



## A Lifetime Epiphany

Today on the feast of the Epiphany we read about those mysterious “astrologers from the east” we often call “The Three Wise Men.” (Or, as we used to call them in grade school, “The Three Wise Guys.”) The gospel doesn’t actually say how many there were—some scholars have suggested as many as 12! But we do know they were *not* Jews. So, this feast celebrates the first public sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ beyond the Jewish faith. So, we see that not only is the salvation of Jesus open to non-Jews and people of all faiths or no faith... Jesus, the Saviour, speaks intimately and specifically to each person, from playful childhood, to tough teen years... while we’re young adults or young married people... in the stressful, productive years of mid-life... and in the more reflective time of our elder years. But the Wise Men or Magi came to Jesus because they believed strongly in the mystery of God. God’s will was a fierce reality to them; We, instead, are often people of the end product... even Christians ask for evidence and proof before believing in God’s presence. Do we think Jesus could not have had the feelings we feel?

But as Jesus grew from infancy, he experienced all of our emotions, from grief and fear, to rage and despair. Jesus was no wimp—he knows intimately every pain, joy, and struggle of living in our skin... no matter in what age, stage, or outrage we find ourselves. Jesus shows himself to us every day in the silent times... in the simple beauty of our ordinary family life... and in the dignity of “the daily grind”, our human work. That makes today and every day an Epiphany! Go in peace to love and serve our God!

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Tues. Jan. 04	9:00 am	Mike Brown	A Friend
	7:00 pm	CWL Members	CWL
Wed. Jan. 05	7:30 am	RIP Irma Fieber	Geoff & Lorraine Kindle
	9:00 am	RIP Andy & Victoria Kowal	Brian & Connie Phillips
Thurs. Jan. 06	9:00 am	RIP Frank Adamski	Amelia & Family
	Fairview Home 10:30 am	RIP Gordon Phillips	Bea Gross
Fri. Jan. 07	9:00 am	RIP Elsie Panchuk	Peter, Cecilia & Family
	12:15 pm	Non Believers	Faith Sharing Group
Sat. Jan. 08	10:00 am	Alycia Kiazzyk	Dad & Mom
	10:00 am	Sylvia Gurke	Your Friends
	4:00 pm	For All Parishioners	Fr. Dominic & Fr. James
Sun. Jan. 09	9:00 am	RIP Ken Mathison	Michael Dubois Family
	9:00 am	Katie	Smith Family
	10:30 am	Connie Gudz	The Family
	10:30 am	RIP Mary Gillis	Garry & Daine
	12:30 pm	Thanksgiving	Rick & Patti Anderson
	12:30 pm	Dave	Joanne

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

#### 528: Epiphany

#### 587-591: Jesus and the faith of Israel in One God and Saviour

#### Mon. Holy Name of Jesus

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

Tues. (1 John 4.7-10)  
(Mark 6.34-44)

Wed. (1 John 4.11-18)  
(Mark 6.45-52)

Thurs. **St. André Bessette**  
(1 John 4.19 - 5.4)  
(Luke 4.14-22)

Fri. **St. Raymond of Penafort**  
(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 42.1-4,6-7)  
(Acts 10.34-38)  
(Matthew 3.13-17)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Ann Babiak, Marguerite Bicknell, Noreen Bicknell, Irene Copet, Jules Declercq, Ann Delgaty, Ron Ediger, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Mervin Fleury, Connie Gudz, Matthew Hrankowski, Brett Lawrence, Kathleen MacDougall, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Alisa Moran, Tony Petrucci, Minnie Plaseski, Coralie Serle, Gary Sproule, Jean Tarnowski, Irene Toma, Ashely Kostecki Truax, Marian Vorspel, Rosa Weiss, Rebecca Weitzman, Debbie Williams and all our shut-ins.

**Save the Dates:** The Brandon and Area League for Life will be selling tickets to their 4<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising banquet after all masses on the weekends of January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. The banquet date is January 22, 2011. The guest speaker is Michael Coren, Toronto journalist for life.

**Bible Study:** If you are interested in joining the next Bible Study course, please call Yvonne Skura at 726-8243. The topic is: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus. The class will begin on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. All books ordered must be paid for in advance of order being placed.

**VOCATION VIEW:** More valuable than material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, is the invaluable gift of our lives. There is no greater gift than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.



