



Sat. Jan. 5

5:00pm +**Liberato & Ersilia Marinelli**

Sun. Jan. 6

8:00am +**Cosimo & Vincenzo Femia & Maria**

Teresa Agostino

9:15am **For The People of the Parish**

10:30am +**Massimino Capone**

12:00 noon +**Vincenzo & Domenica Congiusti**

Mon. Jan. 7

5:00pm +**Giuseppe Polito**

Wed. Jan. 9 +**Diane & Bill Antonini**

Feast Days This Week

Mon. Jan. 7 – **St. Andre Bessette**, religious

Tues. Jan. 8 – **St. Raymond of Penneyafort**, priest

Sat. Jan. 12 – **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**, religious

Advent-Christmas-Epiphany

The four weeks of Advent that we have celebrated has two main stages: up to December 16, the main emphasis in the Liturgy was on the coming of Christ in final judgment, and on our preparation in joyful hope. The closing days of Advent directed us toward the coming of the Son of God among us as one of us. Truly God and truly human, Jesus has come in love to save us, to make us the people of God, and through us, to continue His work of praising the Father and saving the world.

Our celebration of Christmas centres on the great truth of the incarnation; God loves us so much and sent the Son to be one of us, that we might believe and love and have eternal life. The eternal Son of God, our brother, crucified and risen, seated at the right hand of the Father, sending His Spirit to us, and living among us; this is the Lord we celebrate at Christmas.

The Epiphany concludes the Christmas cycle as we celebrate the ways in which God's love is manifested or revealed to us through His Son Jesus. As His Church, we are to continue to be the light of the nations, revealing God's love in Christ through our lives as His followers. The Christmas cycle ends with the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

Epiphany

This feast comes from the East, and may date back to the second century. Like the later Western feast of Christmas, it celebrates the Incarnation and work of the Son of God among us. In the East, it is not limited to the visit of the wise men, but involves the Incarnation, Birth, Manifestation and Baptism of the Lord. During the fourth century, the West adopted

this feast and the East accepted Christmas. On the Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that God makes to the world in Jesus Christ. He is the image of the God whom we cannot see. He is the light of the world and leads us back to the Father.

Epiphany Blessing

God has called you out of darkness, into His wonderful light. May you experience His kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, hope and in love. Because you are followers of Christ, who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness, may He make you a light to all your sisters and brothers. The wise men followed the star, and found Christ who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.

Knights of Columbus –will have their General Meeting on Monday, January 7th at St. Andrews School at 7:45pm

Children's Liturgy - The Children's Liturgy Program will resume on Jan. 12/13/19.

Prayer Meeting - The Prayer Meeting will begin again on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30 in the Chapel. Please feel free to join in an evening of praise and worship.

Bible Study - The Bible Study will resume on Saturday, January 19th at 9:30am in the Chapel.

Catechism classes for First Reconciliation and First Communion – will resume on Saturday, Jan.12. Public & Private School Confirmation classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 at Pope Francis CES. You must be registered to attend. We have two classes. Class one runs from 7pm to 8pm and class 2 runs from 8pm to 9pm. Please contact stpadrepiocatechism@gmail.com if unsure of your time.

Offertory Envelopes for 2019 are in the Vestibule. Envelopes are sorted by envelope number. If you don't know or remember your envelope number, there are lists available by the envelope boxes. The lists are in alphabetical order with your envelope number beside your name. If you are new to the parish and would like to start using envelopes, please ask one of the ushers to get you a new box.

Winter – Please note that we have been notified by Landscape Ontario that there will be a shortage of salt this coming winter. We will do our best to keep the snow and ice away from all steps and

walkways. Please be careful when walking on the property and be safe!

Website Prayer Line – Our parish receives on average 10 prayer requests per day from people all over the world who are in need of urgent prayer. These prayer requests are given to our parishioners who volunteer to pray for these requests. If you are interested in becoming a part of this valuable ministry, please contact Anna Catallo through the Parish Office at 905-893-7879.

Memorial Tree – Please remember to remove your ornaments from the Memorial Tree this weekend.

Help to take down the decorations – The Christmas season ends next weekend with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will be taking down the decorations at 1pm, after the 12 noon Mass. If you can help, please be at the church in the Narthex at 1pm.

Longo Gift Cards – Longo gift cards are available. You can purchase the cards from the parish store in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25. For each purchase, Longo's will donate back to our Mortgage Fund. These make excellent gifts for your family, friends or employees. Please contact Maria at ext. 201.

Procedures for Marriage Arrangements - Couples planning to be married must contact the priest at least one year in advance. This is an Archdiocesan law and applies to all parishes. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish. If either party has previously gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Archbishop's office has been consulted. Once a date has been set with the church, then the other arrangements, such as the rental of a hall etc., can be made. In preparation for the marriage, the Catholic party should be attending Sunday Mass each week. The couple will also receive personal preparation for entering marriage through a Marriage Preparation program. Finally, the couple should remember that they are preparing mainly for a marriage, not a wedding. A wedding lasts one day, but marriage lasts forever!

Baptism – Our next Baptism preparation class will be held on Monday, January 7th at 7:30pm in the Chapel for the parents and Godparents of the children being baptized in January.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries

(Monday and Saturday)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

(Thursday)

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The First Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday and Friday)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries

(Wednesday and Sunday)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Crowning of Mary

Stained Glass Windows – Only 4 portions left!

Feeding the 5,000 – 4 portions available

The window will be sold in 10 portions at a cost of \$6,500 per portion. A plaque will be placed below the window, once your portion has been paid in full.

This is a wonderful way to honour those who are still living or to remember those who have died. For more information, please contact the office at 905-893-7879.