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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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BY THE TIME the wise men arrive, the Gospel recounts that they find Jesus in a house. This detail – which I haven't noticed before – is comforting to me. Somewhere after the unanticipated stable delivery, room was found for the fledgling family. The wise men go seeking Jesus surrounded by his family, held by another family.

We are the people making room for Jesus and for the people who are seeking him in the work today. Right in the middle of the Christmas leftovers, the decorations which will soon be put away, and the ache to get back to routine after feasting, Jesus is with us. The star could be stopping over our imperfect, crowded or messy homes.

The Gospel doesn't talk about what the wise men ate, where they slept or whether things were cleaned up. The star stopped over the place where they could encounter Jesus. And "when they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy."

Who is overwhelmed with joy at the light God has set over you? Who needs the Jesus that resides in your heart and home? We celebrate Epiphany not so that we can pay homage with the kings of Jesus' time, but so that we can practise being overwhelmed with joy by the places in our lives where the star has stopped – even when that place is within us.

(Reflection of Leah Perrault, of Living with Christ)



Monday, January 4, 2021

8:30 a.m. + Pablo Natividad

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Edward's

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:30 a.m. For the Holy Father Pope Francis

Thursday, January 7, 2021 Multi-intentions

4:30 a.m. Special Recovery of Francisco Rodriguez
+ Isabel de Bodas

Friday, January 8, 2021

9:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Saturday, January 9, 2021 Multi-intentions

9:00 a.m. Birthday Wishes for Anna Maria

4:30 p.m. For the Repose Souls of Giuseppa, Francesco
and Marilena

Sunday, January 10, 2021

11:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Veronica
+ Giuseppe D'Angela
+ Celina Robonal

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

The Children's Liturgy of the Word team have placed Sunday Resources for the children of our parish on the parish website: www.stedward.ca
These may also be downloaded for the children to keep and read.

Lectio Divina

Cardinal Collin's talk to be live-streamed from
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

January 10, 2021

Theme: In Life's Struggle: Despair and Trust
Psalm 13 and 11

Cathedral Vespers Choir: 6:45 pm

Vespers with Cardinal: 7:00 pm

Lectio Divina starts: 7:30 – 8:15 pm

JANUARY 3, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. PAT

I know we all look to the New Year 2021 as the year in which we begin a time of healing and recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 virus. Let us all be united in prayer for that great hope.

Perhaps, as one way of focusing our prayer, I would like to remind that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated the coming year as the Year of St. Joseph. It actually began this month, on December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and will conclude on December 8th, 2021. This coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences. Therefore, let us pray to St. Joseph for special comfort and relief from the tribulations that overwhelm our world today, especially the COVID-19 virus.

As you may know, St. Joseph is a favourite saint of His Holiness: The Pope often remarks that, before he goes to sleep, he places written intercessions under a statue of St. Joseph, on a table by his bed, inviting St. Joseph to sleep on them. This "sleeping" on them, is a reference to the scriptures, in which St. Joseph is consoled and guided by the angels while he is sleeping, and awakens to follow their direction. Angels are seen as messengers from God.

This week, I will be placing a statue of St. Joseph in our Church, highlighting his presence more visibly, so that, at every mass, and in private prayers, we can invoke his intercession.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops offered a special prayer for the Year of St. Joseph, that you might find helpful. The official prayer of St. Joseph was actually composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, "Quamquam Pluries". He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence. I trust this prayer will enrich your spiritual life.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most Holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you

embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

A New Year's Prayer

*Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year. For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.
Amen*

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Deacon David Quail, Sean Jacob, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our parish secretaries, and Lucas Pak our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a Happy New Year.

Lock Down

While the church is closed due to the COVID – 19 lockdown, our Masses are live streamed. Visit our website at www.stedward.ca for our Mass schedule and the link to the live streaming of our Masses.

New Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet picked up the offertory envelopes for 2021 and wish to pick them up, please call the office to reserve a time to come. If you don't plan on using them, please advise the office and we can re-assign them to other parishioners. Thank you.



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