

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

For St. Matthew, the story the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the Resurrection. God revealed Himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, St. Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox: the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come, and with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore Him. There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed – the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of the Gentiles too, the Saviour of the whole human race! The Second Reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Jesus Christ.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	
Monday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	-	-	-
Tuesday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christmas</i>	12 pm	+ <i>Reta Ertel</i>	By Paul & Sharon
Wednesday, January 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christmas</i>	12 pm 4 pm	+ <i>Leonard Hergott</i> + <i>(Linwood) Margaret Karley</i>	By Gloria Hergott By The Estate
Thursday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christmas</i>	8 am	+ <i>John Hinschberger</i>	By Mary Haffner & family
Friday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. André Bessette</i>	8 am	+ <i>William Haffner</i>	By Alice Poudrier
Saturday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>	5 pm	+ <i>Irene Detzler</i> + <i>William Haffner</i>	By Pam Ringrose & family By Charles & Rose Moser
Sunday, January 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9 am 11 am	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i> <i>Missa Pro Populo (Linwood)</i>	

**Our Saint of the Week: The Most Holy Name of Jesus** – although Saint Paul might claim credit for promoting devotion to the Holy Name because Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name”, this devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan. St. Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century. In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church. Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the

Son of God. The name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to Him, we are, therefore, all related to one another.

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY – HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES - The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES – The Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. The Youth Ministry office is now accepting applications for Youth Ministry Certification with courses beginning in January. For more information visit the Hamilton Diocese learns web page: <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: (905) 528-7988 ext. 2339 or [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com).

VOCATION SEEDS – Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON PRAYER CALENDAR – Please remember the following in your prayers: Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Rev. Vivek Trindade, Diocesan Priests, Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R., Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R., Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R..

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION – Will be printed next week. Thank you for your patience.