



January 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY 2023)

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| Mon., Jan. 2 nd | ----- | No Mass (<i>Office closed for Statutory Holiday</i>) |
| Tues., Jan. 3 rd | 9:00 am | Mass of Holy Name of Jesus (<i>Office is open</i>) |
| Wed., Jan. 4 th | 9:00 am | Weekday Mass |
| Thurs., Jan. 5 th | 9:00 am | Weekday Mass |
| Fri., Jan. 6 th | 9:00 am | First Friday Mass and Benediction |
| Sat., Jan. 7 th | 5:00 pm | VIGIL OF EPIPHANY (First Saturday) |
| Sun., Jan. 8 th | 8:30 am | MASS OF EPIPHANY |
| | 10:30 am | MASS OF EPIPHANY |



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE
JAN. 1 - 22, 2023
ALL MASSES AT
ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

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"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."



CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Saturday, January 7th
5:00 pm
Sunday, January 8th
8:30 am & 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 7th (4:00 to 4:45 pm)

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023
MAY GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF US AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW YEAR TOGETHER AT ST. PAT'S!
OUR PARISH TEAM



CONGRATULATIONS!
Our Parish has reached a significant milestone in the 'St. Pat's Hat' Appeal. We surpassed the half-million dollar mark ... and growing!

LEARNING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT & PEACE
This group, which is our official international development and outreach organization, was established in Canada by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1967.




Development and Peace
CARITAS CANADA

LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS

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| Last Sunday's Collection (Dec. 25 th)... | \$ 8,960.10 |
| Christmas Collection (Dec. 25 th) | 7,355.00 |
| Christmas Flower Donation | 10.00 |
| Missal/Calendar/Book Sales | 65.00 |
| Votive Candles | (not available) |
| St. Anthony's Poor Fund | (not available) |

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| Special Donation & Pledge..... | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Special Donation & Pledge..... | 5,000.00 |
| Bequest of the Estate of the late Raymond Miller (partial)..... | 40,000.00 |
| Renovations Collection (partial) ... | 995.00 |
| On Line Donations | 1,435.00 |
| Free-will Donations..... | 2,700.00 |
| In Memory of Alfred Sprock..... | 150.00 |
| In Memory of Helen Medwick..... | 50.00 |
| Pledged /collected this week | \$ 65,330.00 |

TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE
!!! \$ 503,622.26 !!!
Donations & 50/50 Raffle: on-line at:
www.stpatshat.ca





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 15, 2023

Our Parish League Council will be gathering after the 10:30 am Mass in the auditorium to complete our membership posters and finalize our membership drive plans. Please remember to bring your ideas, favourite scissors and smile...

January 21/22, 2023

Our Membership Weekend and Years of Service Pins Presentations will take place on these dates. Our League members will also be filling the ministry positions at the 5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Please contact Joan Joubert if you can assist with any of these at:

622-4754 or

joubertj@tbaytel.net

January 29, 2023

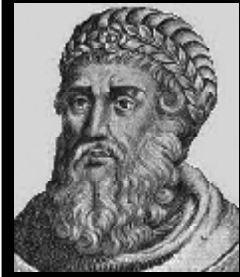
Our CWL Gathering is scheduled for Sunday, the 29th, following the 10:30 am Mass. Linda from the "Dew Drop Inn" will be joining us to speak about possible opportunities to help at the "Inn". Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Dew Drop Inn. This gathering will be a time for us to listen, learn and then create a plan for action for those in our council and those who are friends of the League. Like all our gatherings, this one is open to all in the Parish.

LEAGUE MEMBERSHIPS

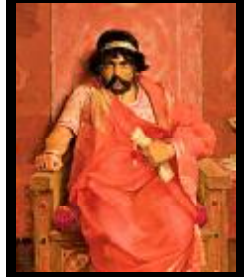
January is 'Membership Month'. Our C.W. L. annual dues are \$35.

Q. How could 'King Herod' have helped to condemn Jesus to death in 33 A.D. if he was also present to greet the wisemen at Jesus' birth?

A. Although they both belong to the same family and share the same name, the King Herod who is mentioned in the Epiphany story is not the same king who helped to condemn Jesus to death, 33 years later. The older 'Epiphany' story



Herod, 'the great'



Herod 'Antipas'

death the ruling Romans divided his kingdom among his 3 sons, who all shared the same 'first' name as

their father. The first son, 'Herod Archelaus', was granted the land of Judea; 'Herod Philip', the land east of the Jordan and 'Herod

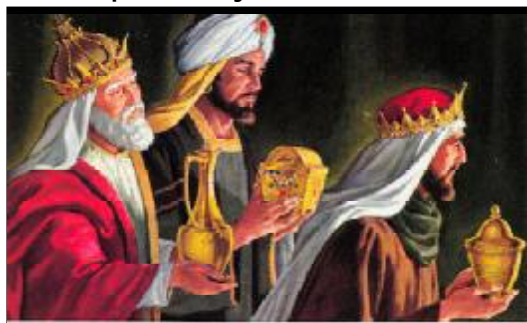
Antipas', the land of Galilee. Unfortunately, Herod's sons and especially 'Archelaus' and 'Antipas' proved to be just like their father in their cruelty towards their subjects and in their thirst for power.

Q. My Evangelical friends tell me that there is no mention in the Bible of the number of wisemen who visited the Christ-child. Is that true?

A. Yes, they are right in saying that the Bible does not specifically

mention whether there were three, five or even ten Wisemen? Of course not.

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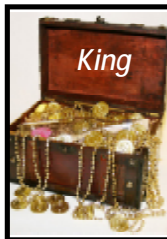


Matthew did not write his account of the Magi so that Christians could argue about numbers. Instead he wrote

this account to teach us that:

1. The Messiah was born to save all peoples and not only the People of Israel (*the Magi were not Jews but*

the number of wisemen but, they are not right if they tell you that it is wrong to believe that there were three. The number is implicit. Since Matthew's Gospel tells us that 3 gifts were presented by the Magi to the Christ-child, we can logically assume that there were 3 visitors who brought these gifts.



Our Divine High Priest

The Real Point of the Story Whenever it comes to Bible interpretation, some tend to argue over relatively trivial details like this one, while missing the main point of the story. In this case, does it really matter

foreigners from the East); 2. The gifts presented, tell us about Jesus Himself: that He is the King of Kings (*gold*), the Son of God and the Eternal High Priest (*frankincense*) and, the Saviour of the world, Who would one day die on the cross to save us (*myrrh*). This last gift is an oil used to preserve the bodies of the dead!