

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5th, 2025

For St. Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the Resurrection. God revealed Himself to the Jews through the Scriptures and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, St. Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox: the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come, and with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore Him. There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed – the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of the Gentiles too. The Second Reading expresses the theological meaning of today’s feast: God invites Jew and Gentiles to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ, the Messiah.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5 th <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 6 th <i>Christmas</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 7 th <i>St. André Bessette</i>	9 am	+ <i>Clara Isabella Herteis</i>	By The Estate
Wednesday, January 8 th <i>St. Raymond de Penyafort</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Dolores Bugera</i> (Linwood) + <i>Helen Caroline Benninger</i>	By The Estate By The Estate
Thursday, January 9 th <i>Christmas</i>	9 am	+ <i>Daniel & Lucille Kelley</i>	By The Estate
Friday, January 10 th <i>Christmas</i>	9 am	+ <i>Susan Butler</i>	By Chad Butler & family
Saturday, January 11 th <i>Christmas</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Roger Paul</i>	By the Lorentz family
Sunday, January 12 th <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	-

History of the Catholic Church (#57) – Persecution flared again and numbered among its victims Cyprian as well as Pope Sixtus II and his deacon Lawrence. But the zeal of the persecutors slackened, and for nearly a half century the Church was left undisturbed.

TOWN HALL FOR ST. JOSEPH’S/ST. MARY’S – There will be a town hall meeting with Bishop Lobsinger & Msgr. Kroetsch on Saturday, January 11th at 1pm in the St. Clement’s parish hall, concerning the future of St. Joseph’s/St. Mary’s. All are welcome.

JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025 – The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com

On December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family the Jubilee Year was inaugurated in our Cathedral Church and all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for Heros of Hope – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,
you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call
to be leaders in our parish community
and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts
for the building up of your Church
and the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries,
may they touch the hearts of all in our community
who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith,
that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P., Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P., Diocesan Priests, Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P., Rev. David Avila, & Married Couples.

VOCATION SEEDS – “On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION – St. Clements TBD. Thank you for your generosity!