

Public Masses Cancelled

Due to the province wide lockdown, the public Masses are canceled until further notice.

Father Joe will say Mass every day and will remember you all in his daily Mass at this time of lockdown.

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all volunteers who are helping at the parish: The Volunteers who have decorated the church, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Gift Bearers, the Sacristans, the Altar Servers, the Children's Liturgy Teachers, the Choir members, the Guitarists, the Organists, Ushers, the people who are cleaning the church, the altar cleaners and women that wash the linens every week, our weekly helpers that go to the Nursing Home and Birmingham Centre and the collection counters and the schedule markers.

Thank you also to any volunteer that I may have missed mentioning.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your prayerful participation as well as your financial support to this parish all throughout the year.

This is your parish so please continue to support and let us all grow together as a faith community.

Once again, Thank you so much to you all.

Fr. Joe (Pastor)

Pope's Monthly Prayer

Intentions: JANUARY

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace

to live in full fellowship with

our brothers and sisters of

other religions, praying for one

another, open to all.

**THE LAW of the LORD
is perfect, reviving the soul.**

Psalm 19.7



Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the

Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

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Liturgical Calendar:

Jan 7- St. Andre Bessette -Brother Andre, is a patron of family caregivers in **Canada**.

Jan 8 -St. Raymond of Penyafort is a patron of lawyers, including canon lawyers.

You can watch the Daily TV Mass on the internet – visit the website at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass to watch Mass each day. Please share this information with fellow Catholics who are not able to attend Mass.

All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example.
- St. Teresa of Avila

Prayer to the Immaculata

O Immaculata, Queen of Heaven and Earth, refuge of sinner and most Loving Mother, God has willed to entrust the entire order of mercy on to you. I, (State your name), a repentant sinner, cast myself at your feet, humbly imploring you to take me with all that I am and have, wholly to yourself as your possession and property. Please make of me, of all my powers of soul and body, of my whole life, death and eternity, whatever most pleases you.

If it pleases you, use all that I am and have without reserve, wholly to accomplish what was said of you: "She will crush your head," and, "You alone have destroyed all heresies in the world." Let me be a fit instrument in your immaculate and merciful hands for introducing and increasing your glory to the maximum in all the many strayed and indifferent souls, and thus help extend as far as possible the blessed kingdom of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. For wherever you enter, you obtain the grace of conversion and growth in holiness, since it is through your hands that all graces come to us from the most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

V. Allow me to praise you, O sacred Virgin.

R. Give me strength against your enemies.

Obedience unites us so closely to God in a way that transforms us into him, so that we have no other will but his.
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Parish office closed

Due to the province wide lockdown, the Parish office will be closed until further notice. We will still work from home. We are happy to help you in any of your spiritual needs. Please contact us if you need us by phone or email.

New Year Wishing

**May the faith of God be with you and your family;
May the peace of God surround you and your family;
and may you and your family be blessed each day.
We wish you a Happy New Year 2021.**

**It was not poverty that led Lazarus to heaven, but humility;
nor was it wealth that prevented the rich man from
attaining eternal rest, but rather his egoism and his
infidelity.- St. Gregory the Great**

**Let us pray for each other that our Lord may give us the
grace that we need to become saints. - St. Bernadette**

**The Lord grants in a moment what we may have been
unable to obtain in dozen of years. - St. Philip Neri**

**May you trust God that you are exactly where you are
meant to be. - St. Therese of Lisieux**