

"THERE, AHEAD OF THEM
WENT THE STAR THAT
THEY SAW AT ITS RISING"

January 5, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sun., Jan. 5th 12:30 pm **FR. McDOUGALL, S.J. & JESUIT
FAREWELL MASS** (at: St. Peter's)


Tues., Jan. 7th 9:00 am Mass of St. Brother André

Wed., Jan. 8th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (St. Raymond)

Thurs., Jan. 9th Weekday Mass

Fri., Jan. 10th Weekday Mass

Sat., Jan. 11th 5:00 pm **VIGIL: THE LORD'S BAPTISM**
+ Baptism Renewal & C.W.L. Pins

Sun., Jan. 12th  **MASS: THE LORD'S BAPTISM**
+ Baptism Renewal & C.W.L. Pins
11:30 am **Our January C.W.L. Gathering**



**THE THEME OF
THE JUBILEE
HOLY YEAR
2025:
"WE ARE
PILGRIMS OF
HOPE"**

...For Your Thoughtfulness
We sincerely thank all our Christmas well-wishers who gifted our Clergy and Parish Staff with cards and with many gifts of festive chocolates, Christmas baking, cheeses and so much more!
A Blessed Jubilee 2025 New Year to all!
+ Your Cathedral Parish Team +



**CELEBRATING THIS YEAR'S
BAPTIZED AND OUR VOW RENEWAL**

Next Sunday, the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord. The tradition in our Parish on this day, at all our Masses, is to name those who were baptized in our Cathedral in 2024 and to renew our own Baptismal commitment.

Join us this Sunday for **'COFFEE & CONVERSATION'** after the 10:30 am Mass



Thank-you to our **Children's Liturgy Team**, to the **parents** and to the **children** who took part in this year's Children's Pageant on Christmas Eve. It was a great success and we look forward to future presentations in years to come!



**LAST SUNDAY'S
MASS OF JUBILEE**
More Photos by **Sean Murphy** on our Parish Website.

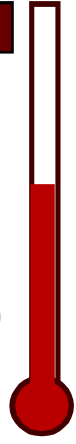


DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,095.38
Christmas Collection	12,899.75
New Year's (totals next weekend) ..	-----
On-Line Donations	75.00
Missals/Calendar/Flowers	135.00
Votive Candles	445.00
St. Anthony Poor Fund	53.85

"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special One-time Donation	\$ 10,000.00
Special One-time Donation	1,000.00
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Free Will and Online Donations	1,070.00
Parish 50/50 Raffle Net Income	3,118.00
In Memory of Giuseppe Napolitano	500.00
Donation Totals this Week	\$ 16,688.00
TOTAL PLEDGED/COLLECTED TO DATE	
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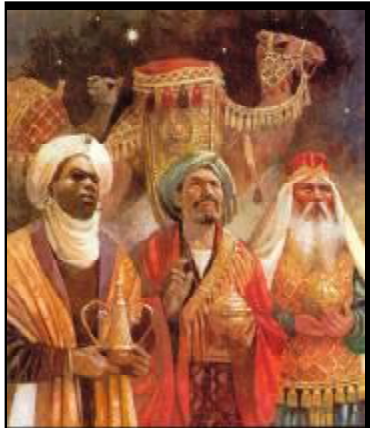
Q. In many Nativity scenes, why are the three wisemen depicted coming to the manger after leaving a city. Did they not travel from the East with their camels across a desert?

A. Matthew's Gospel records that the Wisemen did travel across much wilderness and desert in their quest to find the Messiah. However,

Herod, 'the Great'

Once thought of as a great king of his people because he had built the Temple in Jerusalem, Herod proved

this Gospel also tells us that, before they reached their final destination, their journey included a stop in Jerusalem, where King Herod's palace was located. Obviously, it is this city scene that is often depicted in many Nativity scenes.



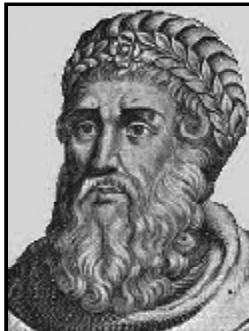
The Magi enter Jerusalem to meet with Herod

Normal Protocol

It is customary for foreign dignitaries to visit and pay homage to the Ruler of a territory through which they wanted to travel. Before they could fulfil this obligation, the Gospel tells us that the Magi were actually



summoned to Herod's palace by the King himself. Having heard about their quest and fearing that another "King of the Jews" would usurp his power, he anxiously



Herod, the Great



Herod Antipas

questioned them about the appearance of the star that they were following. Then he asked them to return to tell him about the whereabouts of this new king.

to be anything but great. In fact he was later described as an 'evil genius of the Judeans who was prepared to commit any crime in order to gratify his unbounded ambition'. It is no surprise then, that this disturbed man who had even murdered members of his own family would order the killing of the Holy Innocents in his quest to destroy Jesus.

Three of Herod's Sons

After his death, the Romans divided Herod's kingdom among his 3 surviving sons.

Archelaus, was given Judea; Philip, the land east of the Jordan and Herod Antipas, the land of Galilee. Unfortunately, Herod's sons, especially Archelaus and Antipas proved to be like their father in their thirst for power. It was Antipas who would one day order the beheading of John the Baptist.

OUR JANUARY GATHERING

All are invited to our first Gathering of the new year to set up teams and to lay down initial plans for the upcoming Diocesan Convention that we are hosting. It will take place immediately following 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 12, 2025. ALL ARE WELCOME!

UPCOMING 'PINS CEREMONY'

Our Service Pins ceremony is scheduled for all Masses on January 11/12. We ask that all League members wear their pins and/or scarves on that weekend. Members who wish to volunteer to be ushers at any of the Masses on that weekend are asked to please contact: Joan Joubert at 622-4754 or at: joubertj@tbaytel.net.

SOCKS FOR DEW DROP INN

On the weekend of January 18 and 19 we will be collecting new warm socks for children, women and men to donate to the "Dew Drop Inn".



Knights of Columbus



GENERAL MEETING

Council 1447 Knights will meet on Tues., January 7 at 7:30 pm.



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Our Group supports due diligence legislation because it would ensure that Canadian companies will assess risks of human rights and environmental abuses before engaging in a project abroad.