

The Epiphany Of The Lord~Year A

Diocesan Theme: THE FAMILY: HOME OF LOVE, MERCY AND JOY." "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."(Galatians 5.22) Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

&Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7th~St. Andre Bessette

4:30 pm For the intentions of Dick and Sally James by the James family

Sunday, January 8th~Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Ben

Baechler by Dale and Lorraine Harper

Tuesday, January 10th

7:00 pm For God's blessings and favor upon Quinn Plant and her siblings by Fr. AnthonyMary Ibeazor

Wednesday, January 11th~at OLMM 9:00 am

Thursday, January 12th~St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:00 am For God's blessings and favor upon Chantal and AJ Plant and their entire family by Fr. AnthonyMary Ibeazor

Friday, January 13th

9:00 am

Saturday, January 14th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Mary Groot Lipman by the Groot Lipman family

Sunday, January

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Nyala Lynch by Emer Kelly Rombough

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

January 1st, 2017=~\$2,469.75 Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY:

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

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Reviewing today's First Reading from the Book of

Isaiah, it speaks of a prophecy that was made approximately seven hundred years prior to the birth of the Lord Jesus. In those days, the Israelites were rejoicing because after years of captivity, they were finally allowed to return to the holy city Jerusalem.

During today's Second Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians, we heard, "Surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation."

Today's Gospel Reading relates to us the event of the three wise men who followed the star that led them to the Child Jesus. They followed the brilliant star in the sky. To them, the Light of the star was a symbol of hope, of joy and of peace. To them, the star was but a small reflection of the fullness of the Light of the world that awaited them at the end of their journey.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, the Feast of

Epiphany is a reflection of the Light. Through the Birth of Jesus, we see the arrival of the Light in the world. Through the Magi, we see the Light of hope, of joy and of peace to come. Through the Baptism of Jesus, we see the beginning of the ministry of the Light in the world. Through the miracle at Cana, we see the Light of God manifesting His Supreme power over the element of water.

All these events are reminders to us that we too are called to be a light in the world. Being enlightened by the Light of God in our hearts, we are called to go forward and to share with others the Good News, our hope, our joy and our peace that the Light of Christ has bestowed upon us.

This week, let us reflect upon the Light of Christ that has come upon us. Let us assess the status of our Christian obligation towards Jesus Christ. Are we shining in the world in the fullness of the Light that Jesus has given us? And, if the need be, let us correct what needs to be corrected so the fullness of our Light may shine forth in all things for the glory of God.

Have a great week!

January 8th, 2017 Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish? WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. Jan. 9th~Rosary making group ~7:00 –9:00 pm in the hall Tues. Jan. 10th~Adult choir~7:30~church Tues. Jan. 10th~First communion class~6:00-7:00 pm~hall Tues. Jan. 10th~RCIA~7:30-9:00~Kitchen Wed. Jan. 11th~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall Thurs. Jan. 12th~Confirmation class~6:00pm-7:00pm~hall Thurs. Jan. 12th~CWL~budget meeting~7:00pm~hall Thurs. Jan. 12th~K of C~Executive meeting~7:30~kitchen

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2017 INTEREST MEETING: Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Youth who will be in Grade 9 in September 2017 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2017 can attend Steubenville Toronto. An interest meeting for parents and youth will be held **Jan. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** at the Diocesan Centre, 1247 Kilborn Place. Info: Krista Wawrykow (613-738-5025 ext. 222); (kwawrykow@ArchOttawa.ca).

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

During the flu season, it is acceptable to omit the handshake at the "Sign of Peace". Please note that there are hand sanitizers available at both entrances to the Church.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR ADVERTISERS

The publication of our parish bulletin is made possible by the financial support of our advertisers. We sincerely thank you all for your generosity in the past year. *All parishioners are encouraged to continue to patronize our advertisers* **EDGE~begins this Wednesday, January 11th** from 6:30-8:30pm. EDGE is a youth ministry experience created for youth in grades 6 to 8. Come out and join us and bring a friend. No cost.

Please pickup your 2017envelopes in the foyer. The envelopes are only for those parishioners that are NOT on automatic payment. For the special collections throughout 2017 there will be envelopes in the pews.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to everyone who donated to the Christmas flower donations in memory of a loved one. It had enabled us to make our church so very beautiful for this Christmas season.

There are a few 2017 Sunday missals available for purchase from the office for \$5.00.

Have you moved or changed your phone number in the past two years? If so please contact the office with your updated information so we can input the information for the upcoming tax receipts. Thank you.

Next weekend in the hall after all masses we will display all the items from the lost and found over the year. Please check it out and take what belongs to you. Everything that is not claimed will be donated.

Have you been missing coffee Sunday? There are a lot of available dates if you would like to host, please sign up on the sheets beside the kitchen door.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~ For the sick among our families and friends especially: Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, Alyssa Gauthier and Melanie Joanette.