

## The Feast of the Epiphany – Some Musings

There are so many feasts at this time of year. We celebrate the beginning of Advent, Christmas Day. The Feast of Mary, the Holy Family, and now we celebrate Epiphany, the feast that reminds us that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but that He came as Savior of us all. How very blessed we are! The Magi we're told, came from the east to pay homage to the King of the Jews bringing with them special gifts pre-figuring His crucifixion. In his poem Journey of the Magi, T.S. Eliot makes those connections for us. But the Magi teach us so much more than that. They see a star in the sky and follow it; they search out the place where this miracle is to take place; they heed the dream that tells them not to return to Herod and go home another way.

When they find the Child in a stable with His mother and father, they don't seem surprised but I wonder. Surely they were shocked to find a King being born in stable. As they laid their gifts at the foot of the manger they must have wondered what this whole event meant. They saw a young couple, worn, dusty and tired watching fearfully over their newborn. They must have wondered if this Child truly could be a King. Yet they laid their precious gifts at His feet. Perhaps their faith in the things they have come to understand enables them to trust in the wonder they have experienced. There's a lovely story by Henry Van Dyke entitled The Other Wise Man. It's based on the premise that four Magi were to meet and set out to seek out the King of the Jews. It chronicles the tale of the fourth Magi who was waylaid and the others set off without him. Not wanting to miss the chance to see the wonder the star had pointed to, he sets off alone and comes to Bethlehem too late to see the Christ Child. Along the way he's used his own funds to help those in need. He saves the life of one child from the swords of Herod's soldiers. It isn't until the crucifixion that he comes face to face with Jesus but at this point, he's given away the gift meant for the Infant King. It's a lovely story of perseverance and service to others. It's a story that makes me consider how I use my own gifts.

There are so many stories that have had their root in the birth stories of our Lord and more and more I've wondered why that is. Ours is a secular society and to mention that one has a faith life can bring much ridicule and harassing. Yet as soon as we enter the Christmas season, more and more people begin to listen to Christmas carols; we watch all sorts of Christmas movies that prepare for the "the big day". We become more generous in our giving to others.

We seem more willing to use our gifts at the service of others. We could continue that practice throughout the year but that doesn't usually happen. It's a bit like going through the discipline of Lent: we make sacrifices, we change our habits but once Lent ends we tend to go back to our old ways and habits.

Most of us have made New Year's resolutions and by now many of us have not lived up to most of them! Only seven days and we've gone back to our old ways. I wonder if the experience of meeting the Infant King of the Jews changed forever the way the Magi lived and worked among others. And yes, we can foolishly tell ourselves that had WE come face to face with Jesus WE'D certainly change. Yet each time we attend Eucharist we do come face to face with Him in the Sacrament and how often does that profound act change our ways? We meet Christ each time we receive one of the Sacraments and throughout our day and often don't recognize His presence – in others, in His creation, in His suffering and sorrow.

Let's make sure that this year is different. When we put away our Christmas decorations; take down our nativity scenes, let's keep the spirit alive throughout the year and see where that takes our worship.

Wishing you a week of much awareness of His presence and in His small miracles. Betty Bruch

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

## **SACRED HEART PARISH**

Sacred Heart Church  
24 Albert St.  
Langton, ON



St. Michael's Church  
978 St. John's Road  
Walsh, ON



### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday – 5:00 pm  
Sunday – 8:30 am (St. Michael's)  
Sunday – 10:30 am

### **Daily Mass**

Tues. – 5:00 pm  
Wed. to Fri. – 9:30 am

### **Reconciliation**

20 min. prior to weekday mass  
Sat. 4-4:45 pm  
Sun. 8-8:20 am, or by appt.(St. Michael's)

### **Mailing address**

Box 8, Langton, ON N0E 1G0

**Phone:** 519-875-4438

**E-mail:** [sacredheartlangton@dol.ca](mailto:sacredheartlangton@dol.ca)

**Fr. Thomas e-mail:** [tckuriacko@dol.ca](mailto:tckuriacko@dol.ca)

### **Parish Clergy**

Rev. Thomas Kuriacko, Pastor

Jack Grim, Deacon

Brian Hanley, Deacon

**Office Hours:** Tues. and Thurs. 9 am – 4 pm;

**Baptisms** – Contact Rev. Thomas—6 months notice **Marriages** – Contact Rev. Thomas— one year notice required

**Schools** – Sacred Heart, Langton - St. Michael's, Walsh - Our Lady of Fatima, Courtland

### **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

This Sunday as the Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany; our focus is on the long journey that the Magi undertook, seeking the Saviour of the world. They placed their time, talent and treasure at the service of their mission. Their journey of a thousand miles or more westward from their countries in the East which could have taken almost three months is really a symbol of the inward journey made in their hearts, a journey from paganism to belief in Jesus as the Saviour of the world. As a matter of fact, it was a journey of their faith, for it was through the grace of God that the Wise men were led to faith in Jesus.

