



# ST. PHILIP'S PARISH

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN CENTRAL LAMBTON  
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January 3, 2021.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR.** The church is closed to public Masses until further notice. Father Francis will continue to celebrate Mass daily in private. We are happy to accept your intentions for these Masses. Please contact Denise to make requests.

Adoration will be held on Saturday mornings. We are limited to 10 people in the church. Please contact Fr. Francis if you wish to attend.

Fr. Francis is available to hear confessions. Please contact him to arrange a time. 519-882-2057, ext 21 We are happy to announce that we can now accept donations by e-transfer. The church email address is: stphilippet@dol.ca

**Sunday, January 3rd**

Intentions of All Parishioner

**Monday, January 4th**

For All those effected by Codid-19

**Tuesday, January 5th**

† Aileen Barnes (Mother of Susan Rawson)

Offered by the Parish Family

**Wednesday, January 6th**

† Special Intentions

Offered by Juliette McDonald

**Thursday, January 7th**

† Gerome & Mary Vandevene

Offered by Margaret Samko

**Friday, January 8th**

† Jim Vasey

Offered by St. Philip's School Staff & Students

**Saturday, January 9th , 8:30 to 9:30 am.**

Adoration

**Saturday, January 9th,**

† Anton Felder-Reuggli

Tony & Rita Felder

## Epiphany of the Lord

By the time the wise men arrive, the Gospel recounts that they find Jesus in a house. This detail—which I haven't noticed before—is comforting to me. Somewhere after the unanticipated stable delivery, room was found for the fledgling family. The wise men go seeking Jesus surrounded by his family, held by another family.

We are the people making room for Jesus and for the people who are seeking him in the world today. Right in the middle of Christmas leftovers, the decorations which will soon be put away, and the ache to get back to routine after feasting, Jesus is with us. The star could be stopping over our imperfect, crowded or messy homes.

The Gospel doesn't talk about what the wise men ate, where they slept or whether things were cleaned up. The star stopped over the place where they could encounter Jesus. And "when they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy."

Who is overwhelmed with joy at the light God has set over you? Who needs the Jesus that resides in your heart and home? We celebrate Epiphany not so that we can pay homage with the kings of Jesu' time, but so that we can practice being overwhelmed with joy by the places in our lives where the star has stopped—even when that place is within us.

Leah Perrault

Saskatoon, SK

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First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Psalm: 72

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

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A new year is upon us as we leave behind a sometimes very trying 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers that have allowed our parish to continue to run smoothly. Our sacristan's Teresa and Andrew, who set up and cleanup after every Mass, as well as look after the grounds keeping among other things. To our custodian MaDelen, who keeps things clean and tidy.

Thank you the many that have stepped up to register, sanitize, usher, lector, cantor and play music, once we were allowed to reopen. Without your commitment to the weekly tasks, Masses would not have been able to resume. To the members of all committees. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you to Connie our bookkeeper and Denise our secretary, who keep the office running smoothly. Last but not least Thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued prayers and support.

May 2021 bring you peace and renewed faith.

Fr. Francis