

# Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018



When they 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. (Mt 2:1-12)

## Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering Dec 30/31- \$ 1615.00  
New Years Offerings Jan 1: \$ 1157.60  
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 30.00  
'Host a Family..' \$ 25.00  
*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

## Upcoming Events - 2018

Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.10&11  
Honouring Married Couples - Feb.17&18


## Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

*Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.*

## SEPARATED AND DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY.

January 2018 topics are 'Welcoming the New Year' on January 8th; and 'Who Am I Now', on January 22nd. Kathryn McMorro is the presenter for both sessions. Meetings are 7 to 9 pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls. Pre-registration is not required. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154, or email [separatedanddivorced@sainted.com](mailto:separatedanddivorced@sainted.com)

## Mass Schedule & Intentions from January 6, 2018 to January 14, 2018

Saturday	5:00PM	† Giuseppina & Antonio Gallo by Family Mike Fazari by Wife Nancy & Son Angelo Bernardo Marchio by Angelo Fazari
Sunday	9:00AM	† Maria Eisenring—DeChellis by Lorenzo & Anna-Maria Marchionda & family Dawn Ann MacDonald by Bill & Sana Szakaly Oreste Mazzei by Ida Berardi & family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday	9:00AM	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Les Sumbler by Angelina Camposarcone
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Giuseppina Gallo By Lea Locco
Thursday	9:00AM	† Vincenzo Guzzi by Dr. Paul Mirando
Friday	9:00AM	† Franco Sdao by Nardina Inneo
Saturday	5:00PM	† Oreste Mazzei by Teresa DiGioia
		
Sunday	9:00AM	† Dawn Ann MacDonald by Linda Matchett
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## GRIEF RECOVERY OUTREACH PROGRAM

This session of the outreach program starts on Thursday, January 18,th 2018 and will continue every Thursday for 10 weeks. It is held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Northland Pointe, 2 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne.

This is a FREE seminar for the public.  
An RSVP is required. You can contact  
at 905-834-3483 or 905-834-4833.

## To book a Mass

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one (Holy Souls in Purgatory), please submit a Mass Request to us. Envelopes are available at the back. You may also visit the office during office hours or sent us an e-mail at [sandrewrcc@outlook.com](mailto:sandrewrcc@outlook.com)  
We currently have many openings available.

## **Like to volunteer ? Parish Ministries**

Do you like to become little more active in our parish community? Please join one or more of our Parish Ministries. Your help and input will help us to serve the parish better. Please talk to Father Paul or call the office.



## Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



## **Pope Francis - General Audience January 3, 2018**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Holy Eucharist, today we consider the penitential rite. To prepare ourselves to celebrate worthily the sacred mysteries, we acknowledge, before God and our brothers and sisters, that we have sinned. Significantly, we make this confession as a community, yet in the Confiteor each of us speaks personally: "I confess... that I have sinned." Like the humble publican in Jesus' parable, we strike our breast and recognize that we are unworthy of the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We then beg the intercession of Our Lady and all the angels and saints to sustain us on the path of holiness and conversion. The priest then pronounces the absolution – "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life". Unlike the absolution granted in confession, this does not remit mortal sin, yet it expresses our trust in God's promise of forgiveness and reconciliation. We thus join the great line of biblical figures – like David, the Prodigal Son and Saint Peter – who, conscious of their sin, acknowledged it before God with confidence in the transforming power of his grace.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Bishop Bergie will preside at the liturgy for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 21, 2018, 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines.

The Second Vatican Council's declaration on Christian Unity expresses the Church's heart on this issue, "The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided.) Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature." (Unitatis Redintegration; Introduction)

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from the Caribbean region: "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6).

The resources have been prepared by the churches of the Caribbean by an ecumenical team of women and men under the leadership of His Grace Kenneth Richards, Catholic Archbishop of Kingston et. al.

## The baptism of Christ

A sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever.

Amen.