



**JANUARY 7TH, 2018**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**CYCLE B**

**REFLECTION**

**Newborn King**

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, he is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see Micah 5:1-3; 2 Samuel 5:2). Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see 1 Kings 2:19). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see 1 Kings 10:2,25).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings. Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see Numbers 22:21; 23:7; 24:7,17). This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too, refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign – that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God. We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too, must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see Revelation 22:16), and the light of the world (see Isaiah 42:6; John 8:12). As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts

– our intentions and talents – on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.



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**HEROES IN HOLINESS**  
**QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS**

"God gives each one of us sufficient grace ever to know His holy will, and to do it fully"  
 -St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Listen and attend with the ear of your heart"  
 -St. Benedict

The Saints who have gone before us are the witness, par excellence, to this tethering to Truth that enlightens and inspires and elevates mankind.

**Mass Intentions**   
**FOR THE WEEK**

**JANUARY 6TH TO JANUARY 13TH, 2018**

SAT. JAN. 6TH	5:00 PM	- Jose DaSa †
SUN. JAN. 7TH	7:30 AM	- Maude, Harry, & Neville D'Sa
	9:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	- Rose Kehoe †
	12:00 PM	- Florence Marbaniang † & Joseph Gonsalves †
TUE. JAN. 9TH	8:30 AM	- Colomba Manserra †
WED. JAN. 10TH	7:30 PM	- Ramon & Belen Bedana †
THU. JAN. 11TH	8:30 AM	- Spec. Int. Georgina Da'Costa
FRI. JAN. 12TH	7:30 PM	- Priscilla Ortiz in Thanksgiving
SAT. JAN. 13TH	8:30 AM	- Tessla Thomas in Thanksgiving



**OUR SICK:** Rebecca C. Baltazar , Cristeta Del Mundo, Dina Sorbera, Daniel Leonardo, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Ramona Labo, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de

Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Rosemarie Deans, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Nofall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Judith Ritch, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Pat Fellows, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, William Dale, Anne O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Evelyn Cummings, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**WHAT IS EPIPHANY?**

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display".

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that

"the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].



## CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP CLASS

Do you hate to give presentations at work or school? Do you lack confidence? The Christopher Leadership Course will help you overcome your fears! Join the class at St. Boniface Church, on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 10 pm, for 11 weeks, beginning on February 7th, 2018. For more information or to register; call (416) 410-7776 or visit [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com)



## MARRIAGE PREP

St. Boniface will be offering the Marriage Preparation course starting in February 2018. Engaged couples looking to join this course are asked to contact the parish office.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### **Enrollment Ceremony**

Sat. Jan. 6th & Sun. Jan. 7th, 2018 - at any Mass

**Confirmation retreat:** Sat. Jan. 13, 2018

**Sessions schedule:** Saturday's from 10am to 12 noon in Parish Hall; January 20, 27, February 3 & 10.



## SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Agatha School:** Wed. January 10, 2018 at 9:30am  
- held in the school
- **St. Nicholas School:** Tues. January 16, 2018 at 2pm  
- held in the school
- **St. Boniface School:** Thurs. January 18, 2018 at 10am  
- held in the church

## PARISH SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

On Thursday January 25, 2018 at 6:00pm we will celebrate Mass with our 3 schools at our church. This Mass will be hosted by St. Boniface School.

**All are welcome!**



## CWL MEETING

Our parish Catholic Women's League Council will have a meeting on Sunday, January 21st after the 12noon mass in the parish hall. We would like to see as many of our members attend.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Agatha, St. Boniface and St. Nicholas Kindergarten Registration for September 2018

Families with children born in 2014 are invited to register for Kindergarten beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 10 a.m. EST.

Registration options:

- **Online:** Parents will be able to complete their application online at: <https://soar.tcdsb.org/Login.aspx>. A follow up visit to the school to present the required documents will be scheduled following the online application.
- **In Person:** Parents can register at their local school with the required documents.

Information:

416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or 5314,  
[www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration)



## ST. BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES

### *Family Lecture Series*

#### **Healthy Living**

(Physical Education, Healthy Eating, etc.)  
Colleen Reel/Megan Ryan Lamothe

**SUNDAY JANUARY 21ST AT 1:30PM**  
**In the Church**



### *Culture of Life Series*

#### **Aid to Women**

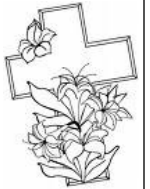
Klaudia Rychlicka will speak about the organization Aid to Women and how they reach out to women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy and offer real solutions and caring support. Aid to Women have helped thousands of women because and they're committed to providing women with the information and support they need to make a life-affirming decision about their pregnancy.

**SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH AT 1:30PM**  
**In the Church**

#### **Bereavement Peer Support meeting**

As you know we have no meeting in December 2017 due to family & Christmas celebration. Our next meeting will be: Saturday January 20, 2018 from 3pm to 4pm.

Meeting held St. Stephen's Room (downstairs from the right side entrance on MarkKanna



#### **Job Posting**

St. Boniface school is currently looking to hire a lunchtime school supervisor. This paid position is open to someone in our community who is catholic and enjoys working with children. Interested candidates should contact the school secretary at 416-393-5277 between 10 - 11:30 am or 1:30-2:45 pm

#### **NEXT EDGE NIGHT**

When: Tuesday January 16th, 6:30pm - 8pm

Where: St. Boniface Church Hall

EDGE is a Ministry for those in grades 6,7 & 8.

It's a way for tweens (*pre-teens*) to learn about the Catholic faith in a way they can understand and relate to while still keeping them engaged.

For more information, please contact Peter at the office at 416-261-5983 or email [youth@stbcc.ca](mailto:youth@stbcc.ca)

#### **ALPHA YOUTH SERIES**

**\*TEENS\***

The Alpha Youth Series is an interactive series exploring life, faith and meaning. Reimagined for today's youth culture, each episode looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

It's for young people with no Christian or church background or for teens looking to rediscover their faith.

**How does it work?** Alpha Youth is designed for youth between the ages of 13-18. Alpha generally has three key things in common:

Food - Talk - Discussion

We are looking to start in January.

Teens who are interested, please email: [youth@stbcc.ca](mailto:youth@stbcc.ca) or contact the Office.

**\*\*Limited Space Available\*\***

