

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 8TH, 2012



The magi come from the East sincerely searching for “the child who has been born king of the Jews.” They bring gifts. They follow a star. Their diligence indicates their belief in the values of the One for whom they search. Their hearts are turned toward gift-bearing and homage. The self-serving, deceitful plotting by Herod does not ruin their finding the newborn King. Like the magi, in spite of our own “Herods,” we too must diligently search for Christ. Even when we seem to lose sight of the star and the way forward is no longer clear, even when evil forces seek to ruin our search, we can trust that God never leaves us in darkness but always leads us to the Light.

The first reading reveals God’s work: divine glory shines upon us to lead us, to gather us, and to enrich us with God’s own splendor. What are we to do with this splendor? We are to walk in God’s light so that we become that light for the world.

The magi’s story is our story: those who “search diligently” for Christ will find him if they follow the signs given by God. Ultimately, our searching to find Christ is only satisfied when we remain open to the God who labours diligently to reveal the divine Son to us. Sometimes we grow discouraged in our search for God. But the truth is that we find God not primarily because we search but because God chooses to reveal the divine splendor and presence to us. God gives us all the signs and wonders we need to search for, find, and offer the gift of ourselves to this King who is ever newborn into our hearts. The Magi call us to abandon our own directions and desires to find the Messiah. They were led to the manger in Bethlehem; we are also led to the Light that brings life and salvation.

**KUDOS** — This feast of the Epiphany marks another transition in our liturgical year. Yet we remember gratefully the time and talents of many parishioners and ministers who have made our Christmas and New Year celebrations beautiful and joyful. Thank you for sharing your giftedness.

**BULLETIN ADS** Every Sunday we print at least 300 copies of the bulletin. To supplement the printing cost, we have advertising spaces available in the back page. The cost for the ad is \$200 for the whole year, which begins in February and goes to the end of January, 2013. We have some spaces open. If you need more information, please contact the parish office ASAP. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY GIFTS BEARERS** Children and their family members of our PREP program have signed up to bring up the gifts of bread and wine and our sacrificial offerings for the Sunday Masses starting in 2012. If you and your family wish to participate in this ministry, please call the parish office.



**2012 ENVELOPES** Thank you to those who have collected their new envelopes. For those who have yet to pick up theirs, you can find them in the vestibule. If you are coming

here regularly and do not have a set, we are happy to provide you with one. Please call the parish office to get your envelopes and give your support to your parish.

You want to write your name and address on the envelope for the first few weeks of January so that we can check to make sure the credit goes to you. Thank you.

**FORTY HOUR DEVOTION** OUR PARISH IS HOSTING THE ANNUAL SOLEMN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE ARCHDIOCESE ON *TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH TO THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH, FROM 9:30 AM TO 7:30 PM.* THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN CHURCH VESTIBULE. PLS COME AND SPEND AN HOUR OR MORE WITH THE LORD?

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 9</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Louis Lee.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 10</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Tom & Family.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 11</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intention of Anthony Szeto.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 12</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Helen Lee.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 13</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Arden Leung.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of Wendy Chan & Jonathan Au.  <u>5:00 p.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of James Chui.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 15</b>	<u>9:00 a.m.</u> For the repose of the soul of Simon Wong . <u>11:00 a.m.</u> For the special intentions of All Holy Name Parishioners.

## APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR THE HOLY FATHER’S JANUARY INTENTIONS

**General:** That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

**Mission:** That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENIOR OUTREACH:

**LINE DANCING** On Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

**BRIDGE** Resumes on Thursdays, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

For more info, call Pat at 604-266-6179.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The Knights of Columbus invite you to their Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone welcome!

**GROWING THROUGH SUFFERING** Internationally noted speaker, author of many books and radio host Sr. Ann Shields will speak at the one day-conference to be held on Jan. 14 – 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 5251 Joyce St., Vancouver. Tickets are \$10, includes coffee and snacks; bring a bagged lunch. More info: 604-435-9611 ext. 230 or 604-454-3143; visit [www.stmarysvancouver.ca](http://www.stmarysvancouver.ca)

**MAN to MAN** Come to an evening for Catholic Men with Archbishop Miller. Any Catholic man is welcome to enjoy a meal with your shepherd and hear about his vision about plans for a dynamic Catholic men's conference and how you can get involved. This gathering will be at St. Mary's Parish, Vancouver, Saturday, February 4, 2012, 6:00—9:00 PM. Cost: \$20. Online pre-registration required by Jan. 27th. Contact Kyle Neilson, (604) 683-0281 or [ore@rcav.org](mailto:ore@rcav.org) for more details.

**SILENT LIVE-IN RETREAT** For women interested in Discerning a Call to Religious Life, from 7:00 pm, Friday, Feb. 10 to 3:00 pm, Sunday, Feb. 12. For more info or to register, call Linda at 604-824-4184 or Sr. Denece at 604-985-4872 or email [dbillesberger@shaw.ca](mailto:dbillesberger@shaw.ca). Space is limited so register early.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL:

**VANCOUVER COLLEGE** Is holding its annual Open House on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the school. There are openings in September, 2012 for K, Gr. 4, 7 and 8 and at other grade levels as they occur. Deadline for submitting admission applications is Tuesday, January 31, and the entrance exam is on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9:00 am. For more info, call 604-261-4285.

**ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL** Everyone interested in attending the school for the 2012-13 academic year is invited to the Open House on Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 pm. There will be a short presentation on "Life as a Celtic", a tour of the facility and the opportunity to meet our staff and many of our students. Please pick up your Application Package then. Deadline for accepting completed application is February 15th. There is no entrance exam.

## STEWARDSHIP: A Disciple's Response

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who comes from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ is present and active in the world, and stewards must follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is heading.

## Scripture Readings



### Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps. 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

### Jan. 9, Mon., Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11

Jan. 10, Tues., 1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Sam. 2; Mark 1:21-28

Jan. 11, Wed., 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps. 40; Mark 1:29-39

### Jan. 12, Thurs., St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin

1 Samuel 4:1c-11; Ps. 44; Mark 1:40-45

Jan. 13, Fri., 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps. 89; Mark 2:1-12

Jan. 14, Sat., 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Ps. 21;

Mark 2:13-17



"Light of the World" is a glass mosaic that surrounds the crucifix in our Church and features Mary and John at the foot of the Cross. The image references the third Word from the Cross: "Behold thy mother, Behold thy son." Mary and John reach towards each other, showing by charity and compassion the Christian way to live in the world. The figures are created in a style that works together with the existing crucifix.

Integrated into the dramatic rosette is a celestial view of the earth symbolizing our stewardship of Creation. The text in gold reads *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam - For God's Greater Glory*.

The full diameter of the mosaic is 14 feet. The crucifix is 12 feet high and the figures of Mary and John are about 7.5 feet high.

The Glass mosaic will be mounted on wood panels divided into 6 sections. The crucifix will be re-mounted on top of the mosaic. The white area is made with many small tiles in various textures and iridescent surfaces.

The mosaic will be made by Sarah Hall in collaboration with Glasmalerei Peters in Paderborn, Germany.

You can examine Sarah's prayerful and beautiful design in the vestibule. If you wish to sponsor/donate a leaf-plaque on the *Jesse Tree of Life*, please contact the parish office for more details. You are encouraged to keep this spiritual enterprise in your prayers.

Thank you.

The installation is scheduled for April 16th - 20th. To see the mosaics of Sarah Hall, please go to: [www.sarahhallstudio.com/soundslides/barnabas/index.html](http://www.sarahhallstudio.com/soundslides/barnabas/index.html)