**THE WEEK AHEAD.....**

Mon.	03	Office Closed	
	03	Canterbury Senior Social Club	2:00 pm
	03	Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tues.	04	Legion of Mary	4:30 pm
	04	CWL Mass and Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed.	05	RCIA	7:00 pm
	05	12:30 Choir Practice	7:00 pm
	05	Into the Deep	7:00 pm
Thurs.	06	Catechism Class	6:30 pm
	06	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Fri.	07	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
	07	Confession	4:00-4:45 pm
	07	Benediction	5:00 pm
Sun.	09	K of C Pancake Breakfast after Masses at 9 am, 10:30 am	
	09	St. Augustine Community Choir	7:00 pm

**FINANCES:****Collection for Dec. 19, 2010**

Offertory Collection	\$7700.00
School Fund Collection	\$ 20.00
Restoration Collection	\$1505.00

**RECEIPTS:****Stewardship- Faith on Fire, Hearts & Minds Transformed**

Why did the men from the East bring gifts? Was it because they felt that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph needed them? Or was it because *they needed to give*? At the start of this New Year, today might be a good time to reflect on why you give to our parish, to our Archdiocese, or to other charities. It is only in finding our own *need to give* that we discover giving that is truly sacrificial and joyful. Good stewardship is the result of being grateful which thus prompts our desire to give.

Stewardship Office, Archdiocese of Winnipeg, [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)

**CHARITABLE DONATION RECEIPT UPDATE:** As per Revenue Canada information please be informed that donations received after DECEMBER 31, 2010 CANNOT be added to the year 2010 receipts. Therefore it is advisable to make sure your 2010 donations are given in the current year. This information was received from Revenue Canada.

**Donation Envelopes:** Donation envelopes for 2011 are in the east vestibule ready for pick up. Please do not use these until 2011.

Notice to all who purchased an angel Christmas tree decoration from the Brandon Area League for Life: The in memoriam mass for Mary's Angels will be February 6, 2011 at 12:30 pm.

**St. Augustine's Community Voices Choir** will begin rehearsals for the new year on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 7:00 PM in the church. All are welcome to attend.

**CWL:**

The next CWL general meeting will be on Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Mass will be at 7:00 pm with meeting to follow.

**From Father Dominic's Desk:****Happy New Year**

Sometimes God asks us to do something which does not seem sensible and try as we may to understand, we just cannot. It may seem like God is leading us into the unknown. How would it be for you, if God asked you, as He asked Joseph, to uproot your family, your job and everything familiar, in order to move to an obscure part of the world? Led by a dream, Joseph did just that, when he took Mary and Jesus and went to Egypt. What if He asked you to refuse or to "put on hold" a close relationship? Suppose God were to ask you to give your daughter or son to Him as a priest or nun? Sometimes God places difficult choices before us.

The unknown is full of fears, questions and new challenges. Yet God often bids us to join Him in unknown territory. Obeying His precepts to forgive, to part with our treasures or to give up things that provide security and pleasure frequently leave us fearing the unknown.

Entering a new year is like entering unmapped territory. Fear of the unknown could cripple our capacity to follow God's leading through the days, weeks and months before us. Yet, like Joseph, when we cling to the Lord who knows the future, we are in safe hands, no matter where He leads.

So, with that thought in mind, **Happy New Year!**

On the parish level, in the new year we will continue to study and consider both intervention and parish commitment to those facing a crisis pregnancy. Instructions and teaching will begin in preparation for the New Roman Missal which is scheduled to make its debut in all English speaking countries, including Canada in the last part of 2011. We will participate in the stewardship initiatives on the parish level according to Archdiocesan direction (third phase of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Vision). Some pro-life events occurring in the early part of the new year are: Michael Coran who will be speaking the weekend of January 22 & 23, The Sisters of Life, from Toronto, will be addressing the pro-life group at the University of Manitoba and the Brandon University. They will also speak in our parish on the weekend of March 12 & 13. Our parish mission will be held from February 20 - 23. Father Anthony Hession promised to come for another healing mass in May. As usual, we will host another Face to Face family retreat on the weekend of May 14 & 15. The Youth Advisory Committee will continue the visioning process as well as a plan to implement certain initiatives in the parish. A visioning and mission statement for the parish may also begin in the new year, depending on human resources and time. The above is already a lot for an already busy parish. We place God before all of these initiatives and seek to be of "one heart and one mind" in keeping the unity of the faith and the spirit in the New Year of 2011.

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**Parish Face to Face Retreat/Mission:**

Where: St. Joseph the Worker R.C. Parish, Russell, Mb.  
 When: Saturday, January 15, and Sunday, January 16, 2011  
 For: Ages 4 years old and up! Come for Talks, music, Mass, Sharing, Games, Discussion! Come for only one day, one hour or for the whole retreat! For more information or to register contact Glenda Stasiuk @204-773-2652 or the parish office @204-773-2924.