

SACRED HEART PARISH

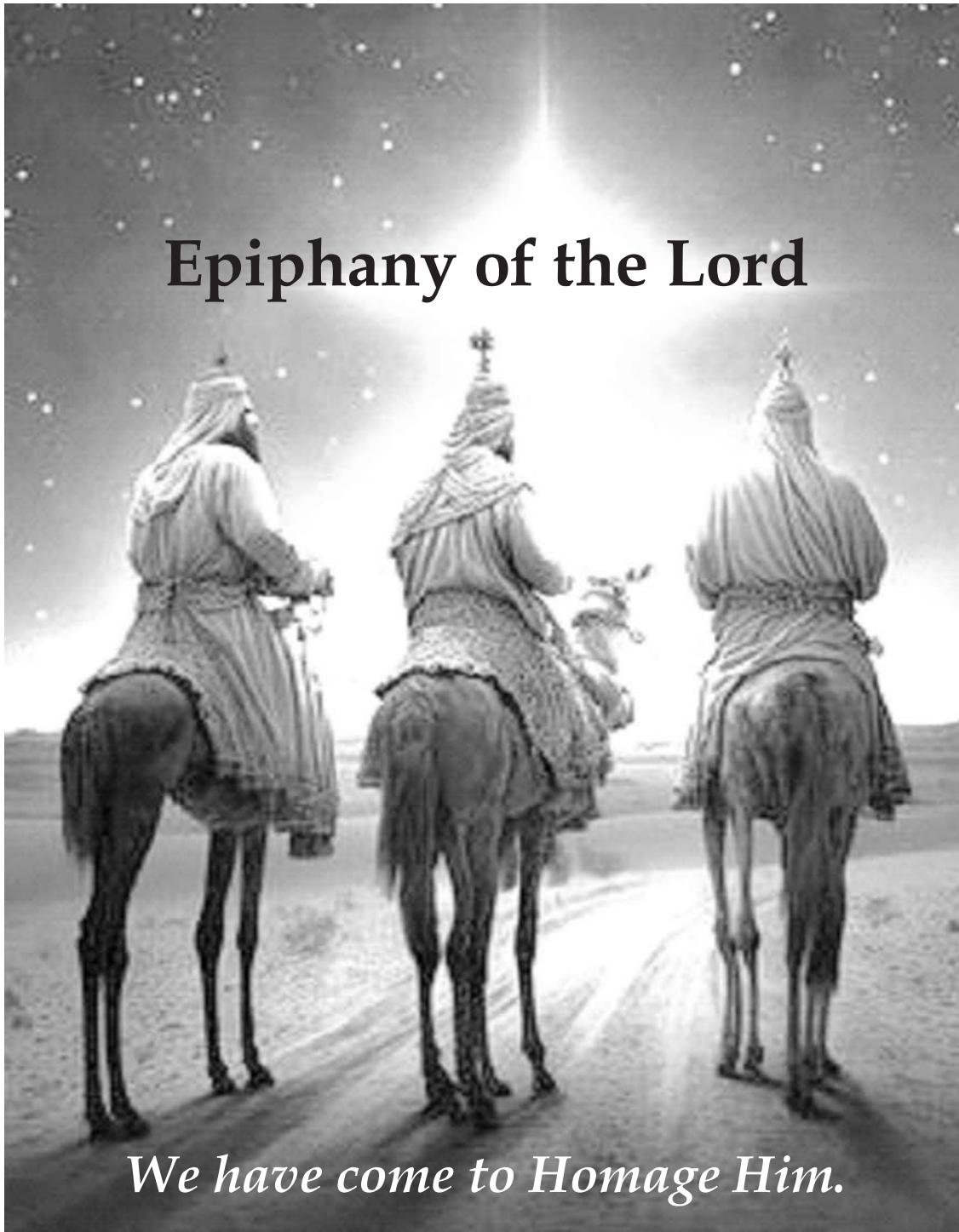
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CLERGY

Father Wieslaw Berdowicz S.Chr., Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 01-04

10:00 a.m. +Jack Glazier
 12:00 p.m. +Henryk Mieczkowski
 7:00p.m. For Parishioners

Monday 01-05

8:15 a.m. +Wanda Paciorek

Tuesday 01-06

7:00p.m. +Bronislaw Witkos (from Rodzina Szufranowicz)

