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**Epiphany of the Lord** 



The Epiphany of the Lord ~ 2 January 2022

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Matt 2:10-11* 

First Reading + Isaiah 60:1-6 Second Reading + Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel + Matthew 2:1-12

## Mass for the Intentions Week

**Monday, January 3** NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 4

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm - 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Mass of Thanksgiving – Hagan Family

Wednesday, January 5

8:00am+Stanislaw/Leonarda MASTELARZ, RIP – M Bogucki

Thursday, January 6

8:00am+Our Lady's Intentions – G/D Tardif

Friday, January 7

12:10pm+Georgina CARROLL, RIP – J/A Pendergast Followed by Adoration @ Immaculate Conception Church until Saturday morning at 8:00am

Saturday, January 8

9:00am+Intentions of the Holy Spirit – G/D Tardif 4:00pm - 4:45pm+CONFESSIONS

5:00pm+Larry/Christine LACIAK, Pers Int – Charbonneau Family

**Sunday January 9** 

9:00am+Barbara GREENWOOD, RIP – J/I Blacklaws 10:30pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH 12:00pm+Marjorie LEGAULT, RIP – Estate of

#### **Saint of the Week:**

When you say to God, Our Father, he has his ear right next to your lips.

- St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937), Patron Saint of Hurting Hearts, Feast Day January 6

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

A new year, a new beginning.

The outlook on the future is by no means free from anxiety; on the contrary, there are many serious reasons for alarm, on account of the numerous and long-standing causes of evil. — Pope Leo XIII

As we begin a new year it is usual to reflect on the year past and look ahead to the year to come. In truth, this past year has been a disaster, and the coming year is shaping up to be much the same, if not worse. Jesus is 'the alpha and the omega,' but we are fixated on the alpha and the omicron. We need to be reminded that 'this too shall pass.' Although, there is scant basis for optimism, there is always reason for hope, as the hymn says:

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.

As a Church we have been knocked down, so we must strive to rise up again. It is time to begin the long process of rebuilding our spiritual health. However, we are in the predicament of the man at the pool of Beth-zatha:

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me."

Like that man, we desperately want to get on with our normal life — not only the sacramental life of the parish, but also the social life — but every time it looks like we may take a step on the 'path to re-opening' another Greek letter variant ruins our plans. The vaccine has failed to be the miracle cure that was promised. I do not expect Jesus to come along and say, "Take your mat and walk." So we must accept what cannot be changed, and persevere in patience.

The advice of St. Augustine still applies:

Pray as much as you can. Evils abound, and God has willed that evils should abound. If only evil people did not abound, then evils would not abound. "The times are evil, the times are troubled" — that is what people say. Let us live good lives, and the times are good. We ourselves are the times. Whatever we are like that is what the times are like.

St. Augustine is no Pollyanna, finding something to be glad about in every situation. Nor is he a self-help guru touting the power of positive thinking. His view of the world is founded on reality. Suffering is real. The spiritual damage that has been inflicted on us (not only by those outside the Church but also from those within) is real. Evils indeed abound. Unfortunately, we cannot choose the times we live in. Even if the times are evil, let us live good lives.

May God bless us all abundantly in this new year.

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> At 7:00 p.m. *Mass at St. Paul's Church* 

**Parish Solemnity** 

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Patron Saint of our Parish



#### **2022 Offertory Envelopes**

Offertory Envelopes are still available at the Entrances of the Church. Please look for your name before taking a new box. The boxes will be in Alphabetical order. Thank you.

\*For at least the first month of January, please record your name and <u>full address</u> (*including your 911 number and Conc/Side Road numbers*) on the front of the envelope.

**SNOW TUBING Snow Valley** January 23 – EDGE Gr. 6-8

**SNOW TUBING Barrie** January 29 – Life Teen Gr. 9-12



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#### NEW to PARISH? Have you registered yet? New Address?

It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. Please fill in the registration form below and place it in the collection basket or hand it into the office. Offertory Envelopes can be picked up in the church foyer.

Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!
Family Name:
First Name:
Spouse's Name:
Full Home/Mailing Address:
Postal Code:Phone No:

### How Do I Become Catholic?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
If you know someone who is interested in becoming a
Catholic, or you wish to learn more about the faith?
Please contact Fr. Glass at <a href="mailto:father.glass@gmail.com">father.glass@gmail.com</a>
Or Martha Whelton at: 705-435-0991

Sunday's following 10:30am Mass
Or by Zoom meetings
Tentative Start Date the end of January.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Paul's Society of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking volunteers to join our Conference. We need individuals to make home visits and distribute food vouchers to people in need. We are also seeking an individual who has some knowledge of accounting to act as our treasurer. If you have an interest or wish more information, please contact Paul Healy (705) 435-4951.

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