



JANUARY 6TH, 2019 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CYCLE C

REFLECTION

A King to Behold

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

An "epiphany" is an appearance. In today's readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears. Herod, in today's Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting "a ruler of Israel" who will "shepherd his flock" and whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth" (see Micah 5:1-3). Those promises of Israel's king ruling the nations resound also in today's Psalm. The psalm celebrates David's son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch "to the ends of the earth," and the world's kings will pay Him homage. That's the scene too in today's First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing "gold and frankincense" for Israel's king. The Magi's pilgrimage in today's Gospel marks the fulfillment of God's promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler's staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17). Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the "kings of the earth" (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14). One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are "co-heirs" of the royal family of Israel, as today's Epistle teaches. His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God's words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?



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NEW YEAR PRAYER

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



JANUARY 5 TO JANUARY 12, 2019

SAT. JAN. 5TH	5:00 PM	- Delfina Fernandes †
SUN. JAN. 6TH	7:30 AM	- Maude, Harry, & Neville D'Sa †
	9:00 AM	- People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	- Noreen O'Leary †
	12:00 PM	- Michele Mangialardi †
TUE. JAN. 8TH	8:30 AM	- Olimpio De Guzman Miranda †
WED. JAN. 9TH	7:30 PM	- Stephen Pattasseril †
THU. JAN. 10TH	8:30 AM	- Spec. Int. of Georgina Da'Costa
FRI. JAN. 11TH	7:30 PM	- David Heys †
SAT. JAN. 12TH	8:30 AM	- Stella & Frank Saville †



OUR SICK: Jennifer Young, Bobbie Diminico, Daryl-Ann Akrey, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Robin Crapper, Leonisa G. Albaran, Ginette Ferlatt, Rasheeda DeFranca, Sr. Cecilia Marie Ching, Sr. Theresa Ching, Innes Potgieter, Mario Tan Jr., Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, 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, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Noftall, Marie Herrera, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, 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, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS EPIPHANY?

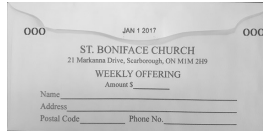
"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display".

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 Israelitic dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].



2019 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES

The 2019 Sunday Donation Envelopes are available by the last pew row at the entrance of the church hall. The envelope boxes are set out in alphabetical order. However, sometimes they get moved around. Please look through other letter groups. The envelopes will move to the parish office at the end of January.



If you do not see your box or you wish to use envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Bereavement Peer Support meeting

The next Bereavement Peer Support Group Meeting:
Date: Saturday January 19, 2019

Time: 3-4 pm

Place: St. Stephen's Room
(Downstairs from the side entrance on Markanna Drive)

New members are welcomed.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

~ We need your help! ~

We have some opportunities for parish involvement. These following ministries / organizations are seeking volunteers;

- Ushers & Greeters
- Choir Members
- Communion Ministers
- Lectors
- St. Vincent de Paul



If any of these interest you and/or you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 416-261-5983 or st.boniface@rogers.com

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Agatha, St. Boniface and St. Nicholas Kindergarten

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins January 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. E.S.T
For September 2019 all children born in 2015 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

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



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Saturday May 4th, 2019 - Canada and USA
The New Evangelization Summit (NES) is a world-class conference that inspires thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the new evangelization. St. Boniface is planning to be a Host Site for the Scarborough region for this event.

...details to come.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Enrollment Ceremony

Sat. Jan. 5th & Sun. Jan. 6th, 2019 - at any Mass

Confirmation retreat: Sat. Jan. 12, 2019

Sessions schedule:

Saturday's from 10am to 12 noon in Parish Hall;
January 19 & 26, February 2 and 9.

Requirement:

Please provide a recent copy of the baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

It will not be possible to enroll for this Sacrament once the enrollment deadlines have passed.

CWL MEETING

The CWL council will be having it's next meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 1:10 PM in the church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. We also welcome all ladies in the parish to come and join us.



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Word with Children program is on Sunday's at the 10:30 am Mass.

Geared towards children in Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 6.

No Liturgy of the Word with Children this weekend.



SCHOOL MASSES

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

- **St. Agatha School:** Wed. January 9, 2019 at 1:00pm - held in the school
- **St. Boniface School:** Wed. January 16, 2019 at 10am - held in the church
- **St. Nicholas School:** Wed. January 23, 2019 at 2pm - held in the school

PARISH SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

On Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 6:00pm we will celebrate Mass with our 3 schools at our church. This Mass will be hosted by St. Boniface School.



NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When? - Tuesday January 15, 2019

Time? - 7pm to 8:30pm

Where? - Church Hall

For? - Grades 6, 7, and 8

What is Edge?

EDGE is a Youth Ministry for those in grades 6,7, & 8. A way for them to learn about their Catholic faith in a way they can understand and relate to while still keeping them engaged!

Information and registration forms will be available in the schools and in the parish office. You can contact the parish office at 416-261-5983 or by email: st.boniface@rogers.com

Next Edge Nights; (1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday January 29, 2019 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday February 5, 2019 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm

