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Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am to 3:00pm

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



January 6/7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

PASTOR: Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD	ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD
PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Norman Dumais Deacon Dale Laing	Office Assistant: Rachael Ramaswamy Administrative Assistant: Fe Badajos
BOOKKEEPER: Cindy Kreutzer	HOSPITALITY: Everyone in the Parish!
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Monday to Saturday: 9:00am First Friday: 9:00am Adoration: First Friday of the Month 9:30am to Noon Baptisms: An initial appointment with one of the Priests is required before attending a session.	WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 5:00pm (Igbo Mass: First Sunday of the Month at 2:00pm) Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office Reconciliation: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: After the morning Mass Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm Society of St. Vincent De Paul: (403) 975-4318

**Please remember St. Thomas More Parish in your Will.
For more information, please visit www.plantingafuture.ca.
There is a booklet on this website to help you with your bequest.**



St. Joseph Vaz

Feast day Mass
of St. Joseph Vaz
will be celebrated
at St. Thomas More Parish
at 2pm on Sun. Jan. 14, 2024

Epiphany: To Find Our Meaning in Christ

On the weekend of January 6 and 7, 2024 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany!

What a wonderful word. Even its secular definition is thrilling: “a sudden realization about the nature or meaning of something.” It brings all sorts of images to mind: a light bulb suddenly turning on, shedding brilliant illumination; a revelation that brings a gasp; an idea so vivid we pause and give thanks; a truth so powerful we fall to our knees.

The feast of the Epiphany is all of those things and more. We celebrate the mysterious appearance at Jesus’ birthplace of three men from the East. They had set off on a most quixotic journey, seeking what they would find at the end of a star’s dazzling rays.

Weekly Mass Intentions: January 8 to January 14

Mon	8	9:00am	Ram Chander (RIP) Souls in Purgatory (RIP) Jimmy & Ludy Thanksgiving (INT) Severin Dourado (INT)
Tue	9	9:00am	Bienvenido Velasco (RIP) Valerie Delay (INT) Olga Cedeno (RIP)
Wed	10	9:00am	Aurora Benitez (RIP) Rochelle Ouellette (INT)
Thu	11	9:00am	Ramon Reyes (RIP) Larry & Nancy Huynh (INT) Fr. Joe Walsh (INT)
Fri	12	9:00am	Cruzela Lacao & Family (INT) Irene De Wolfe (RIP) Carmen Baltazar (INT)
Sat	13	9:00am	Givaum Jr. & Fernando Abuan (RIP)
		4:00pm	Samuel Jr. & Nelida Aldecoa(RIP)
Sun	14	8:30am	William & Zena Andrade(RIP)
		10:30am	Ludwik Zabawa (RIP)
		12:30pm	Felisa Barcelona & Irish Silva INT)
		5:00pm	For the people

Sacrament of First Eucharist

For all the registered candidates the Orientation session will be on Sat., Feb. 10, 2024 at 10:00am at St. Thomas More Parish.

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What, we wonder, did they make of the epiphany with which their journey ended? Did they spend the rest of their lives trying to discern what their discovery of the baby meant, or did the Christ Child gift them with “a sudden realization” of His nature? What more could they – or we – want of a life’s journey, than to find, in our epiphany, the Christ waiting for us?

The twelve days of Christmas have led us to this place, where Gentiles from afar have discovered Christ, thereby revealing that He came for everyone, for each one of us throughout history, and not just for the Jewish people to whom he was born. The feast of Epiphany brings us to the last week of our liturgical celebration of Christmas.

But for the Christian steward, Epiphany is not an end but a beginning. This feast reminds us that the New Year beckons us to openness about the epiphanies to which God leads us if we but keep an open, prayerful heart, a heart full of deep, awed gratitude. Let us pray never to become too jaded, too full of certainty, too wrapped up in the routine of life to be asleep at the time of epiphany. If we could resolve to keep only one New Year’s Resolution, let it be this: to pay attention to the epiphanies God places before us.

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St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas hampers

Thank you to our parishioners for your donations of gifts, gift cards, and food. Thank-you to our schools for holding food drives (St. Wilfrid, Light of Christ, St. John XXIII, and St. John Paul II), and Christmas cards for hampers created by students at Monsignor Hetherington. Thank you to our volunteers. All of this contributed to another successful Christmas hamper program and stocking of our food pantry for this year's weekly hampers.

Donation Envelopes for the year 2024 are available for pick up in the foyer. Please ensure you have collected yours.

Mon., Jan. 8, 2024 - Baptism of the Lord Mass is at 9:00am only. The Season of Christmas ends on this day.

BIBLE-TIME PROFESSIONS

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the following letters to form words associated with jobs and professions in the times of the Bible

1. rekba _____
2. trubel _____
3. hensarifm _____
4. enurth _____
5. nprreacte _____
6. hhpredres _____
7. emarfr _____
8. gikn _____
9. nevgroor _____
10. onrncieut _____
11. mcaorendm _____
12. ordlise _____
13. brecis _____
14. tlmgiosdh _____
15. anmteretk _____
16. arbib _____
17. sieptr _____
18. petrpho _____
19. arehtec _____
20. peeeninkr _____

ANSWERS

1. baker 2. butler 3. fisherman 4. hunter 5. carpenter 6. shepherd 7. farmer 8. king 9. governor 10. centurion 11. commander 12. soldier 13. scribe 14. goldsmith 15. tentmaker 16. rabbi 17. priest 18. prophet 19. teacher 20. innkeeper



Words are truly the image of the soul.

St. Basil