

Sunday, January 8, 2017
Epiphany of the Lord

READINGS: Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm: 72
 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 **Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12

Saturday, January 7 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Wallace Roundpoint – 10th Anniversary and Memorial Birthday
 Requested by Grace Roundpoint & Family
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
Lectors: Amanda Rourke and Janine Rourke

Sunday, January 8 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Father George Maroun – Memorial Mass
 Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Camil Maroun
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie and Kenia
Lectors: Jamie Ross and Valerie Garrow

Tuesday, January 10 – 6:00 pm

Offered for: Margaret M. Jacobs – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Wednesday, January 11 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Rita J. Swamp – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection

Thursday, January 12 – 9:30 am

Offered for: Allan Gorrow – Memorial Mass
 From the funeral collection
Tsiionkwanonhso:te Adult Care

Friday, January 13 – 12:10 pm

Offered for: Reginald Mitchell – Memorial Mass
 Requested by Clarence & Kay Dubreuil

Saturday, January 14 - 4:00 pm

Offered for: Russell 'Hoss' Mitchell – 10th Anniversary
 Requested by the Family
Altar Servers: Megan, Philip and Morgan
Lectors: Liz Sunday and Norman Tarbell

Sunday, January 15 – 10:00 am

Offered for: Priscilla 'Bulla' Herne – Memorial Mass
 Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Phil Patricalli
Altar Servers: Reagan, Analeyna, Rylee and Kenia
Lectors: Lori Thompson and Abram Benedict

Sacrament of Baptism: Next Baptism Seminar will be Tues., January 10 at 5:30 pm at St. Kateri Center. The child(ren) must be pre-registered with a copy of their Birth Certificate. To request a form, please contact Laura at 613-575-2753 or 518-358-2931. Thank you.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the early centuries, the feast of the Birth of Christ was part of a great feast on January 6 called "EPIPHANY" that celebrated several MANIFESTATIONS OF CHRIST -- His birth at Bethlehem, His recognition by the Magi, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana. In the fourth century, Christians pulled Christmas out of the Epiphany and gave it its own feast on December 25. The time between December 25 and January 6 became "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS."

However, the Christmas season no longer ends on January 6. An "Octave" of eight days was added to the feast of the Epiphany so the Christmas season was extended to January 13, feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is that feast that brings the Christmas season to a close. Although our secular society takes down the Christmas Nativity scenes, decorations and lighted trees the day after December 25, the Church celebrates Christmas until the end of the Octave of the Epiphany.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD HAS COME! Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose JOY and keep choosing it every day. Although each of us has problems and sorrows, we must try to remember that underneath them all, we have a God Who loves us, cares for us, is with us 24 hours every day, and promises us a blessed life that will last forever. And within it all are people who connect with the same God - whether they know it or not-people who one way or another bring some joy into my life every day. Remember true JOY is found when we live LIFE in correct order -- for

1. J -- JESUS
2. O -- OTHERS
3. Y -- YOURSELF

BROTHER ANDRE OF MOUNT ROYAL --ST. ANDRE BESSETTE, LOVER OF SAINT JOSEPH FEAST DAY - JANUARY 7, 2017

Born on August 9, 1845, Alfred Bessette entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1870 and took the name Brother André. As doorkeeper in one of the congregation's schools, he fostered devotion to St. Joseph among the sick and otherwise afflicted and soon became known as the "Miracle Man of Montreal."

In 1904, Brother André founded the world-renowned Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal. He died on January 6, 1937, and one million persons paid him a last homage. He was canonized on October 17, 2010, by Pope Benedict XVI.

WINTER RETREAT DAY: Praying with the Psalms

Theme: "Praying with the Psalms" facilitated by Sr. Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ.
 the St. Lawrence River. -D
 4:00/ with option of overnight for extended retreat time.
 lunch). Additional \$25 for overnight (with dinner and breakfast included).
 313-212-6611 or
 email rbethssj@gmail.com by Feb. 1.

The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
 NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

January 8 – Epiphany of the Lord

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.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Lord our God, friend of the lowly, you gave your servant, St. André Bessette, a great devotion to St. Joseph and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted. Through his intercession help us to follow his example of prayer and love and so come to share with him in your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

St. André Bessette, pray for all our afflicted parishioners -- those in our nursing homes and hospitals, those who are lonely and depressed, those who are homebound. Beg St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, to obtain the gift of healing for Orlo Ransom, April Benedict, Charlotte Lazore, Nancy Phillips, Mary Ellen Jackson, George White, and Marie Casey and those unknown to us who need our prayers.

Intercede for the recently deceased Daniel White, William "Buddy" Bero, Madeleine Gray, Hubert Rourke, Donald McKeel, and Lena McIntyre, that they may enjoy eternal life. Comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

My God, Who has mercifully and patiently led me through the busy year of 2016, giving more than I asked or deserved, grant me in this Christmas season the grace of Jesus Christ. Let the gracious spirit of Jesus, the spirit of the little Child as it knocks at the hearts of men and women, enter my life and bless it.

As the old year ends and the New Year begins, grant me peace with the world and peace in my own heart, that those I love and those whom I may help, may have sweet JOY and REST. Amen.

Religious Education:

Confirmation: next class is on Jan. 11 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center.

First Communion: next class is Jan. 12 at 6 pm at the St. Kateri Center. **AMS school** next class is Tuesday, Jan. 10, immediately following school hours at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm (for students attending AMS school).

Funeral Mass Preparation Workshop – if you are interested in learning how to prepare for a funeral mass, and would have the time to visit with the family, please contact the rectory office to sign up, or contact Father Jerome.

Sunday Missals – only a few copies remain for a small donation of \$5.00. Obtain your copy soon.

CAMP GUGGENHEIM REGISTRATION: Registration for the 2017 season is now open! Register soon to ensure a spot for an incredible week of fun and growth in faith! Go to www.rcdony.org/camp to register! For more information call the Office of Youth Ministry at 315-393-2920 or: vlalonde@rcdony.org

Parish Ministry Meetings
 @ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Center

Parish Council	Jan. 25 – 5:30 pm
Liturgy & Faith Ministry	Jan. 9 – 5:30 pm
Choir/Music Ministry	Jan. 14 – 9:30 am
Altar & Rosary Society	Jan. 8 – 12:30 pm

COLLECTIONS for Dec. 31/16 and Jan. 1/17

\$406.01 CDN \$539.31 US