

# St. Ann's Parish

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## Epiphany of the Lord

### Mass Intentions Epiphany of the Lord (January 8, 2023)

#### Tuesday, January 10

7:00p.m. † Annunziata Cianferro  
† Lily Mooney  
† John VanEerdewijk  
† Gerald Robert Massecar

#### Wednesday, January 11

8:00a.m. † Thomas & Veronica McGann

#### Thursday, January 12 *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

8:00a.m. † John VanEerdewijk

#### Friday, January 13

*St. Hilary*

8:00a.m. † Annette Fournier

#### Saturday, January 14

5:00p.m. † Concetta Gallizzi  
† Anne Lelievre  
† Stan & Maria Filice

### Diocesan Prayer Calendar Week of the January 8, 2023

This week we especially pray for:

Monday	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
Tuesday	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Wednesday	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thursday	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Friday	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Saturday	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

### VOCATIONS



“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, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### OUT OF THE COLD COFFEE DRIVE

On the weekend of January 14th/15th our parish will be running our annual "Hamilton Out of the Cold" Coffee Drive. The pandemic had altered the manner in which Hamilton Out of the Cold assists the most vulnerable in our community, over the past few years, but the need remains greater than ever. We would appreciate if you could drop a tin, or two, of coffee off at the Church on that weekend. There will be a vehicle set up outside the church in the parking lot from 3pm-5pm on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> and from 8:30am-11am on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. The donations will be distributed to various Hamilton Out of the Cold sites. Thank You!

### EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY

The next “Evenings with His Excellency” will be on Friday January 13 at 7:00pm at St Ann’s Parish. We encourage all to join us for these wonderful evenings of reflection and discussion.

### FROM THE DIOCESE:

### THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

# St. Ann, Pray For Us

## THE CATHOLIC DATE NIGHT

- Hosted by Kathleen and Jesse LeBlanc of Found Together

Are date nights with your spouse (or future spouse!) turning into Netflix binge nights? Do you want to grow in faith and prayer together? Do you wish you had a community of Catholic couples to truly journey with? It's time to level up your marriage vocation with The Catholic Date Night! Enjoy the LIVE monthly date nights from the comfort of your own home. Subscribe at [www.wearefoundtogether.com/datenights](http://www.wearefoundtogether.com/datenights) and follow them on Instagram @TheCatholicDateNight for date night inspiration and more!

## MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH

Marriage Tip 126 - Time is often a major problem in our day, since there never seems to be enough of it! As a result, couples spend less time together, seeing it as a solution to the short on time phenomena. But love grows and there is a sense of cohesiveness when the relationship is seen as a priority. Making time together an essential part of your planning will build a closeness between the two of you, give you time to reflect on the good and challenging events in your life and help you to know each other in a deep and caring way. So find time somewhere else, instead of taking it from your couple relationship! (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905- 528-7988 ext. 2250)

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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the solemnity of Epiphany, and in a most special way the day of the three kings who brought Jesus very costly and symbolic gifts of gold, mire, and frankincense. The term Epiphany is of Greek origin, *epiphaninen*. It is a verb which means "to reveal," or "to manifest."

Epiphany celebrates the many ways through which Jesus has revealed himself to us and our world. These include the three events that bring to light his mission and divinity: the visitation of the three kings or Magi (Mt 2, 10-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mk 1, 9-11), and the miracle at Cana (Jn 2, 1-11).

So, today God reveals himself to us because he is good and loving. The light that shines forth upon us today is the light of life from which we ourselves must get our own light and reflect it unto others. Today, Christ further demonstrates the extent of his love by allowing himself to illumine the darkness of our lives.

The lesson in all of these is that we must also make our lives better and allow the goodness that flows from us to help and illuminate the ways and lives of others. We must shine our light so that others can see with it, as Christ illuminated our way and life this New Year with his own light, life, divine presences and counsel.

Today's gospel from Matthew is about the visitation of the three wise kings. They came to adore and offer gifts to the new born king, Jesus Christ. This gospel has lots of lessons for us. First, the three kings offered a genuine worship to Christ, the King of kings. So, our worship must be sincere like theirs. It must not be like the false proposal of King Herod.

Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. We must not appear before the Lord empty handed. So, we must ask ourselves today, what will I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The best gift to offer to God is the gift of oneself, the gift of love, the gift of obedience, the gift of humility, the gift of peace, and the gift of sacrifice. Also, we must learn to be generous to others as the three wise kings were to Jesus.

Children, as you expect gifts from your parents today, try to be generous to others too, especially, towards your parents. Parents, let us also be generous towards our children today and always, by giving them gifts as the wise kings gave to Jesus.

Another lesson that we must learn from the wise kings is that, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by the many Herods of this world.

Trusting that God will not mislead us, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. Any time we are confused, or come to the cross road of life, we must seek and wait until the star of Christ appears to show us the way we must follow.

This is simply what we may refer to as divine guidance and counsel in our lives. Today, we must ask God as the church prays: *Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, and welcome him with love, for He is Lord forever and ever. Amen!*

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