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The Greatest Reveal of All

To be honest, we really know very little historical information about the three Wise Men. Most of the popular ideas about them came from stories and paintings from much earlier generations. Some recent vivid and joyful images come from the Gian Carlo Menotti operetta, "Amahl and the Night Visitor." Our images of Mary and Jesus also need refreshment from time to time. Our current Holy Father, when he was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, said, "The images of Christ and the saints are not photographs. Their whole point is to lead us beyond what can be apprehended at the merely material level, to awaken new senses in us, and to teach us a new kind of seeing, which perceives the Invisible in the visible." These are indeed wise words. In today's world, religious images don't just hang on museum walls, but fly around everywhere from comic books to newspapers, on videos from UTube to Facebook, on late night television, or passed around on people's BlackBerries and cell phones. We may not like all of these images, but we can't live in a fortress, trying to avoid them. We urgently have to develop what the Holy Father calls "a new kind of seeing," going behind the visible to the Invisible, so that we can grab the good and helpful meanings, and leave behind whatever is vulgar, destructive, or simply stupid. Like us, the Jews of Jesus' time had difficulty looking beyond the visible, to the Invisible: God lies here in the flesh! Christ has finally appeared as the salvation of the whole creation! The Magi symbolize those of us who have eyes to see, who rush to offer our gifts with humility. As the bumper sticker says, "Wise men and women still seek him." Go in peace to love and serve our God! (Epiphany of Our Lord – January 4, 2009)

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues.	Jan. 06	9:00 am	RIP Helen Vooch	Tom & Anne Matthew
		7:00 pm	CWL Members	CWL
Wed.	Jan. 07	7:30 am	Deceased members of John Bojarski Family	Vivian Ferenc
		9:00 am	RIP David Serle	Bea Gross
Thurs.	Jan. 08	9:00 am	RIP Alice & Joseph Richard	Bernice & Victor Kuz
		10:30 am	Carl & Carol Hartman	Legion of Mary
Fri.	Jan. 09	9:00 am	RIP Guy Goulet	Mom & Dad
		12:15 pm	RIP Diane Gorda	Vic & Rose Hercun
Sat.	Jan. 10	10:00 am	RIP Lionel Dubois	Lawrence & Noreen
		7:30 pm	RIP Paul Cancade	Kelleher Family
Sun.	Jan. 11	9:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph
		10:30 am	Shawn Crawford	Gwen Gumieny
		12:30 pm	Deegan Family	Angelina Scaletta
Souris	Jan. 04	11:00 am	Janice Hardy	Elsie Kurtenbach & Family
	Jan. 11	11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Francsica Arishande, Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Jeanne Boutillier, Jim Bradford, Alice Brown, Margaret Buckmire, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Juliette Desroches, Jared Dryden, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Nora Fleury, Mary Gaab, Megan Gardham, Marcelle Granger-Gentes, Kay Gray, Brett Lawrence, Tess McLaren, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Alisa Moran, Joan Napper, Tony Petrucci, Hazel Philipott, Minnie Plaseski, Emily Potvin, Monica Seitz, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Doreen Thompson, Marion Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

CWL:

2009 CWL membership is now due. Fees are \$20 and can be given to Rose Hercun or Jacquie DeCorby.

CWL General Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 6th. Mass at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow.

CWL Executive Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00 pm at the home of Rose Hercun.

Epiphany of the Lord

Catechism of the Catholic Church

528: The epiphany manifesting Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God, and saviour of the world

Mon. (1 John 3.22-4.6)
(Matthew 4.12-17, 23-25)

Tues. **Blessed André Bessette**
(1 John 4.7-10)
(Mark 6.34-44)

Wed. **St. Raymond of Peñafort**
(1 John 4.11-18)
(Mark 6.45-52)

Thurs. (1 John 4.19-5.4)
(Luke 4.14-22)

Fri. (1 John 5.5-13)
(Luke 5.12-16)

Sat. (1 John 5.14-21)
(John 3.22-30)

Sun. **Baptism of the Lord**
(Isaiah 55.1-11)
(1 John 5.1-9)
(Mark 1.7-11)

Please Remember: Use NEW current (2009) donation envelopes in 2009, as your old number could be assigned to someone else.

