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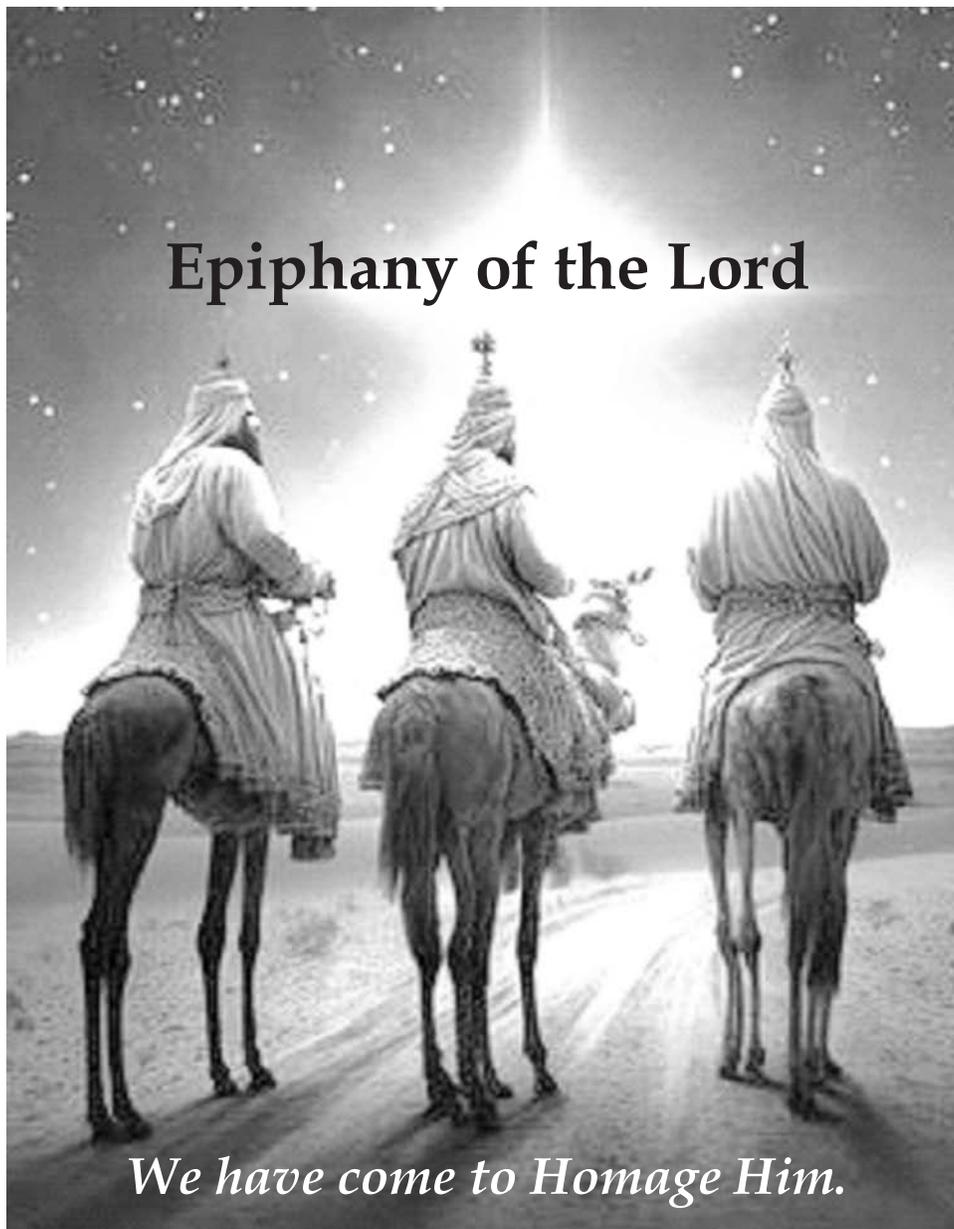
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Epiphany of the Lord

*We have come to Homage Him.*

## THE EPIPAHNY OF THE LORD



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Donna Hart, For all the souls in Purgatory, Intentions of Cathie Evans and Monsignor Noon

#### **Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Soligo & Fazzari families, Roy & Clare Ferraccioli

#### **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Andre Bessette**

**7:00 a.m.** – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

**7:30 a.m.** – **Mass** – Intentions of Erin Bryce & Denny

**8:00 a.m.** – Perpetual Help Devotions

**8:30 a.m.** – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**12:00 p.m.** – Benediction

**12:15 p.m.** – **Mass** – Rose Mahony

#### **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Lindsay O’Handley, Intentions of Donny Hay

#### **Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Jovito Tiomico, Bonnie (Paula) Bendo, Rita DuQuesnay-McGuire

#### **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass**

**4:00 p.m.** - Confessions

**5:15 p.m.** – **Mass** – John & Nancy Azzopardi, Niall Dowling, Intentions of Sean McCarthy, Jacinta Malone Dowling & children and Kenny Family

#### **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of The Lord**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass**

**11:00 a.m.** – **Mass**

**1:00 p.m.** – Baptisms

#### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the week beginning Sunday, January 4th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for repose of the soul of Roy & Elsie Carmichael and bur for the intentions of Eric VanRoos.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

† Thank you for your Christmas donations collected in the amount of \$39,155.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

#### **Vocations**

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905 528-7988. Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### **PARISH NEWS**

##### **Regina Caeli Academy Gala**

The private Catholic school opening in September 2026 will host a gala at the Italian Canadian Club on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each and can be purchased at the parish office starting on January 2, 2026. For a table of 8, tickets are \$135 each; for a table of 10, they are \$130 each. A portion of the ticket sales may be eligible for a tax receipt.

