



January 7th, 2024 Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS – Jan 6th – 14th, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Albert & Stella Cunningham
Sun. 9am Anniv. Stanley & Louise Bourque
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Laura Deveau
Wed. 6:30 pm Theresa Doucet
Thurs: 9 am No Mass Funeral Mass for Bob LeFave
Fri. 9 am Yvette King
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Helen Hipson
Sun. 11:15 am Rosie Deveau

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am January 7 Bessie & Peter Thibeault
Sun. 10 am January 14 Audrey Muise

REFLECTION: Epiphany of the Lord—Solemnity



of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's

solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory. At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste. The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission. Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian Peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift

of salvation. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life.*


COOFFEE SOCIALS: Will be held after the 4pm and 9am masses the weekend January 20th & 21st. Join us for our **winter potluck** on Sunday, January 21st in the parish centre dining hall after the 11:15 am Mass. Our theme for this potluck is "multicultural dining". Please bring a special dish to share from your country or culture! For more information or to volunteer please contact Leila at 902-307-5966.

ADORATION CHAPEL: There is a very special place where Jesus actually resides where you can go and be alone with him. Quiet your soul in prayer or in silence with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He is literally waiting for you in our little Adoration Chapel. If you want a radical change in your life, this may be what you are looking for. This is an opportunity to be still and hear the voice of God. If interested, please call Debbie Murphy-Payie at 902-740-2005.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: -This holy Mass, this eucharist is clearly an act of faith. Our Christian faith shows us that in this moment contention is changed into the body of the Lord who offers himself for the redemption of the world. In the chalice, the wine is transformed into to the blood that was the price of salvation. This body broken and this blood shed for human beings encourage us to give our body and blood up to suffering and pain, as Christ did – not

for self, but to bring justice and peace to our people. -St. Oscar Romero

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: May 17– 27, 2024: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) **INFO:** Hector Caissie at hectorcaissie@gmail.com or 506-857-2295.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:  Tuesday January 9th, all members invited 6:00pm executive meeting and 7:30pm general meeting.

THANK YOU! Fr. Wieslaw Papuga would like to thank everyone for their kindness offered to him during the Christmas season.

FOOD BANK: This weekend January 6th & 7th, is our turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be on hand before all the masses to receive the donations.

PARISH LIBRARY: Did you know we have a parish library in the Parish Center? We have many good books to choose from. Books on saints, spirituality, biographies and many other topics. Come and check out what we have and borrow one!



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
Lucille Marie Deveau, Joseph Ernest Sams, William Ernest Gordon and Joseph Robert LeFave
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.