Wednesday 01-07

8:15a.m. 1.) ++Cosmo & Natalina Maugeri
 +Iolanda Maugeri-Hall
 2.) ++Annunziato & Vincenza Furfaro
 (from Stella Beltrame)

Thursday 01-08

7:00p.m. 1.) For graces for all the members of the
 Hoffbauer Family

Friday 01-09

8:15a.m. ++Valentino & Bruna Girardi
 7:00p.m. 1.) +Janina Bialek
 2.) Intencja znana Panu Bogu

Saturday 01-10

8:15 a.m. +Jack Glazier
 7:00 p.m. +Suzy Severino

LITURGICAL SERVERS**Saturday 01-03 7:00 p.m. -altar servers**

-Lector: A. Marchione-Faragher
 -E.O.M. A. Marchione-Faragher

Sunday 01-04 10:00 a.m. - altar servers:

-Lector: A. Sanvido
 - E. O. M. A. Maiocco/P. Stradiotto
 - Ushers: R. Saretta, P.L. Ndemanu, M. Veroni

Sunday 01-04 12:00 p.m. - ministrants:

- Lektorzy: J. Zylkowski/B. Gonczar
 - Kolektorzy: W. Rzeznik/M. Babol/T. Wrzalka

Sunday 01-04 7:00p.m. - altar servers:

-Lector: P. Grierson
 - E. O. M.: M. Trent

NEXT SUNDAY**Sunday 01-11**

10:00 a.m. +Jack Glazier
 12:00 p.m. ++Eugenia & Adolf Kamyk
 7:00p.m. +Stanislaw Palczewski

IN THE NEXT WEEK IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PRIESTS

Monday 01-05- Rev. Mark Morley
 Tuesday 01-06- Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
 Wednesday 01-07- Diocesan Priests
 Thursday 01-08- Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.
 Friday 01-09- Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
 Saturday 01-10- Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 21 \$ 2,933.00
Loose Collection: \$ 580.20
Chalice \$ 355.00
Flowers Collection: \$ 230.00

Candles	\$ 190.50
Christmas Collection:	\$ 6,285.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 1,763.90
Sunday Collection: December 28	\$ 2,440.00
Loose Collection:	\$ 696.60

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations

Imagine being so full of wisdom that you see something before others do. Or having such a close relationship with God that you receive insights that transform your life. Revelations from God are a curious thing in our scientific age, as it respects the laws of reason (often working within them) but is not limited by them.

Often the stars in the sky will strike us as wonderful examples of the beauty of creation. For some of us these stars provide information (such as for those who use them as a means of navigation). Consider for a moment seeing in those stars a message that will change all of human history. This is what happened to the wise men in today's Gospel.

If the stars can provide an external source of information, perhaps our dreams and reflection can be an internal source, if we take care that they are not misunderstood. Revelation should always lead us to acts of faith, mercy and love.

Let us be grateful today for the gift of our Saviour and Lord who willingly accepted suffering to liberate us from our difficulties. May we pray today that God will reveal to us insights into our own lives that will change us, just as the wise men were transformed by the message hidden in the stars. *John O'Brien, Oakville, ON*

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**2026**

Sunday 04—The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday 05- St. John Neumann, Bishop

Tuesday 06- St. Andre Bessette

Wednesday 07- St. Raymond of Penyafort

Sunday 11- The Baptism of the Lord

OVERVIEW OF JANUARY 2026

The first eleven days of January fall during the liturgical season known as Christmas which is represented by the liturgical color white (and gold) — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

The remaining days of January are the beginning of liturgical season known as Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time (formerly Time After Epiphany), which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2026

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

2026 LITURGICAL CALENDARS

Please help yourself with any remaining calendars. English only remained.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. George Council presents a new event (Winterfest Porchetta Dinner). **Saturday, January 24, 2026.** Adults \$30.00 per ticket. More information to follow.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

On behalf of the parish, we would like to thank Deacon Bert Tami for his touching definition of Christmas Presence to Anna Mandolesi and Julien Mason for the beautiful sound and music provided, lifting our spirits high. And to the Knight of Columbus for their diligent work for this event and other events in the church. And thank you for attending and your donation of \$ 355.00 towards the Chalice Christmas fund.

GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Leaving a gift to the Church in your Will is a profound way to return to the Lord a share of the blessings you received during your life. A bequest to the Church helps accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ. As the Church was there for you in your lifetime, you can now provide for your Church's future ministry and maintenance.

Three common types of bequests are:

1. RESIDUARY BEQUEST: Once your loved ones have been looked after, you may wish to leave the rest of your estate to your Parish.

2. GENERAL BEQUEST: Should you wish to leave Sacred Heart Parish a specific dollar amount, a certain asset or a percentage of your estate.

3. CONTINGENCY BEQUEST: Helps you leave a portion of your estate to Sacred Heart Parish if a named beneficiary does not survive you.

Please remember your Parish, Sacred Heart, Guelph in Your Will. It is only through your generosity that we can maintain and upkeep our beautiful historic building.

PARISH OPLATEK - CONVIVAL GATHERING



Sunday, January 18th, 2026—11:00am-4:00pm in the school gym.

We invite the Parish Community to join in Sharing of Oplatek **IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE A HOMEMADE DISH OF FOOD, IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU!**

THE BREAKING OF THE OPLATEK

One of the most beautiful and most revered Polish customs is the "breaking of the oplatek." The use of the Christmas wafer (oplatek) is practiced not only by native Poles in Poland, but by people all over the world whose ancestors came from Poland. The "oplatek" is a thin wafer, made of flour and water.

On Christmas eve, the whole family gathers and waits impatiently for the appearance of the first star. With its first gleam, they all approach a table covered with hay and a snow-white tablecloth. A vacant chair and a place setting is reserved for the unexpected guest. The father or eldest member of the family reaches for the wafer, breaks it in half and gives one half to the mother. Then each of them breaks a small part of each other's piece and, after a warm kiss, they wish each other long life, good health, joy and happiness, not only for the holiday season, but for the coming year and for many years to come. Now the same ceremony is repeated between father and their children, as well as among the children, then, with relatives and even strangers, if they happen to be present. The ceremony is over, they all sit down to a tasty, though meatless supper, after which they sing kolendy (Christmas carols and pastorals) until the time for Midnight Mass, also known as "Pasterka." Sometimes, the oplatek is sent, in a greeting card, to loved ones away from home.

RELAX FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Support Guelph & Area Right to Life with a \$5,000 donation and receive a 6-night, 7-day stay at a private residence in Puerto Morelos, Mexico, just steps from the Caribbean Sea. This luxury property features multiple bedrooms, a private pool, rooftop terrace, and access to local churches. Proceeds support life-affirming work in our community. For details, call 519-836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Magi of the East prostrated themselves and did Him homage . . . they opened their coffers and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In Christ the Magi recognized that definitive Gift which the Eternal Father makes to man. The gift of his Son, the gift of the Eternal Son. Through this gift, man rediscovers the epiphany of the Living God and bears it within himself. The Eternal Son has given mankind the power to "become children of God." He has given this power as a Brother to brethren. He has revealed and continually reveals the Father in those whom "the Father has given Him for an inheritance. Man who bears the epiphany of the Living God in himself lives a new life. He knows that he has to produce fruits. He knows that he must respond to the Gift with a gift. Therefore do everything that you can so that the people to whom you are sent may believe that they are epiphany of the Living God. Do all you can that they may respond with a gift for the Gift, that they may bring gifts of gold, incense and myrrh.

Pope John Paul II

WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH

Our Parish is an ethnic Parish. Our Parishioners are those who are formally registered at our Church. Please note that we are not able to issue any reference or letters of eligibility to non-parishioners. Are you formally registered at the Parish? Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket on Sunday. Alternatively, you can call the parish office to update your file or register. 519-822-8944.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REGISTER?

PLEASE COMPLETE FORM AND DEPOSIT IN THE COLLECTION OR HAND IN TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Family Name _____

First Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Email address _____

Sunday Offering Envelopes: Yes----- No-----

Tax receipts available for your donations. Please obtain envelopes at the Office. Tax receipts for all donations over \$20 are issued every January.

We encourage all the members of Sacred Heart Parish who have not registered yet to fill out the registration form. Being a Registered Parishioner is helpful in future requirements related to religious life.



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