

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions



for the Week

January 7th to January 12th, 2019

Mon. Jan. 7 th	8am	+Maurice Malone
Tues. Jan. 8 th	8am	+Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
Wed. Jan. 9 th	8am	+Aldo Valente
Thurs. Jan. 10 th	8am	+Mike McCartney
Fri. Jan. 11 th	8am	+William Charles Bradley
Sat. Jan. 12 th	9am	+Maurice Malone

NEW ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2019 are available after mass today near the exits. Thank you to everyone for their faithful support of the parish.

Any excess income that we have in 2019 will be used to defray the costs of our renovations.

MARK THE DATE FOR THE SKATING PARTY



Sunday, January 20th, 2019,
1-4pm at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex on Industrial Pkwy N. Following skating at 3pm we have booked an activity room to serve hot chocolate and hot dogs. Skate time and refreshments are free.

OUR LADY OF GRACE PLAYGROUP

We hope to see you all on January 8th when we resume our Tuesday morning playgroup from 9:30 am - 11:30 am in Lynett Hall.

FIRST COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

We have first communions this weekend and many weekends leading up to Ash Wednesday. We are trying to accommodate those families who would prefer to not have their first communion in the hall after Easter.

Likewise, Confirmations will be celebrated earlier than usual on March 2 and 3. We congratulate all of the young people and their families at this special time in the life of the parish.

UNBELIEVABLE!

The response of this parish to the Jesse Tree should be a source of pride for each and every member of the parish.

The three charities we use are each focused on the nitty gritty of keeping body and soul and in the case of Rose of Sharon, families together. It is a lovely thought that we have been there to help the struggling folks in the immediacy of their lives with warm, dry socks, a meal or support with meeting the daily demands of life. Thank you for your excellent support.

MISSALS

Missals are now available in the vestibule by the office on Sundays and there and in the office during the week. The offer stands throughout the year that there is one free missal per household with additional missals costing \$5.00.

We hope the missals afford you the opportunity to either reflect on the readings in the week following mass or to read them in anticipation of the coming liturgy.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Thank you to all the parishioners who purchased Christmas Poinsettias this year. Over \$600 was raised in support of our charities!

Aurora Council 6519 won the award for Best Service Club Float in the 2018 Santa Under the Stars Parade. Thank you to all those who helped prepare the float and also walk in the parade. To learn more about the Santa Maria, visit <http://kofcaurora.ca/videos>

The Council also donated \$5000 to the Aurora Food Pantry, made possible in part due to our participation in charitable gaming fundraising at Bingo World in Newmarket.



A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM THE PASTOR

The great feast has come and now we celebrate these last days of the Christmas season.

Christmas in a parish is a wonderful thing. The care of the poor by the Saint Vincent de Paul working with Welcoming Arms reminds all of us how important the poor are if we are to understand this feast well. This work reminds us that the churches' fundamental option is always for the poor.

The many, many details of the season are beautifully covered by the people with a commitment to liturgy in different ways. Thank you to all who made decorations and brought in poinsettias of remembrance.

The music and planning for the season all take extra time and commitment by those involved and we thank them for their care and support.

It would be somewhat missing the significance of the effort without a thank you to the pastoral team and support staff of the parish who take on so many tasks quietly and seamlessly to make this time of the year flow so easily.

There are those kind folks who send greetings and express their appreciation through gestures of generosity. Thank you to each and every one of them for their kindness.

With these busy liturgies I must say that the spirit of welcome by all parishioners to those who come to celebrate the birth of Christ with us is truly encouraging as it communicates how important welcoming is in the proclamation of Christ.

We are on to a new year. A very busy year here at Our Lady of Grace Parish. Let us meet the challenges that come our way with the eagerness born out of hope and trust in God's presence in our lives in every season.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED

Since our PAG drive in November we have had twelve parishioners sign-up for PAG for the first time and two existing PAG contributors increase their monthly donations. Thank you for considering this method of giving to your parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXCELLENT COOPERATION

The theme in a time of construction in a parish centers around one word: adapt, adapt, adapt.

As far as the parish goes your cooperation in this time of adapting has been for the most part great. People are taking all of the little inconveniences in stride.

I believe the physically agile are parking off of Maple St. in the north parking lot and leaving the south parking lot off of Catherine St. for those who may need the ramp to come and go.

Pretty well everyone now knows that the washrooms in Lynett are available during this time of renovation. The many groups and ministries have settled in to the second floor of the Catherine St. house.

We are coasting, (hopefully), from now until Easter when there will be a number of new challenges to adapt to.

Thank you to everyone for their excellent cooperation in this challenging time.

WHERE ARE WE AT IN CONSTRUCTION?

MRP, our construction company, is moving forward effectively. All demolition at the front of the church is complete as well as most of the excavation on the north side. The company is working on footings and foundations.

There have been some small snags but no great problems. The company, since they have been allowed on site with the proper municipal permits, has been able to keep pretty close to schedule.

Let's all hope for an easy winter so that they can keep on the task with little interference.

TWO LITTLE NEW YEARS' EXERCISES

After you have read the bulletin, go and get the remainder of your 2018 box of envelopes and put it in the blue box.

Then take one minute to take the first two envelopes in your 2019 box of envelopes and write your name and full address, including postal code.

If you record on two consecutive envelopes then Nancy will have your number for 2019 coordinated with your name for the coming year.