

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion."

(Cf. Mal 3.1; 1 Chr 29.12)

Parish Update

As the New Year begins, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our parish community for your generous response following our mid-year financial report. We recorded a financial surplus in 2024 because of both large and small 1-time donations received in the last four months. We will publish our complete 2024 financial statements in March.

Our goal for 2025 is to increase regular weekly and monthly Offertory across our entire parish community so as not to be dependent on larger 1-time donations to achieve a surplus. It is with this goal in mind that we have recently reached out to all our parishioners to increase their regular weekly or monthly offertory to share in the responsibility of sustaining our parish, its mission and good works.

Among the donations received was a very large one from a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. This donation was made specifically to pay for three major building-related projects that we were hoping to complete over the next few years. Because of their generous support, two of these projects will now take place this year.

Beginning about January 20th, we will be carrying out two of these major projects in the church. The first project will be to paint the interior of the church and ancillary spaces. Following the painting project, we will be refinishing all the pews. It is only thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners that this work is possible

We expect the painting project to last about five weeks. This will involve the use of scaffolding so some areas will be screened off and unavailable to us as the work progresses. Once the painting is complete, the pew refinishing will begin. This will also be done in sections which, again, will be screened off and unavailable for us to use. We plan to complete all the work before Easter.

During this period, we will try to minimize the inconvenience to our parishioners resulting from the reduced seating capacity. There will be additional temporary seating in the chapels on both sides of the Altar for all Masses. We also plan to keep the church

open during the week for midday Mass. We will have to see how this works so there may be occasions when the 12:10 pm Mass may move to the Hall.

We apologize for any inconvenience that these much-needed projects may cause, but it is well over 20 years since this work was last done. We're sure you will be pleased with the result.

Announcements

1. The Feast of the Epiphany is the traditional date on which a family blesses their home with epiphany chalk. You can pick up the chalk and rite of blessing after the Sunday Masses.

2. Please note, that there will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from Saturday, January 11th to Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 inclusive. This includes Sunday, January 12, and Sunday, January 19th. The Church will be open beginning at 7 AM on those two Sundays. Our regular schedule resumes on Thursday, January 23rd.

3. Community coffee will resume on Sunday, February 2nd following the 12 PM Mass in the Parish Hall.

4. Protect Christians in Canada Petition: Many Christians in Canada are concerned about government and corporate overreach in their communities, workplaces, or schools. Anti-Christian bigotry and discrimination also affect Christian citizens and organizations in our country. Protect Christians in Canada has launched an online petition urging all levels of government to take action to protect Christians in Canada. This petition will be presented by Member of Parliament Jamil Jivani in the nation's capital in February 2025 and calls on governments to:

- Defend the rights of parents to play a leading role in their children's education and important decisions involving their children.
- Safeguard conscience rights and the freedom of religion for unionized and non-unionized workers, including health care professionals.
- Strengthen penalties and increase law enforcement in response to crime targeting churches and places of worship.
- Protect the legal status and freedom of expression of Christian charities.

Take a stand in support of Christians in Canada. Please visit www.protectchristianscanada.com to learn more and sign the petition.

JANUARY 5th, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 6, 2025

12:10 pm. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested By: Maria Cristina Castro

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

12:10 pm. Fr. Peter (Thanksgiving)
Requested By: Sherlita

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

12:10 pm. Fr. Peter (Thanksgiving)
Requested By: Cathay Feghali

Thursday, January 9, 2025

12:10 pm. Maria Cristina Castro (In
Thanksgiving)

Friday, January 10, 2025

12:10 pm. Marie Allemand (+)
Requested By: Janine Smith

Multiple Intentions:

Margaret Dunnigan (+) & Andres Reggiardo (+) (Birthday anniversary), Stephen Chua (+), Maria Lai (+),
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 11, 2025

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and in reparation for all sins
committed against her Immaculate
Heart

5:00 pm. Antonio (+), Maria Mendonca (+),
Jessica Piccinin (+), & Tony
Mendonca (+)

Requested By: Maria da Rosa

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners & Tony
Bellissimo (+)

Requested By: His Family

10:00 am. Leonard Kelly (+) & Noreen
Kelly (+)

Requested By: Barbara, Dawn Henry, Cathay &
Mark Henry & Families

12:00 pm. Teofila Suyat Fabro (+)
Requested By: Her Family



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Madeleine Mendoza, Fr. Daniel Callam, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeek, Mario, Edward Haggarty, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie

Please remember those who have recently died, especially: Helen Noah (+), Olivia Hussey (+)

The **JANUARY** Food of the Month donation is **CANNED FRUIT**. Visit us at our website www.cothfoodbank.ca for more information or to donate. Please drop off donations at the main entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office.



Faith Seeking Understanding Series

Heaven, Purgatory & Hell
Jan 29th, 2025

The Spiritual Combat
Feb 12th, 2025

Spiritual Healing at Each Stage of Life
Feb 26th, 2025



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