

JANUARY 8, 2012 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

| Readings | Liturgy | Intention | Please Pray for |
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| Sunday, January 8 Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2.1-12 | Mass - 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | Our Parish Community Our Parish Community Our Parish Community | |
| Monday, January 9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7 Acts 10.34-38 Mark 1.7-11 | No Mass | | Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R. |
| Tuesday, January 10 1 Samuel 1.9-20 Mark 1.21-28 | Mass - 7:00 p.m. | Jozef Pona, Gerald Goodwin Joe Wender, Miles Coll Spec. Int. of Frank & Angela Dearlove | Rev. Jim Valk, C.R. |
| Wednesday, January 11 1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20 Mark 1.29-39 | Mass - 8:30 a.m. Mass - 11:00 a.m. Heritage Green Nursing Home | Gordon McGowan Pierino Sottile | Rev. Tim Hingston |
| Thursday, January 12 <i>St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i> 1 Samuel 4.1c-11 Mark 1.40-45 | Mass - 8:30 a.m. | Joseph & Beatrice Foley | Missionaries |
| Friday, January 13 <i>St. Hilary</i> 1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22a Mark 2.1-12 | Mass - 8:30 a.m. Mass - 10:15 a.m. Ridgeview Nursing Home | Annie Coll Betty Kerr | Very Rev. David Wilhelm |
| Saturday, January 14 1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1a Mark 2.13-17 | 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. | Reconciliation | Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch |
| | Mass - 5:00 p.m. | Antonia Munisteri Manuel Medeiros Cosimo Galletti Deceased Members of the Lumacone & Baliva Families | |

The Week in Preview

Monday, January 9

7:00 p.m. CWL Choir

Tuesday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Scripture Study

6:15 p.m. Legion of Mary

7:30 p.m. CWL General Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 p.m. First Communion Parents' Meeting

Thursday, January 12

6:30 p.m. Children`s Choir

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Exec. Meeting

New Year's Day - \$2,340.75

Christmas - \$ 586.00

Flowers - \$ 7.00

DAY OF PRAYER

SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE

11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton

Friday, January 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bring a bag lunch. Tea and coffee provided

Suggested Offering: \$20.00

To register please call or email Sr. Elaine Arsenault

at 905 388-3966 or 289 799-1064 or

sssperthshire@sympatico.ca

Collection for December 31/January 1, 2012

Regular Collection - \$4,919.75

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

Announcements, Events & Meetings.....

**FIRST COMMUNION
PARENTS` MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

The parents of our First Communicants are expected to attend this meeting.

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**2012 DONATION ENVELOPES**

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your donation envelopes for 2012. They are located in the main hallway. If you are not currently using envelopes, but would like to, please call the parish office and a box will be prepared for you.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The first regular meeting of the CWL in 2012 will take place on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m., following the Mass. After the opening of the meeting, **Armando Vacca, Dipl.B., CFP., R.F.P., of A.D. Vacca & Associates Financial Planning Group** will speak on "**Financial Planning & Measures to Protect Your Wealth.**" *All parishioners are welcome to attend!* Refreshments will follow our speaker, and CWL memberships will be available.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDER ADOPTION?

Would you like to hear more about the process through CCAS? Our next information night will be held on

Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m.

**Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton
735 King Street East**

For more information and to register please call Jocelyn Jacobs at 905 525-2012, ext. 3125. Visit our website at www.hamiltonccas.on.ca

**St. Thomas More Catholic Secondary School
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Saturday, April 28th, 2012

Details at <http://stm.hwcdsb.ca/>

Praying with the Sisters of St. Joseph....

Come away for a few hours of prayer. All interested women are invited to join the Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse, 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton on Saturday, January 14th, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk on prayer, time for reflection and prayer, lunch. Suggested contribution - \$20. To register call 905 528-0138 by January 8th.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The prophet Isaiah returns one more time in this Christmas season, now on the feast of the Epiphany. In the final chapters of Isaiah (chapters 56-66), the prophet is proclaiming God's word to the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem after the Exile in Babylon. What at first was a joyful return, has turned inward. Those who have taken up positions of power after returning to Jerusalem have marginalized even the Israelites who remained in the land during the Babylonian Captivity, not to mention the people of other nations whose defeat of Babylon actually facilitated Israel's restoration. In response, Isaiah proclaims that God's salvation is for all. Every nation will stream to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.

Isaiah's message is reflected in Matthew's Gospel as he tells the story of the birth of Jesus. Christ comes for everyone! The followers of Christ in Matthew's community are not only the Jews who became Christians, but also the Gentiles who come to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. In Matthew's Gospel this latter group is represented by the Magi, who come from afar, while the Jewish Christians, who believe in God's word, are represented by Joseph, the faithful spouse of Mary.

While the Epiphany is a great and joyous feast, it contains a cautionary message as well. God's salvation is for everyone. That means that no one can be excluded from the invitation to follow Christ. And once they choose to do so, they become our brothers and sisters in the Lord. If that is the case, when we demean, cast aside, or ignore others, we open ourselves to the same condemnation with which Isaiah castigated the powerful in Jerusalem in the sixth century BC. If we add statues of the Magi to our Nativity scene, it also means that we must add the stranger, the foreigner, the person not like us, to our life in Christ.

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