

LIKE THE WISEMEN, THE WISE  
STILL SEEK CHRIST TODAY

January 8, 2023 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> All Masses Prayers for those who were Baptized in 2022  
 Tues., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Weekday Mass  
 6:00 pm R.C.I.A. Session: 'Tour of the Cathedral'  
 Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Weekday Mass  
 Thurs., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mass of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Founder  
 Fri., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Mass of St. Hilary, Doctor of the Church  
 6:00 pm Parish Council Social (Rector's Mtg. Room)  
 Sat., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm **VIGIL MASS: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 Sun., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> **MASSES: 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 10:30 am R.C.I.A. Mass of The Rite of Acceptance

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM  
OUR ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR

I would like to sincerely thank Deacon Derek and Linda West, Erick Villanueva and Kevin Cerutti for all your hard work in preparing and decorating our Cathedral for Christmas. Many hours were spent working together to get everything ready for this special Season. It really is a pleasure and a blessing to have such a great team. - Cheryl DeLorenzi

... AND IT'S A BLESSING FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE A GIFTED TEAM LEADER LIKE CHERYL!  
- MSGR. PAT STILLA



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

Congratulations to:  
**Vincenzo Riccio**  
50/50 Raffle-2 Draw  
Winner: \$5, 830.  
(Winning Ticket  
# D-19928)



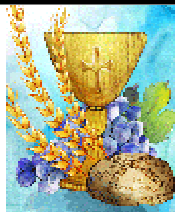
LEARNING MORE ABOUT  
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

The mission of D. & P. is to support partners in the Global South in their pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures.



UPCOMING ORDINATION FOR DOUG McCLURE

Bishop Colli has now confirmed his Ordination dates in the Cathedral:  
Diaconate: Thurs., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm  
Priesthood: Sat., Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
First Mass: Sun., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>: 10:30 am



LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection (Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> ).....	\$ 5, 578.69
New Year's Collection (Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> ) .....	2, 335.00
Initial Offering (for Envelope Costs) ....	790.00
Christmas Collection (more) .....	915.00
Online Donations .....	100.00
Donation for Baptism .....	20.00
Missal/Calendar/Book Sales .....	70.00
Votive Candles .....	233.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund .....	74.00

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special Donation .....	\$ 5, 000.00
Renovations Collection (more).....	830.00
Free-will Donations .....	1, 974.00
Raffle #2 (Our Net Share) .....	4, 474.85
'Friends' of the Cathedral.....	250.00
Online Roof Donations.....	11, 600.00
In Memory of J.H. Meader .....	1, 000.00
In Memory of G. Napolitano .....	500.00
In Memory of G. Kernaghan .....	100.00
In Memory of A. & C. Cano.....	30.00

Pledged /collected this week ..... \$ 25, 758.85

TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE

\*\*\* \$ 529, 381.11 \*\*\*



Donations & 50/50 Raffle: on-line at:  
[www.stpatshat.ca](http://www.stpatshat.ca)





Q. Why is the Epiphany no longer celebrated on January 6th?

A. In 1983, when the new Code of Church Law came into effect, National Conferences of Catholic Bishops throughout the world were given the authority to "suppress certain holydays of obligation or to transfer them to a Sunday" in their respective countries. The Bishops of Canada decided to do the latter for certain holydays in our country



and the Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of them. For this reason, though January 6<sup>th</sup> is still observed in many parts of the Catholic world as 'The Epiphany', we, in Canada, commemorate it annually on the Sunday closest to this date. In 2023, it falls on this weekend: January 7/8.

Christ Came to Save All Peoples  
The word, 'epiphany' comes from Greek and it means *manifestation*.

Q. Where does Matthew's Gospel refer to the Magi as three Kings?

A. It doesn't! St. Matthew, who is the only Gospel writer who describes the visit of the Magi (2: 1-12), makes no mention that these foreign visitors were Kings. He simply records that, 'some wisemen came to Jerusalem from the East'. The reason we think of them as kings actually derives from a prophecy found in the Book of the Prophet

The Feastday celebrates the fact that Christ 'manifested' Himself as the Messiah, not only to Jewish shepherds but also to non-Jewish foreigners. This reminds us that He came to earth to save all peoples regardless of their religion or culture. The Gospel then tells us that the Wise Men were led to Christ by a star. Some believe that by mentioning 'a star',

Matthew also wanted us to think of the 'Star of David', (the symbol of Judaism), to remind us that the world was led to the Messiah by God's

first Chosen People of Israel!

Their Names  
Although the Magi's names are not recorded anywhere in the Bible, they have been traditionally known as, Caspar, Balthassar and Melchior, since the 8<sup>th</sup> century.

that when He comes: '*Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn .... A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord*' (Is. 60). Of course, the point of Matthew's story is not to tell us



whether or not they were kings but that they were non-Jewish foreigners who Christ also came to redeem.

January: 'Membership Month'  
Our C.W. L. annual dues are \$35. Envelopes for this fee is found in your Church envelope packet or at all entrances to the Cathedra. Please place your dues in the collection basket. New members are always welcome. C.W.L. brochures can be found at all Church entrances. These brochures and Application Forms are also available online on our Parish website.

Upcoming League Events

January 15, 2023

We will be gather after Mass at 10:30 am in the auditorium to complete our membership posters and finalize our membership drive plans. Please remember to bring your ideas, your scissors and a smile!

January 21/22, 2023

This is Our Membership Weekend and Years of Service Pins Presentations Event! Our League members will also be filling the ministry positions at the Masses at 5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please contact Joan Joubert if you can assist with any of these at: 622-4754 or [joubertj@tbaytel.net](mailto:joubertj@tbaytel.net).

January 29, 2023

We will gather following the 10:30 am Mass. Linda from the "Dew Drop Inn" will be joining us to speak about possible opportunities to help. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Dew Drop Inn. We will gather to listen, learn and then create a plan for action. All parishioners are welcome!