##### **Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group**

The young adult book study group will resume meeting in January. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a movie night on Wednesday, Jan 14th, starting at 6pm in the Lourdes Room. The film is "Flannery: The Storied Life of the Writer from Georgia," and is about Catholic author Flannery O'Connor. On Jan 28th, the group will begin discussing "In This House of Brede," a novel about Benedictine nuns by Rumer Godden. To RSVP, email [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com). For more info, visit [guelphbookstudy.wordpress.com](http://guelphbookstudy.wordpress.com)

##### **The Basilica Gift Shop**

We are having 20% off sale of any Christmas items until January 11<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for small and medium-sized gift bags that you would be willing to donate. Thank You

##### **CWL January meeting**

This is just a friendly reminder that we will not be meeting in the month of January. We will see you all at our next meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

#### **OTHER NEWS**

##### **Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for kindergarten students! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment. Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending

Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school. We invite families to register their child for kindergarten by following these steps:

**Find your school.** Visit [findmyschool.ca](https://findmyschool.ca) find your local Catholic school using your home address

**Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](#) available at [wellingtoncdsb.ca](https://wellingtoncdsb.ca). Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms

**Schedule a meeting with school administration.** Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission.

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit [wellingtoncdsb.ca](https://wellingtoncdsb.ca) or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

### **The Real Justice Film Festival**

Is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

### **Motherhood Hour with the Norbertine Sisters**

The Norbertine Sisters are cloistered nuns in California and elsewhere who have a dedicated nightly "Motherhood Hour" where they wake at midnight to pray for an hour for mothers worldwide, offering spiritual support, strength, and reminding them they're not alone during the challenging, sleepless nights of raising children, a practice that went viral for its profound comfort. They rise around midnight (the time many mothers are up with babies) for a Holy Hour of prayer. They offer Specific Intentions: they pray for strength, peace, patience, and endurance for mothers in their exhaustion. Spiritual Motherhood: This act embodies their call to spiritual motherhood, interceding for others. Why It's Meaningful they feel seen: The practice brings immense comfort, making mothers feel seen and supported during lonely nights. Unseen Support: It provides powerful, silent intercession from a community of sisters dedicated to lifting mothers up. How to Learn More You can find information and posts about them on social media platforms like Instagram

([https://www.instagram.com/reel/DSVEfC\\_EWN3/](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DSVEfC_EWN3/)),

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(<https://www.facebook.com/leannebowenfineart/posts/thi-s-weekend-i-had-the-delight-of-getting-to-pray-at-the->

[norbertine-sisters-on-a/358487380094825/](#)), and Reddit ([https://www.reddit.com/r/beyondthebump/comments/1n323kl/if\\_you\\_were\\_up\\_last\\_night\\_know\\_that\\_there\\_is\\_an/](https://www.reddit.com/r/beyondthebump/comments/1n323kl/if_you_were_up_last_night_know_that_there_is_an/)). Articles on Medium, Aletea (<https://aletea.org/2023/12/25/up-with-your-baby-late-last-night-these-nuns-prayed-for-you/>), and EWTN (<https://ewtn.no/mothers-you-are-not-alone-viral-post-reveals-norbertine-sisters-pray-middle-of-the-night-holy-hour-for-mothers/>) discuss their ministry.

### **Right to Life Guelph: Relax for a Good Cause!**

Support Guelph & Area Right to Life with a \$5,000 donation and receive a 6-night, 7-day stay at a private residence in Puerto Morelos, Mexico, just steps from the Caribbean Sea. This luxury property features multiple bedrooms, a private pool, rooftop terrace, and access to local churches. Proceeds support life-affirming work in our community. For details, call 519-836-6311 or email [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com).

### **What is the meaning of The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord?**

It commemorates Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan, marking the start of his public ministry and revealing the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). It's celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>), often falling on or around January 11<sup>th</sup>, closing the Christmas season and beginning Ordinary Time in western Christianity, with Eastern Churches calling it Theophany. What it commemorates: Jesus' baptism, a moment of divine revelation where the heavens opened, the Spirit descended like a dove, and the Father's voice declared Jesus His beloved Son. The significance of this date is that it's a pivotal event where Jesus identifies with humanity, signals the start of His mission, and shows the presence of God in the world. So, in summary, January 11<sup>th</sup> (or the adjacent Sunday) is a significant Christian feast day celebrating Jesus' divine manifestation and the beginning of His earthly work, uniting the themes of God's presence, the Holy Spirit and our own spiritual journey.



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