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The Epiphany of the Lord **Sunday, January 3rd, 2021**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
maker and ruler of the universe
you have brought us to the beginning
of another new year in your service
Remember your love for us in Jesus Christ
and help us to live for your honour and glory
and for the salvation of all.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Now and forever

Prayer from the Book of Blessings, CCCB

Kindly remember those of our families and friends in our community, who are isolated, or suffering the burden of illness or pain, especially Marie (O'Brien) Swant, Esther O'Malley, Orpha Breen, Lisa Selle, Patrick O'Kane, Sharon Menard, Larry Felhaber, Kelly Haslet, Clare Lavalley, Emmett Duff, Mike Kineer, Pat Redmond, Wyatt Lehman, Shelley MacLeod, Molly Helferty and Teresa Plotz. Remember in your prayers those who are suffering from COVID 19.

In your prayers kindly remember and pray for those in our community who have died recently. May they feel God's loving embrace and presence, in the heavenly kingdom.



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Theme – A Call to the World. Today’s feast adds a new and central feature to the Christmas message. Epiphany means manifestation – in this case, manifestation to the nations. Jesus is not solely the Jewish Messiah; he comes for the entire world. In Christ, all barriers will fall. In the reading of Third Isaiah, Jerusalem look out upon her own people returning from the diaspora, but, on the far distant horizon, appears caravans from all the parts off the world. The letter to the Ephesians sees this as the great mystery now revealed in the final times: the total equality of Jew and Gentile in God’s plan. The account of the astrologers, taken from Matthew’s infancy narrative, summarizes it all story form. While the Jews, with the scriptural prophecies in hand, remain apart, the foreigners move in faith to Bethlehem.

Your Christmas offering at St. James the Less was \$4,365.00

Your offering at St. James the Less for Sunday, December 27th was \$2,240.00

Your Christmas Offering at Nativity of our Lady Mission was \$455.00

Your offering at Nativity of our Lady Mission for Sunday, December 27th was \$1,105.00

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Lectors and extra-ordinary ministers are welcome for St. James the Less and Nativity of Our Lady Mission in Pikwakanagan. If you would like to participate in this beautiful ministry, contact Father Ken or you are welcome to call the parish office 613-628-2020 or email secretarystjames@gmail.com



CWL Membership – Ladies of St. James the Less and Nativity of our Lady Mission: All ladies are warmly invited to join the Catholic Women’s League as a new member, or renew your CWL membership as a valued member. Please mail in or drop by with your envelope to the St. James Parish Office. The fee is \$20.00 per year. Consider joining a national sisterhood of Catholic women that respond to political and social issues, offer welcome and comfort to the needy, provides leadership and educational skills, rooted in Gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to God. The National CWL website is an informative resource to discover more about this organization.

Thank you for participating, Membership Conveners of St. James and Nativity of our Lady Mission

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION a problem this year? Consider two options for **online Confirmation preparation**. Simple and cost effective. Both are excellent programs to help young people prepare and be strengthened for their mission in the Catholic Church. Please visit <https://www.catholiconline.school/pages/confirmation> or <https://www.hopestone.ca/confirmation>. For more information contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadrienchaput@pembrokedioocese.com.

During January, 2021 from the St. James Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday mornings until 12 p.m.



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Diocesan Marriage preparation courses (English) coming up, Spring of 2021, **will be delivered ONLINE only**. This includes the **Renfrew Course** – Feb. 27 and March 6 and the **Pembroke Course** – April 17th and May 1. All couples who register will be notified. Delivery style will be re-evaluated for Fall 2021. Another option for an online Marriage Preparation program that may offer more suitable dates for a couple is **Catholic Engaged Encounter English Canada East**. They can be contacted at www.ceeeeast.org. For questions, our local contact is: **Yvette Bourque, Family Life & Youth Ministry Office**, Diocese of Pembroke, P.O Box 7, 188 Renfrew St. Pembroke, ON K8A 6X1 Ph-(613) 732-7933 ex 208

Looking for ways to reach out and minister to youth during the pandemic? LIFETEEN has new resources for youth grade 6-8 and 9-12 that are all online and virtual to help keep teens engaged in their faith and connected to the Church. Contact Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7322 ext. 208 or yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com for more information. I would be happy to discuss the options that are available.

Our Christmas Celebrations of 2020 occurred with much gratitude

- to the people who came out to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus during the COVID attack on our society.
- for the beautiful Christmas cards with the very touching messages and words of encouragement.
- the very thoughtful and generous gifts of money, gift cards and food; all were greatly appreciated.
- to T.J. O'Grady for the beautiful selection of Christmas music, also for setting up the direct streaming to the Parish Hall, for programming the organ for the 7:00 Eucharistic Celebration.
- To Wanda Tracey and the large number of people who transformed our beautiful church into a stunning and prayerful place to celebrate the Birthday of our brother Jesus.
- To all the people through their different ministries celebrated with devotion and respect as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers of the Word and altar servers.
- To Karen, Willie, Mark and anyone who helped to make Christmas meaningful during this Covid 19 Pandemic

Thank You to all and a very Happy and Blessed New Year

Fr. Ken O'Brien

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Marianhill Lottery 2021 supports the “Building Care” Redevelopment Project: Marianhill 2021 Lottery tickets are now available through to January 31, 2021. Lottery funds go towards the purchase of furniture and equipment for the new building. Each \$25 ticket provides you with 69 chances to win. Call Marianhill to order 613 735-6838 ext. 4306 OR download ticket order form at <https://marianhill.ca/news/>. Tickets will be mailed via Canada Post. Thank you for supporting the Marianhill Foundation!

