

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 8, 2017

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Mass Intentions this week

January 14.

Saturday 5:00 pm †Cecil & Anne Fulcher, Jeffrey Kings, Lloyd Edwards, Souls in Purgatory; Intentions of Josie McKinnon

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

Now that the School break is over, it is time for Father Earl to seek the “elusive hole-in-one”. We wish him a relaxing and well deserved vacation. We welcome back Archbishop MacDonald next weekend.



Sanctuary Lamp this week

Intentions of: Living & deceased members of the Spelier & Duynon Families and repose of their souls. Requests accepted by placing an envelope with the name of loved one and a donation of \$10 in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR	
Monday, January 9	Baptism of Our Lord
Tuesday, January 10	Rev. Arthur Scidmore
Wednesday, January 11	Consecrated Men & Women
Thursday, January 12	Rev. Gary Schlack
Friday, January 13	Rev. Mervin Perera
Saturday, January 14	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Christmas Envelopes:	\$10,414.75
Loose Collections:	\$ 2,437.60
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00

Total Weekly Offering Dec. 25, 2016 \$13,337.35

OFFERTORY: Thank you!

Sunday, January 1, 2017	\$3,381.00
Loose Collections:	\$ 242.00
Average Weekly Preauthorized	\$ 485.00

Total Weekly Offering Jan 1, 2017 \$4108.00

Budget expenses for the week \$4265.00

BULLETIN TRIVIA:

St. Basil was one of 6 children born in the 4th century to a devout Christian family. All 6 children were canonized.

MEDITATION

It is very clear that the Jewish people are the chosen people of God. Yet in the Old and New Testaments there are indications that the message of the God of all creation is to be offered to all nations.

The early Christians, after Jesus’s death, held that The Way of Jesus was intended for Jewish Christians but not for Gentiles, even though Jesus was open to them in his lifetime. Paul’s conversion turned all that upside down. “In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind.”

Paul had a tough time convincing some of the apostles that Jesus and his message were to be shared with Gentiles. Eventually, Peter recognized Paul’s approach and missionary efforts to the Gentiles. Paul went out to “all nations” and the word of God spread. He took the light of Christ to everyone he met and wherever he went.

The feast of the Epiphany, the feast of “opening” our doors to others, speaks to our day. Mary opened the door of her house to the Wise Men from the East. Pope Francis opens his arms to all. The promise of a Messiah for all is fulfilled.

This Epiphany, let us advance the fulfillment of the promise by inviting and welcoming all who want to praise Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**Friar Ed Debono, OFM Conv.
Kingston, On
Novalis, Living with Christ**

SACRAMENTS!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Peter Hundt on **Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Instructions for Candidates only: (parish hall):

Sunday, February 5, 2017, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, March 5, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Retreat: Saturday, May 13- from 2 - 4:45 pm in our parish hall.

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

This Session will focus on First Reconciliation:

Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7 pm. in the hall.

Celebration of First Reconciliation: choose either **Wednesday, March 8th or Thursday, March 9th** at 7 pm in the Church

Prayer and Practice – 9:30 am – 11 am on the Saturday morning of your chosen weekend of First Communion. We begin in the Church and end in our parish hall.

The Epiphany of the Lord

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 e:mail: mking@hamiltondiocese.com,

Knights of Columbus

St Basil Council #13442

Meeting Tuesday Jan. 10, 2017

Rosary – 6:30 PM

meeting to follow at 7:00 PM

Grand Knight, Bill Kane

Tel # 519-752-1331

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts will be issued for offerings in 2016. If you wish a receipt, please put a self-addressed envelope with, if possible, your envelope number and put into the collection basket. This will facilitate getting your receipt to you. If you are not able to locate your 2017 envelopes, please call the parish office 752-0361. Thank you.

Join us on **FRIDAY, January 20**, when **Priscilla Solomon**, an Ojibway of the Anishinabek Nation and a Sister of St. Joseph, will reflect on the TRC calls to transformation and reconciliation. Drawing on years of work in the Faith and Justice Office of her congregation, especially its recent focus on Indigenous rights, healing, and reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and Settler peoples, Sr. Solomon will consider what is required for us to create a new reality of integration in our country.

Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome’s University

Time: 7:30p.m. | Doors open at 6:45p.m.

Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair

Accessible | Refreshments Served

MULTICULTURAL MASS

This year’s Multicultural Mass will take place on

Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Hamilton, ON.

DAY of PRAYER SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton

(SUGGESTED OFFERING \$ 25.00)

Friday, January 29th., 9:30 am to 3:00pm

Bring a bag lunch....Tea & coffee provided.

To Register: please call or e-mail

905-388-3966 OR

ssspertshire@sympatico.ca

EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED DYING – Dr. Moira McQueen Presentation.

Dr. Moira McQueen of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will offer a presentation and Q & A on the need for conscience rights protection for physicians, healthcare workers and Catholic institutions in light of the legalization of assisted dying and euthanasia. Join us at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, January 29th at 12 Noon (following the 11:00 a.m. Mass) for this presentation in McNally Hall – a light lunch will be provided.

BEER AND BIBLE

This program is a relaxed and informal bible study set in a pub. People of all ages (19+) are invited to join us, and no experience with bible study is necessary. All denominations, religions and faith backgrounds are welcomed, so bring a friend! Our next “Beer and Bible” gathering will be on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. at “The Rose and Thistle”, 48 Dalhousie Street. We will be reading Romans 14-16. Please note the venue change.

IT’S COMING - MUSIC TRIVIA

Saturday, January 21st 2017. Doors & Bar open at 6:00 pm with Music Trivia at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the back of church starting this week-end. **PIZZA: \$2.00 FOR EXTRA LARGE SLICE.** If you’ve never tried playing now’s the time. Get a team of friends together or join one at the hall. Free door prizes. If you can help us out by donating an item please drop it off at the back of church or at the rectory during regular business hours. It would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Never confuse the will of the majority with the will of God.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

My boss said “Dress for the job you want, not the job you have.” Now I’m sitting in a disciplinary meeting dressed as Batman.