

**WELCOME TO
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
JAN. 7TH, 2024 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY**



Lord Jesus, may Your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we too may be led into Your presence and worship You, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of all: in union with Your heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

December 31st / January 1st

Sunday Offerings	\$ 2115.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 429.10
Christmas	\$ 235.00
New Year	\$ 1010.00
Initial offering	\$ 515.00
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
Native sector	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 85.05
Christmas Flowers	\$ 150.00
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Total:	\$ 4644.15

*Thanks
a lot*

PADP—Weekly for the month of January 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$ 643.75
New Year	\$ 63.75
Building fund	\$ 115.00
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Total	\$ 822.50

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday to Friday at 12 Noon
WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am
CONFESSION: Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am
HOLY ROSARY: Every Thursday after 12 Noon Mass

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May the wisdom of the Magi guide you to your own light

Fr.Denis Vaiz - Parish Priest
John Noble - Deacon Emeritus
Carol Noble - D.O.S

MASS SCHEDULE WITH INTENTIONS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 9th January - St. Adrian of Canterbury

John Kennedy by Robert Kennedy

Wednesday, 10th January - St. Gregory of Nyssa

Paul Kennedy by Robert Kennedy

Thursday, 11th January - Blessed William Carter

Evelyn Kilroy by Irene White & classmates

Friday, 12th January - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Rachelle Soroko by Lou Pegoraro & Sue Santi

Saturday, 13th January - St. Hilary of Poitiers

Sylvia Drago by Lisa, Evan, Alexa & Zoe Drago

Bert and Mary Hayes by Donna Balfe

Sunday, 14th January - St. Gregory Nazianzen

Jasmine Gregorini by Antonella Gregorini

Sylvia Drago by Joe Drago

Intentions of our parishioners by Fr. Denis Vaiz



**Saint
of the
Day**

MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK: Jan. 8 to Jan. 14



Monday Jan. 8th	Isaiah 55: 1-11 1st John 5: 1-9 Mark 1: 7-11	Isaiah 12
Tuesday Jan. 9th	1st Samuel 1: 9-20 Mark 1: 21-28	1st Samuel 2
Wednesday Jan. 10th	1st Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20 Mark 1: 29-39	Psalms 40
Thursday Jan. 11th	1st Samuel 4: 1-11 Mark 1: 40-45	Psalms 44
Friday Jan. 12th	1st Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a Mark 2: 1-12	Psalms 89
Saturday Jan. 13th	1st Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Mark 2: 13-17	Psalms 21
Sunday Jan. 14th	1st Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19 1st Cor. 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 John 1: 35-42	Psalms 40

They fell down and worshiped Jesus:

John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew Him not and His own people received Him not (John 1:10-11)*. Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized Him at His birth. Some wisemen also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wisemen with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give His only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Saviour on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Fr Denis Vaiz

St. Andrew the Apostle Newest Members

We are overjoyed to welcome Baby **Audrey Gibbons** who was baptized on **Saturday, January 6th** and Baby **Salie Vo** who will be baptized **Saturday, January 13th** into our Catholic Faith.
May God bless, guide and protect you and your family.



Activities this week in our parish

Monday: **Knights of Columbus** General meeting
Thursday: **Small Christian Community** at 10.45am
Thursday: **Holy Rosary** after Noon Mass
Thursday: **Liturgy meeting** at 2.00pm
Friday: **Ladies' Craft** following the Noon Mass
Saturday: **Sacrament of Baptism** at 11.00am
Sunday: **Hospitality** (K of C)
Sunday: **Children's Liturgy** resumes

House Blessing

As the New Year begins, if you would like to have your house blessed, please call the office to book an appointment.

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Music concert and Spaghetti supper

Ste. Marguerite D'Youville Music concert and Spaghetti supper will be held **Sunday, January, 21, 2024, from 2.00pm to 7.00pm**. Cost is \$20 a person with proceeds to **Ste. Rose de Lima, River Valley**.

Children's Liturgy

The children's liturgy will resume at the 10am Mass **January 14th, 2024**. If you are interested in helping out with Children's Liturgy, please contact **Luciana at 705—566—1448**.



We welcome the upcoming Confirmation candidates and their families.
May God always be in your life.

New parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle may find a parish registration form on the lobby table. Please take one home, complete the information required and place your completed form in the collection. Thank you!





The Epiphany special 2024



Interesting facts about the Epiphany

- The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth”. Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies”, including His birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His baptism by John and His first miracle at Cana, the changing of water into wine at the wedding.
- Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a Christian feast day which falls on 6 January. It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.
- warm-hued flowers such as **yellow lilies or roses** make a beautiful centerpiece for Three King's Day celebrations.
- On epiphany morning, each child can give their siblings a gift that shows how they found Jesus in that person.
- The visit of the magi is only recorded in the gospel of Matthew.
- The gifts of the magi can be interpreted as representing Christ’s royalty as King of the Jews (gold), his divinity (frankincense – see Malachi 1:11), and his humanity (myrrh – see John 19:39 and Mark 15:23).
- The traditional names of the Magi are Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.
- In some European countries, children leave their shoes out the night before the Epiphany to be filled with gifts. Other children leave straw for the horses of the kings.
- After the visit of the magi, Joseph had a dream to escape to Egypt. Because Herod ordered all the two-year-old boys and younger to be killed in Bethlehem and the surrounding regions, Jesus was probably two years old when they visited him (not 12 days old).

Message by Pope Francis about the Epiphany of the Lord

The Evangelist Matthew tells us that the Magi, when they came to Bethlehem, “saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him” (Mt 2:11). Worshiping the Lord is not easy; it does not just happen. It requires a certain spiritual maturity and is the fruit of an at times lengthy interior journey.

Worshiping God is not something we do spontaneously. True, human beings have a need to worship, but we can risk missing the goal. Indeed, if we do not worship God, we will worship idols – there is no middle way, it is either God or idols; or, to use the words of a French writer: “Whoever does not worship God, worships the devil” (Léon Bloy) – and instead of becoming believers, we will become idolaters.

In our day, it is particularly necessary for us, both as individuals and as communities, to devote more time to worship. We need to learn ever better how to contemplate the Lord. We have somewhat lost the meaning of the prayer of adoration, so we must take it up again, both in our communities and in our own spiritual life. Today, then, let us learn a few useful lessons from the Magi. Like them, we want to fall down and worship the Lord. To worship him seriously, not as Herod said: “Let me know where the place is and I will go to worship him”. No, that worship is not good. Ours must be serious!



Dear Parishioners, 2024 envelopes are ready for pick up in the lobby. Please note that some of your old envelope numbers may have changed. Complete the information on the front of your new envelope for the first two weeks of the New Year. Thank you!

Best Wishes from

The Loughheed Family & Staff

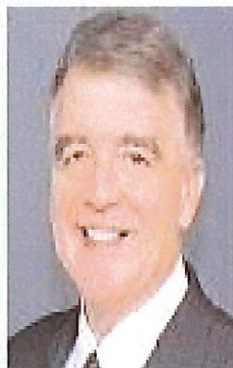
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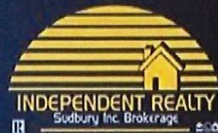
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Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with
the Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners
every where, for sinners in the universal
church, those in my own home and within my
family.

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