



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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January 7, 2023 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor
Fr. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass
11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:
(please see inside for weekly updates)

~ No Mass Monday~

Tuesday
Confession 6:30 p.m.
Mass 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Mass 12:00 noon.

Thursday
Confession and Adoration
6:00 p.m.
Mass 7:00 p.m.

Friday
Mass 12:00 noon

Saturday
Confession 9:30 a.m.
Mass 10:00 a.m.

**Sacraments of Marriage or
Baptism:**

Please contact the parish office
to make an appointment to meet
with Father Peter.

Parish Staff
Keith Jolie - Secretary

From the Pastor's Desk

*(...) We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay homage to the Lord*

The journey of the Magi is symbolic on various levels. Firstly, the arrival of the Magi signifies that Jesus is not just the Saviour of a particular group but the Savior of all people, regardless of their cultural or religious background. The three gifts they bring - gold, frankincense, and myrrh - also carry symbolic meaning. Gold represents Jesus' kingship, frankincense points to His divinity, and myrrh foreshadows His sacrificial death. In presenting these gifts, the Magi acknowledge the multifaceted nature of Jesus' identity and mission. Moreover, the star that guides the Magi underscores the divine intervention in human affairs. This celestial sign serves as a guiding light, leading the Magi to the Messiah. It reflects the providence of God and His active involvement in directing people to encounter Jesus. This Gospel account serves as a reminder that the message of Christ transcends cultural, social, and religious boundaries, calling all people to recognize and worship the Savior who came to bring light to the world.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. In the Liturgical Calendar of the Roman Catholic Church this feast is celebrated on January 6th and on the following Sunday the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is observed. Yet, in some countries including Canada, the Epiphany is held on the Sunday between January 1st and January 8th. Since this year we celebrate the Epiphany on January 7th, while other local Churches observe the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our celebration of the Baptism of the Lord is moved to Monday, January 8th in order to celebrate the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time on January 14th along with the entire Universal Church. In that way, our Christmas Season which is always concluded with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, was one day longer. The Solemnity of the Epiphany had its origins in the Eastern Christian Tradition and was a celebration of the manifestation of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. At the beginning, the birth of Christ, the story of the Magi, Christ's baptism, His divine manifestation, the miracle at the wedding in Cana, and the feeding of the crowds were celebrated in the one festival of the Epiphany. The Epiphany was celebrated before the Church began celebrating the Nativity. Western Christians have traditionally emphasized the "Revelation to the Gentiles". For us the main idea of the Epiphany is that Jesus came to our world to be our Redeemer and Saviour. We would like Him to be known by all people, because He is the Light of the world. Let us adore Him!

Pope Francis' intention for January 2024: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church - "Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church".

This Friday, January 12th we observe a memorial of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys. She was the French founder of the Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal in the colony of New France, now part of Québec. (cont...)

Mass Schedule

~No Mass on Monday~

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 p.m. – Confession

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Jose Diogo by Maria Diogo

Wednesday, January 10

12:00 noon – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Ruth Berzaitis by Donna Berzaitis

Thursday, January 11

6:00 p.m. – Confession and Adoration

7:00 p.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Eleanor Nespal by Anna Kocmarek and Pat Sullivan

Friday, January 12

12:00 noon – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Dervilla Patrice Dunn

Saturday, January 13

9:30 a.m. – Confession

10:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the repose of the Soul of Rosina Cavigliano by Anna Kocmarek and Patrick Sullivan

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m. – Mass offered for the parishioners of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Sunday Collections

December 24/Christmas - \$5,933

December 31/January 1 - \$1,596

In the Parish

Parish Prayer List - Please keep all members of our parish in your prayers, especially we ask that you pray for:

Jean Sweeney, Deb Falcao, Tony Frisina, Debra Tydd, Kyle Ransome, Jaime Galego, Dennis Eustace, Giovanna Frisina, Gord Laviolette, Cathy LaBelle, Apyrl Andrade

To update our prayer list, please contact the parish office or put a note in the collection basket.

First Communion & Confirmation - If you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7, please be advised that the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated on the following dates:

First Reconciliation

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

First Communion

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Clean Up - On Monday Jan 8th at 6:30 pm. anyone who is able are invited to join us as we take down and pack away the Christmas decorations. We hope to see you then.

Men's Club Meeting - Tuesday Jan 9th beginning with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by social time in the hall at 7:30 p.m.

For 2024, Men's Club meetings will take place on the 2nd Tuesday each month; whenever possible.

(...cont) She lived in Fort Ville-Marie (now Montreal) as of 1653, educating young girls, the poor, and natives until her death on January 12th, 1700. She is also significant for developing one of the first uncloistered religious communities in the Catholic Church. She was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1982. There are numerous stories associated with the time preceding her death. One of them says that a priest on the day following her departure wrote these words: "If saints were canonized as in the past by the voice of the people and of the clergy, tomorrow we would be saying the Mass of St. Marguerite of Canada". Her shrine is located in the Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel in the district of Old Montreal in Montreal, Québec.

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys – pray for us!

God bless,
Fr. Peter