

# The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2017



asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."  
Matthew 2 : 2-12

### Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1601.75  
'Host a Family..' \$ 20.00  
Building fund - \$ 128.00  
New Year's Offering - \$ 603.00

*Bless you for your continued generous support.*

### Upcoming Events

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity - Jan.18-25  
Ecumenical Service Sunday, January 22, 3:00pm  
with Bishop Gerard Bergie D.D. at Cathedral

Mass with Anointing of the sick - Feb.11&12  
Honouring Married Couples - Feb.18&19

### Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

Family Mass & Luncheon - January 29, 2016

Trivia Night - February

Friends, please join and support that we may help our two Syrian families.

### WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - January 15

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in many places in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on June 20th. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914. "The phenomenon of migration today is a providential opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel in the contemporary world."  
(Benedict XVI, Emeritus 2012)

### Mass Schedule & Intentions from January 7, 2017 to January 15, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Giuseppina Nero by Amore & family Gilda & Filodoro Guglielmi by children and grandchildren Antonio Gallo by family Mike Fazari by Wife Nancy & Son Angelo
Sunday	9:00AM	† Rosie Trokas by Ruggieri family Domenico Locco by Maria & Frank Fazzalari Giorgia Giovinazzo by Patricia Presti Terzo Pace by the Pala Family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Agatha Presti by Mrs. Yolanda Pellegrino
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Vincent Fazzalari by George & Constance Poll
Thursday	9:00AM	† Giacomo Mancuso by Immacolata Giovinazzo
Friday	9:00AM	† Terzo Pace by the Giovinazzo Family
Saturday	5:00PM	† Pasquale Vaccaro by family Domenic Porcaro by Godchildren Tina, Nancy & Rosa Giovinazzo Arcangelo & Angela Alviano by daughter Nancy Fazari & family Maria Sorbara & Candida Consiglio by sister Nancy Fazari & family
Sunday	9:00AM	† Stephen, Raymond & Theresa Horvat by Theresa Horvat Bruna Belcamino by Stella Agostino Rosie Trokas by the Almakhoul family Iolanda Tancredi by Nardina Inneo & family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

### Marriage Vow Renewal

During All Weekend Masses February 18 & 19, 2017 —We honour all married couples who celebrated the Sacrament of Catholic Marriage.



### MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK

will be celebrated at all Masses on **February 11 & 12, 2017**. Jesus is with us when we undergo sickness and suffering, and when we care for the sick. When we take suffering with Jesus' passion it is fruitful. The Sacrament of the anointing of the sick gives more graces to the sick person. It is a sacrament that we can receive any number of times. It is not the 'last rite' to be administered to the unconscious body. We encourage the elderly or chronically/seriously sick members to receive it.

### Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



### POPE FRANCIS—General Audience JANUARY 4, 2017



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now turn to the figure of Rachel, the wife of Jacob, who died giving birth to her second child. The prophet Jeremiah evokes Rachel's tears – the tears of a mother who weeps for her children and would not be consoled – to describe the sorrow of the Chosen People at the time of the Exile. Anyone familiar with the grief of a mother who has lost a child knows the power of this image. In response to Rachel's tears, God offers a word of consolation by promising new life in the return of the exiles (cf. Jer 31:15-17). In this Christmas season, we read Jeremiah's prophecy on the feast of the Holy Innocents. In the Gospel for that day, Saint Matthew also evokes Rachel's tears to describe the grief of those mothers who saw their children killed before their eyes, victims of a tyranny that despises and destroys life. Yet it is in Mary, standing at the foot of the cross, that the prophecy is truly fulfilled. Our Lady's tears for the death of her Son bear fruit in new hope and new life for all those who, through faith, become her children in the body of the Risen Christ, which is the Church.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017:

Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)  
Every year, between January 18 (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25 (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul), Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a week of prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. In November of 2014, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops endorsed the cause for Fr Wattson's canonization. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and since 1968, the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity have collaborated to produce materials for use over this eight-day period.  
*To Be Continued..*



### The Lord has made his salvation known to the whole world

(A sermon by Pope St Leo the Great-  
<http://www.universalis.com/20170106/readings.htm>)

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.