Liturgy Meeting will be on the regular date, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 beginning at 7 p.m.

THE WEEK AHEAD.....

Mon.	05	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	05	Confirmation at St. Augustine School	7:00 pm
Tues.	06	St. Vincent du Paul Meeting	9:30 am
	06	Legion of Mary	5:30 pm
	06	CWL Mass and Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	07	Quest for Christ	4:00 pm
	07	RCIA	7:00 pm
Thurs.	08	Serra Meeting	11:30 am
	08	Quest for Christ	6:30 pm
	08	League for Life Meeting	7:00 pm
	08	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	09	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	09	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	09	Benediction	5:00 pm

**NEW TO OUR PARISH? CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND PLACE IT IN THE SUNDAY
COLLECTION BASKET**

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE: _____
 NEW PARISHIONER REQUIRES ENVELOPE
 MOVING OUT OF PARISH CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FINANCES: RECEIPTS:

Collection for Christmas Day	\$12,613.63
Collection for the Weekend for Sunday Dec.28, 2008	
Offertory Collection (Brandon)	\$ 6827.75
School	\$ 20.00
Renovation Collection Dec. 25 & 28, 2008	- \$13,910.00

Stewardship Reflection of the Week
Stewardship New Year's Resolution
 A Faithful Steward's New Year's Resolution!
To be emptied of:
Pride, Envy, Jealousy, Anger, Selfishness, and Greed
To be filled with:
**Humility, Charity, Faith, Hope, Patience, Peace, Joy,
 Surrender, and Gratitude**

Brandon Area League For Life Information Alert
 Between 1970 and 2004 Canada has performed over 2,700,000 abortions
<http://www.webhart.net/vandee/abortstat.shtml>

Vigil Lamp
 The light burns in memory of
Dorothy Leblanc (Jan. 5, 2009)

parish office 727-4728 and leave your name and phone number. A class will be given in January 2009 by Michael Malazdrewicz.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Vigil Lamp -There will be a vigil lamp burning in memory of your loved one or friend. If you wish to do this please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. The cost for the lamp to burn for 1 week (the cost of the candle) will be \$5.00.

CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPT UPDATE: As per Revenue Canada information please be informed that donations received after DECEMBER 31, 2008 CANNOT be added to the year 2008 receipts. Therefore it is advisable to make sure your 2008 donations are given in the current year. This information was received from Revenue Canada.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors: will be meeting at St. Augustine School at 7:00 pm Monday, January 5, 2009.

Welcome to Our Christian Community:
 Nicholas Aiden Houck, Valandria Kira Metelski

Christian Unity Week: You are invited to join us in "Prayer for Christian Unity" on Jan. 25 at 7:00 pm at Bethel Christian Assembly. Sponsored by Brandon Ministerial.

YOUTH INFO NIGHT on Wednesday, January 7, 7-9 PM. Please bring potluck snacks to share with everyone. It's an event for youth and adults alike interested to know more about youth and young adult events for the year 2009. Come and see!

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING on Friday, January 30, 7-9 pm. Come out for an evening of prayer and community with other youth and young adults. At this gathering we will do Taize Prayer, which will be followed by a social. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Created and Redeemed

(The Universal Message of John Paul II's Theology of the Body)

St. Augustine's Adult Faith Program
February 12 to April 02 in AI's Hall

Drawing on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, author and video host Christopher West shares God's original plan for marriage and sexuality and how an understanding of this plan gives profound meaning to all our lives - married, single and consecrated celibates. The Theology of the Body has been called "one of the boldest reconfigurations of Catholic theology in centuries, "according to the pope's biographer, George Weigel. It addresses some of the most fundamental and important questions of human existence, including:

- *Why were we created male and female?
- *Where do we come from and why?
- *What is the meaning of life? How do we experience it?
- *Why is there evil in the world and how do we overcome it?

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE - PHONE THE OFFICE AT 727-4728. Booklets cost \$15.00.

Vocation View: Even gift bearing kings, accompanied by camels and servants, went to visit Jesus Christ. You, come and follow Him.

Take the Good News back to your people: Jesus is Lord of all.

Young Pianists/keyboard players: if you are interested in learning to play the pipe organ please phone the

