

Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions



for the Week

January 6 - January 11, 2020

Mon. Jan. 6 th	8am	+Vincenzo DiSanto
Tues. Jan 7 th	8am	+Gino Marroccoli
Wed. Jan 8 th	8am	+Patrick & Eulalie Kinney, +Toni Pfeiffer
Thurs. Jan 9 th	8am	+Steve O'Hara
Fri. Jan. 10 th	8am	+Mike McCartney
Sat. Jan. 11 th	9am	+Wanda & Vincent Olczak

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Letters and enrolment forms for First Communion and Confirmation are available after mass from either priest or Sandra. Be sure to get the letter as there is a lot of information in it. **Please do not ask an usher or go to the office during the week for the forms.** Return the completed form to Fr. Frank, Fr. Eduardo or Sandra after a weekend mass before February 2, 2020 to ensure enrolment in our program.

OLG - A CLASS ACT

We have been hearing in a round about way from neighbours that their driveways were being blocked by parishioners coming to mass.

Over Christmas eve and day, the priest who was not saying the mass took a walk five minutes after mass began down Catherine St. and along Spruce to Maple. At no mass was there anyone impeding the entrance of any home. I found this a bit extraordinary considering some of the crowds that we had.

Thank you to one and all for their ongoing cooperation with our neighbours in this time of transition.

ROOTED YOUTH MINISTRY

The next meeting for Rooted is on Friday, January 10 at 6:30pm in Catherine House. An invitation is extended to all young people grade 6 to 9 to come out and be part of the time of reflection and fun.

Yes, you can bring a friend even if they are not part of the parish and one does not have to commit to come all of the time. Just come and see and you may be surprised that this is, in fact, somewhere you want to be.

EUCHRE

All are invited on Mondays at 1pm to the sacristy for an afternoon of euchre. The room is on the first floor of Catherine house - there is no need to climb stairs.

There is a minimal admission which covers the cost of a prize and incidentals. Euchre happens every Monday, except those that are part of a long weekend.

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

There is a blood donation event on Monday, January 20th from 2 - 7pm at the Aurora Legion, 105 Industrial Parkway North. Walk-Ins are welcome or book ahead at Blood.ca

PLEASE DO THIS LITTLE BIT OF HOMEWORK TODAY

Go to your new box of envelopes and write your name and address on the first couple of January's envelopes. Once that is done there is no need to worry about putting your name on any further envelopes for this year.

THE READING PROGRAM

You may remember that back in September we were looking for parishioners who would be willing to read in our schools. This is a simple ministry to build self esteem.

We have over 25 readers in three of our schools. They go weekly and have a designated child they read to for 20 to 30 minutes. The child can pick the book and their reader reads to them.

Some children find school a challenge and the expectations that are part of school at times difficult. Their reader comes and they have this oasis when nothing is expected of them other than that they sit and enjoy having someone read to them.

We are proud of how well this program is doing and are deeply grateful to our schools for working in conjunction with us to make this happen.

We will be recruiting new readers over the summer and early fall.

PLEASE TAKE A BULLETIN HOME – January 4/5, 2020

THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL

This may have been the most challenging Christmas here at OLG. Uprooted and in a smaller space everything still unfolded at Christmas in a good and generous way. Thank you to all of the many people who have been part of the effort of allowing us to celebrate well. Our music people were all in fine fettle and all of the other ministries were covered with ease.

The parishioners seemed prepared to roll with whatever challenges came our way in the smaller space. The people of this parish were extraordinarily generous in their best wishes and acts of kindness at Christmas and this thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by all who work here at Our Lady of Grace Parish.

Leading up to Christmas those with financial struggles were well cared for by the St. Vincent de Paul in cooperation with other ministries in our town. Parishioners went out caroling at a local nursing home and our schools were involved in any number of endeavours as we prepared for Christmas.

Thanks, of course, goes to our parish team who each in their own and generous way have worked hard to bring us to and through the Christmas season.

May the year ahead be rich in blessings and may our next year find us worshipping in our church proper.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SKATING



Join us on Sunday, February 2, from 5-7pm at the Aurora Community Centre on Aurora Heights Drive, behind the Shopper's Drug Mart. (This is a different location from other years).

People of all ages are invited to come out, families, couples, individuals. Bring your friends even if they are not part of the parish, they are welcome too.

This is just a chance to come together and build friendships in the parish. There will be hot dogs and hot chocolate available. There is no cost involved, just come and have fun.

PLAYGROUP

The playgroup will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 9:30am to 11:00am.

An invitation is extended to all parents, grandparents or care givers to come out with the pre-schoolers that are in your care. There is no need to register and there is no cost, just good healthy friendship among people of the parish and others who may wish to come out and be part of the ministry. Bring a friend, especially if they see stepping out like this as a bit challenging.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The books for 2019 are now closed. Thank you to all who shared their financial resources with the parish during the year.

We have been particularly happy to see the response to the third phase of the parish capital campaign. A great number of people have responded in many different ways to the campaign.

Envelopes for the year 2020 are by the doors for you to pick up. You do not need the same envelope number as last year. Just identify yourself on the first couple of envelopes used during the year.

Please avoid the temptation to use up the envelopes from 2019 since your donation will be applied to whoever has that number for this year.

We always have pre-authorized forms available for those who would prefer to go that route. It is the preferred choice for over two hundred households in the parish.

If you have been observant of the temporary plaque of those who have made a sacrificial commitment to the parish renovation program you will be aware that there are names being added regularly.

We recognize that not all can do this but we thank all of those who have made this particular effort. We will continue to add names until whatever debt that may be incurred because of renovations is defrayed.

As we expected attendance is down somewhat since we have been in the hall and with it the income to the parish. The downturn is not severe, but it is significant. As of the end of 2019 we have yet to borrow any money, though we will probably need to, early in the new year.