholic Apps' on your smart phone or tablet. Instead of texting or checking email during idle time, make use of those apps to learn more about your faith. For info on catholic 'apps' go to <http://catholicapptitude.org/>
2. Find a Patron Saint. Saints are our heroes in faith and are powerful intercessors for us in heaven. You might want to learn more about the saint you were named after, your Confirmation saint, the patron saint of your profession or hobby or any saint who interests you.
3. Attend Daily Mass. Since the group attending is usually small and there is often no singing, most daily Masses will only take about 30 minutes of your day. In return, you'll receive extra graces and blessings for the small sacrifice.
4. Go to confession every month. Yes, it's difficult to face your sins and say them out loud, but frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives you the grace to fight those sins and perhaps finally defeat them.
5. Read the Bible daily. If you don't own a Catholic Bible, invest in one and keep it out where you will see it every day. Pick it up daily and read a passage. (Catholic Bible is available for purchase at the back of the church).

Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



The Word took our nature from Mary

The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, says the Apostle, and so had to be like his brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: She wrapped him in swaddling clothes. Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born in you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born from you," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.

This was not done in outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. Our Saviour truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam.

The words of St John, the Word was made flesh, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in St Paul: Christ was made a curse for our sake. Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven.

Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is for ever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church. (from A letter of St Athanasius)



'God speaks to us in many ways. One way God speaks to us is through the Bible. There are 46 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books in the Bible. The writings in the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by many different authors using different styles'. Loyola Press

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 ".. I have suggested to all of you to obtain a small copy of the Gospel, to carry with you during the day, so you can read it frequently. Today one can read the Gospel also on so many technological instruments. You can carry the whole Bible on your mobile phone, on your tablet. **It is important to read the Word of God, by any means, but by reading the Word of God: Jesus speaks to us there! And welcome it with an open heart. Then the good seed will bear fruit!**" For info on catholic Bible apps: 1) catholic study Bible app ignatious press.. 2) <http://catholicapptitude.org/bible-apps/> 3) <http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>

Offering Mass for our loved ones

To have a Mass or several Masses offered for a person who is deceased is an ancient and commendable practice. A Mass is offered to pray for a deceased person that they may be at peace in heaven. Since each Mass is of infinite value, requesting several Masses is of tremendous benefit for the person prayed for as well as for the family knowing that their intention is joined with the prayer of the Church. Masses are also offered for living members as a gift on their birthday or wedding anniversary, for healing of the sick, to give thanks to God for a blessing received or for any needs of a person or family.

Every Mass is a wonderful gift of God to us. It is the center of the Church's life, "the source and summit of the Christian life" because, in the celebration of the Mass, we are brought back to Jesus' Last Supper, the first Mass celebrated. We consciously recall the love of God poured out for us in the life, death and resurrection of His only Son, Jesus Christ. At each Mass, all the intentions of all God's people, both living and dead, are included. Yet, "in the established tradition of the Church, the faithful, moved by an ecclesial and religious sense, join to the Eucharistic sacrifice a kind of sacrifice of their own, as a way of taking part more intensely. They thus do their share to provide for the Church's needs, especially the support of its ministers..." (Pope Paul VI, motu proprio "Firma in Traditione") So please offer Masses for your loved ones.

Head Count begins Next Weekend
Please note that we will be doing a head count at each weekend Mass on the next two weekends. Whether counting or not, let us gather to worship.

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday, 7 to 9 PM Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls. For info call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 or email separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com