Christian life, the life of God's people, is most often represented in the Bible and in literature, as a journey – a journey that begins with our confession of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and ends when we at last meet him and the Father, face to face, in God's heavenly kingdom. Indeed, it is not just the Wise men but all of us who are on a journey to get closer to Jesus our Saviour. We each have a journey to make to Jesus because none of us is yet fully converted and each of us has corners in our hearts and lives in need of Jesus' healing and redemption.

Again, like the Wise men, we too have to rely on the grace of God to lead us to the light of Jesus our Saviour. And when we seek God with sincere determination like the Wise men, we too will find him, for he is not hiding from us, but wants to have an intimate relationship with each of us.

Wish you all the blessings of the feast of

**EPIPHANY and HAPPY AND GRACEFILLED NEW YEAR!!**

Fr. Thomas

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE – SACRED HEART, LANGTON

DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION	BY
Tues Jan 8/19	5:00 pm	• Norman Amirault	• Trudy Konopetski
Wed Jan 9/19	9:30 am	• Olga Deli	• Karl & Sonia DeDecker
Thurs Jan 10/19	9:30 am 1:45 pm	• Yvonne Myny <b>Epiphany of the Lord School Mass- STMS</b> • Rose Marie Iava	• CWL Langton  • Albert Lava
Fri Jan 11/19	9:30 am	• Marcel Follens	• Darlene & David Vandepoele

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS – DEC 23, 30 & JAN 1

#### St. Michael's

Regular Envelope	\$ 940.00
New Year's Day	\$ 411.50
Initial Envelope	\$ 45.00
Christmas	\$ 850.00
Priest Pension Fund	\$ 60.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 30.00
Loose (Dec 23 & 30)	\$ 171.20
Building Fund	\$ 400.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$2907.70</b>

#### Sacred Heart

Regular Envelope	\$3868.00
Initial Envelope	\$ 289.00
New Year's Day	\$1142.00
Christmas	\$7076.10
Christmas Flowers	\$ 180.00
St. Peter's Seminary	\$ 400.00
Thanksgiving Appeal	\$ 500.00
Loose (Dec 23 & 30)	\$ 261.20
Building Fund	\$ 440.00
<b>Sub - Total</b>	<b>\$14156.30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17064.00</b>

Thanks!  


### DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Jan 7/19	7:30 pm	CWL Langton Meeting
Tues Jan 8/19	8:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Langton Meeting
Thurs Jan 10/19	1:45 pm	Epiphany of the Lord for STMS at STMC
Wed Jan 16/19	1:45 pm 7:00 pm	Epiphany of the Lord for OLFS at SHC First Reconciliation all 3 schools at SHC
Thurs Jan 17/19	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Epiphany of the Lord for SHS at SHC Finance Committee Meeting
Tues Jan 22/19	7:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Sacred Heart

#### Christmas Flower Donations

##### In Loving Memory Of:

Marcel & Maria Hessel  
Manuel & Rosalina Brilhante  
Joe Fody  
Hermel & Juliana Charron  
James Franklin & Marjorie Bloomfield  
Phil Robinson  
Pat Hooft  
Sinnesael & Barch Families  
Francis Roberts

##### Donations Given By:

Ginette Hessel  
Maria Isabel Ribeiro  
Jim & Jennifer Ashton & Family  
James H. & Eileen Bloomfield  
James H. & Eileen Bloomfield  
Lil Robinson  
Jim & Jamie Hooft  
C. Sinnesael  
Shirley T. Roberts



#### CWL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

A friendly reminder that the 2019 CWL Annual Memberships are due. The renewal amount to be paid for a membership is \$25.00. Please put your remittance in the envelope provided or in a white envelope with your name on it stating that it is CWL dues. You may drop it in the collection basket or mail it to Josy Erdelac, 992 NCR 21, R.R. #1 Delhi, ON N4B 2W4. For more information call 519-429-1787.

**FORMED**

#### FORMED- JANUARY FEATURE

*The Dignity of Life*

**STUDY:** Symbol on- The Catholic Faith explained- Living the Faith.

**WATCH:** Life for Life.

**LISTEN:** There is Life in the womb.

**YOUTH:** Pro Life.

**READ:** Redeemed by Grace- A Catholic Woman's Journey to planned parenthood and back.

**FOR CHILDREN:** Angel in the Haters.

#### AN EVENING WITH DR. EDWARD SRI

All are welcome to join Visitation Parish in Comber for an evening with Dr. Edward Sri on Friday January 18th at 7 pm. Many may be familiar with Dr. Sri from his videos on Symbolon and other offerings from Augustine Institute. Tickets are \$10 and available at [dol.ca/dred-sri](http://dol.ca/dred-sri).

#### YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION

Finally, after 5 years without there being a good option to obtain a Certificate in Youth Ministry, there is some great news to share! The Diocese of London has partnered with the Catechetical Institute at the Franciscan University of Steubenville to provide for the training of those interested in Youth Ministry. This program will be the expected standard for those who desire to work as a Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of London. Additionally, anyone can participate in the workshops to enrich their existing ministries. More information is available at [www.dol.ca/ymcertification](http://www.dol.ca/ymcertification).

**Youth Ministry**  
