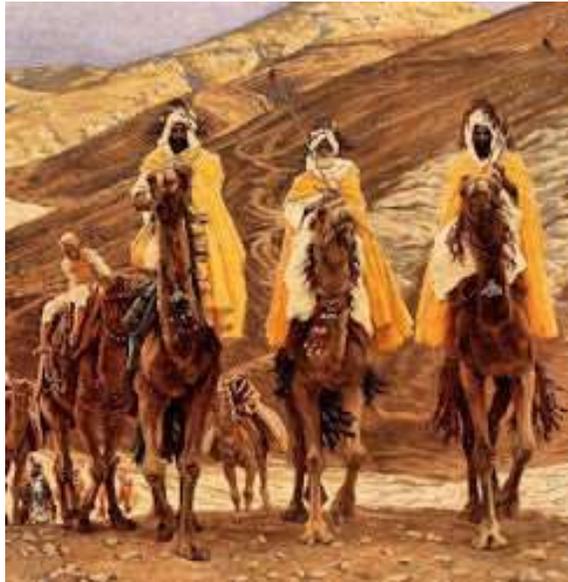


# The Epiphany of the Lord

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First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 | Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 | Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Happy New year  
2019



**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving by the Fatima Families Rosary Crusade
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany</b> For the People ( <i>Pro Populo</i> )  Olga and Fawzi Bichai –RIP – by Marie Therese Khairy and family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jan. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Raymond of Penyaforth</b> Marjorie Orozco – For Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Tibor Biro Sr. – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Justino Dalisay – RIP – by the Dalisay family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Franc Kebe – RIP – by Amalia Marzi and the Kebe family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Raymond Tait – RIP – by Linda Piper  Felixs Rewers – RIP – by Wanda

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**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

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**ENVELOPES FOR 2019 SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Envelopes for 2019 Sunday offerings are at the front of the Church. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY THE BOX WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER ON IT.** If you have never used the envelopes and wish to start, please ask for a new box at the Rectory or call (514) 747-4226 during office hours (9 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.) to register. **We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording.** Thank you.

## SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS: January 12



Marguerite is often referred to as the 'Mother of the Colony' for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal.

Born in France, in 1620, Marguerite crossed the Atlantic in 1653 to join in the colonizing efforts begun by Monsieur de Maisonneuve. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Ville-Marie.

Marguerite received the help of Jeanne Mance, founder of the Hotel-Dieu Hospital. Other women joined her and the group formed an institute of uncloistered sisters, the Congregation of Notre-Dame. Marguerite and her companions took on many roles, including teaching, introducing vocational courses for youth and assisting couples preparing for marriage. She resisted Church pressure to change her community to a cloistered one and lived to see her order's rule confirmed in 1698.

Marguerite was well loved. She died in 1700 at the age of 80 and was declared a saint on October 31, 1982. In 1997, archaeologists uncovered the foundation of the chapel Marguerite built in Ville-Marie 325 years earlier. Marguerite is a patron saint of poor people.

- *(Living with Christ, January 2019)*

## EPIPHANY: A FOURFOLD FEAST

Epiphany originally celebrated four different events, in the following order of importance: the **Baptism of the Lord**; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the wedding in Cana; the **Nativity of Christ**; and the visitation of the **Wise Men** or Magi. Each of these is a revelation of God to man: At Christ's Baptism, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of **God the Father** is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the wedding in Cana, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the Nativity, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the visitation of the Magi, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth. *(Copyright 2017 www.thoughtco.com)*

## HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

## THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.