

**January 3 and January 10, 2021**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Wednesday Jan 6 - NO MASS for the public –**  
special intentions for Sean Callaghan

**Friday Jan 8 – NO MASS for the public –**  
Caterina Agro

**Saturday Jan 9 NO MASS for the public –** Vince &  
billie & Vincent Wybraniak, Maria Pia Gower, Charles  
Arnone

**Wednesday Jan 13 – No Mass for the public –**  
Bob Carriere

**Friday Jan 15– NO MASS for the public –** special  
intentions for Kevin & Mary Dunn

**Saturday Jan 16- NO MASS for the public –** Felice  
Mastroianni, Henry Jablonski

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### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -Jan 4-9**

MON - Rev. David Avila

TUES – Rev. Tony O’Dell

WED – Diocesan Priests

THUR – Rev. Kim Kiwook

FRI - Rev. Michael Kruszewski

SAT - Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera

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### **DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR -Jan 11-16**

MON – Rev. Henryk Krajewski

TUES – Rev. Lajos Angyal

WED – Sisters of St. John the Baptist

THU - Rev. Joseph Durkacz

FRI - Rev. Emmanuel Azike

SAT - Rev. Thomas Manninezhath

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**The offerings for Christmas were very generous**  
**Thank you for your generosity of \$4350.00**

**The Office will be closed due to the lockdown of**  
**the province.**

**All Masses are cancelled until further notice.**

**If you leave a message on the parish phone, someone**  
**will get back to you as the secretary will be in the office**  
**a few days a week and Fr. Charlie will be checking**  
**messages.**

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Stay up to date, with happenings in the  
parish, faithful posts, and much more!  
Spread the word that we have social media to your  
family and friends, so they are also up-to-date. See  
you online!



## **EPIPHANY OF** **THE LORD**



The wise  
men arrive, the  
Gospel recounts  
that they find  
Jesus in a house.

This detail – which I haven’t noticed before – is  
comforting to me. Somewhere after the  
unanticipated stable delivery, room was found for the  
fledging family. The wise men go seeking Jesus  
surrounded by his family, held by another family.

We are the people making room for Jesus and  
for the people who are seeking him in the world  
today. Right in the middle of the Christmas leftovers,  
the decorations which will soon be put away, and the  
ache to get back to routine after feasting, Jesus is  
with us. The star could be stopping over our  
imperfect, crowded or messy homes.

The Gospel doesn’t talk about what the wise  
men ate, where they slept or whether things were  
cleaned up. The star stopped over the place where  
they could encounter Jesus. And “when they saw  
that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed  
with joy.”

Who is overwhelmed with joy at the light  
God has set over you? Who needs the Jesus that  
resides in your heart and home? We celebrate  
Epiphany not so that we can pay homage with the  
kings of Jesus’ time, but so that we can practice being  
overwhelmed with joy by the places in our lives  
where the star has stopped even when that place is  
withing us.

Written by Leah Perrault (Saskatoon)



**Anniversary Mass 2021** – The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Ecumenical Candle Light & Prayer Vigil  
Thursday, January 28th, 2021

To commemorate the 33rd Anniversary of the 1988 “No Abortion Law” in Canada, please join us for our 12th Annual Prayer Vigil, on the public sidewalk in front of McMaster Children’s Hospital on Main Street West, Hamilton. Arrive at 6:45 pm. Vigil will be 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm (30 minutes). Please dress appropriately for the weather. Park on nearby streets or in McMaster parking lots (for a charge).

We will pay homage to the unborn children who have perished through abortion, and pray for a change of hearts and minds of those who think of abortion as an answer to a crisis or unplanned pregnancy.

<<https://hamiltonrighttolife.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ef9b91ae75a751bdb424e7091&id=fe08f098c6&e=cfa51b3ea1>>

As you share gifts with your family and friends please remember the sacred gift of life and be sure to put HRTL on your list! As we close an unprecedented year, we are truly grateful, more than ever, to our community for all your support! We wish you love, joy and peace!

To Donate:

Please make cheque payable to “Hamilton Right to Life”. If you wish to make a donation online, please visit our website [hamiltonrighttolife.org](http://hamiltonrighttolife.org) and click on “Donate Now” to give securely on CanadaHelps. We have added a NEW and easy way to give: E-Transfer, using the email [HRTLDonations@outlook.com](mailto:HRTLDonations@outlook.com). Please include your name, address and phone number. All donations received on or before December 31st will be eligible for a 2020 Charitable Tax Receipt, which will be mailed in February 2021.

## Happy 2021!!

We pray that this will be a year of great blessing for you. Today, as we begin with a clean slate, we hear the prayer of God gave Moses as a promise: “I will bless them” (Numbers 6:27).

Mary is the most blessed among women, but her blessings didn’t come in traditional ways. She was poor. She faced an unexpected pregnancy. She lived under occupation. And she had to deliver her baby in a stable. After Joseph died, she had to raise Jesus on her own. And when she accompanied Jesus, she had nowhere to lay her head, just like him. Then she endured the agony of seeing her son beaten and crucified.

Surely these didn’t seem like blessings! Yet just as the angel had promised, by making Mary the Mother of God, God blessed not only her but the whole world through her. (Luke 1:31-33)

So how did Mary recognize and receive her blessings? She “kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart” Mary remembered, and she pondered. Perhaps she asked God., “What are you doing here? How are you fulfilling your promise to me? Teach me and help me to trust you.” As her life progressed, she continued to understand more and more about what it meant that her child was the eternal Son of God and what her role was in God’s plan of salvation. So Mary can teach us how to open our hearts to all of God’s blessings.

Like Mary, recall God’s faithfulness. Try to identify his blessings from last year – some that were obvious and some that came wrapped in a package of suffering. Ask the Lord to help you see how he fulfilled his promise of blessing in 2020. And dream a little. How might God want to bless you this coming year? He is faithful to his promise. He will bless you!

*“Open my eyes to recognize and receive your blessing this year, Lord”*

