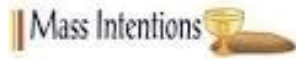


FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – January 8, 2017



Monday, January 9th	9:00 a.m.	Marcel Dignard
Tuesday, January 10th	7:00 p.m.	Matilda Ouellette
Wednesday, January 11th	7:00 p.m.	Mary and Walter Cotter
Thursday, January 12th	7:00 p.m.	Rufin Maillet
Friday, January 13th	12:00 p.m.	Mr. And Mrs Victor Badeau and DFM
Saturday, January 14th	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Thomas Bonner
Sunday, January 15th	9:00 a.m.	Alice Arsenault
Sunday, January 15th	11:00 a.m.	Doreen Ferris

Weekly Thoughts

<p>My Friends, Our Christmas Season concludes on Monday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we then go into Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, on March 1st.</p> <p>I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of you who remembered me this Christmas. I was overwhelmed by your cards, gifts, money, food, candy, clothing CD's and booze! I felt totally blessed and appreciated but most importantly validated by your kindnesses. Thanks to each of you for making Christmas 2016 so special for me. I am humbled by your thoughtfulness and love.</p> <p>This weekend we celebrate Epiphany or Little Christmas. Let me share with you a little bit of Church history on this, the Solemnity of Epiphany. It is older than Christmas and was ranked with Easter and Pentecost as a prime feast day. In Greek the word means a "showing" or a "manifestation" of God's love, such as that of the Sonship of Jesus to the Gentiles in the visit of the Wise</p>	<p>Men to Bethlehem. As we have been let in on the "secret" of who Jesus is, Lord and Savior of all, let us share that Good News, the Gospel Message of Jesus' saving death for us and His desire to share with us the Kingdom of God. Let us manifest, let us show forth the love of Jesus, the child in Bethlehem, as our Lord and Savior.</p> <p>Finally, let me conclude by expressing my hope for a wonderful year at St. Rose of Lima in 2017. We are a vibrant faith community because of so many people sharing their gifts, talents and money.</p> <p>Thanks again to all who helped with decorations, music, liturgies, clean up, ushers, lectors, greeters, servers, choirs. You have all helped to make Christmas special to all our parishioners.. I am so proud of how beautifully the Church was decorated and the generosity of so many for the poinsettias, etc.</p> <p>I am proud to be your Pastor and thankful to everyone who makes our Parish so beautiful. Stay Blessed, Fr. Gerry</p>
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Something to Think About

- 1) As you get older, you've got to say positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of being upset, I just thought "Wow. That's the fastest I've moved in years."
- 2) In 2017, Be Grateful for every second of every day you get to spend with the people you love. Life is so very precious.
- 3) Even in your darkest days, you should be strong, because things will get better. It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.
- 4) Be happy with nothing and you will be happy with everything.
- 5) The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.
- 6) Never allow someone to be your priority while allowing yourself to be their option.
- 7) The biggest communication problem is that we don't listen to understand. We listen to reply.

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: William “Bill” Gilchrist, Lynne McCarthy Heffernan, Joan Burke, William Alexander “Mickey” Pothier, Loretta Cormier

Stewardship for the week ending January 1st 2017

Sunday	2313.00
New Year’s	1753.55
Loose (Combined)	338.80
Initial Offering	663.00
Pre-Authorized Debit	439.90
Total	5508.25

In Memoriam Joan Burke
Mother of:
Diana, Denise, Roy, Johnny and Bobby
Sister of 15 siblings
Grandmother of Twelve
Great-grandmother of Twenty

Upcoming Events

Saturday Soup - Join us every Saturday evening at 5 pm in Holy Trinity’s Family Centre, 11 Canon Street. Enjoy a meal of soup, rolls, dessert, tea & coffee. Cost: Donation.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISHIONERS invite you to a Mass to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the sinking of Pilot Boat No. 1, January 14, 1957. Please join us at the 11:30 a.m., Mass on Sunday, January 15, 2017, in St. John the Baptist Church; a Reception will follow in the Church Hall.

Religious Education Classes resume this Sunday, January 8th from 9:30 to 10:45am at Saint Rose School.

Christmas Undecorating: The Christmas Season will finish on Monday, so please join us, if you are able, to take down the decorations at 10:00 AM on Monday January 9th. Thanks again to those who donated so generously to both the flowers and the festive beauty of St. Rose.

Revitalization of our Diocese ~ On behalf of the Diocese of Saint John and the Catholic Leadership Institute, Fr. John Jennings will be writing a series of articles about the Disciple Maker Index Survey results and the process of revitalization in our Diocese. Articles and information about the revitalization process will appear in the New Freeman and will be posted on a website that can be accessed through a link on the Diocesan website. A Facebook page entitled ***Revitalizing our Diocese*** is also available for people to access information.

New Envelopes: If you have envelopes for the first time (you have not previously had envelopes at St. Rose or were given an unlabelled box), please make sure you fill in your name and address for the next couple of weeks. **PAD forms** are on the table at the back of the Church for those who would like to consider that option.

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of Fred Hazel

We are now taking reservations for the Sanctuary Lamp for 2017. If you would like to have the Lamp lit in honour of your loved ones, please check at the office for an available date.