

# Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2019

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## Life Journey To The King

The word "epiphany" means "the showing forth" or the "shining forth" of Jesus to the world, as the light and life of the entire cosmos, for all time. But we modern Christians don't understand how this "big reveal" of Jesus as a helpless baby is a shock right from the start, because it is the last thing the Jews expected their Messiah to be.

Like many of us, the Jews of Jesus' time seemed unable to get beyond the visible, to the Invisible. But the Wise Men say: God lies here in the flesh! Christ has finally appeared as the light of all nations, and the salvation of the whole creation! The Magi symbolize those of us who have eyes to see, who rush to bow down in wonder and gratitude, offering our gifts with humility. As the bumper sticker says, "Wise men (and women) still seek him."

Humility is the foundation of any true community: a marriage, a small prayer group, a parish or the entire Church. Only by facing the whole truth about ourselves can we serve others with compassion and honesty. So when we picture the wealthy and privileged Magi, bowing down in homage, bringing precious gifts to this tiny Baby, we see how it should always be for Christians—a life of service, but not as in the world, with the poor bowing and scraping to the rich. Jesus again turns the tables!

Finally, although the Magi prepared for their journey, it had a surprise twist. They planned to return to Herod, but were warned in a dream not to. So they returned to their home country "by another route." How many times have we had a life plan, when we had to "take another route." Maybe it is a surprise visitor, an unplanned child, a proposal, an illness, a new job. Then we can only trust—as God leads us on a "detour", taking us home by a route we might not have chosen.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, Gene Leclair, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Mike Makarenko, Delorus Lee, Aurora Pereira, Dawn Epaarachchi, George Davies, Gracie Formby, Jim O'Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, Pat Horbay, Bernadette Leclair, Mabel O'Donnell, Dario Dira, Carol Armstrong, Rejeanne Lajoie, George Blakey, Lily Gallant, Lucy Gallant, Carol LeBlanc, Corry Van Den Brand, Roy Gregory, Jenna Faykosh, Artemio Abrogena, Sue Broerken, Roy MacLeod, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Cheryl McDonald, Andrea Haley, Louise Jones, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Vera McAleese, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Filippina Signorelli, Mary Kennedy, Rosa Santos, Buena Lipat Carandang, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O'Brien, Peter & Carolyn Goertzen, all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

### Parishioners who registered in December 2018

Leonard & Irene Courville-Duda, Julio Perez-Vertti & Ingrid Hernandez, Rosa & Eduardo Alvarado, Ebot & Roshan Perera. **Welcome to Precious Blood Parish!**  
**Baptized in December**  
Vince Carter Hernandez—Welcome to the Christian Community



**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** A very blessed and happy New Year to all. CATCH UP 1st Communion students First Reconciliation was Sat, Jan. 5 at 10 AM. Regular PREP classes resume on Wednesday, January 9



Happy New Year all! We are in search of committed Catholic adults (18+) to help grow our ministry. We are looking for people with enthusiasm, a commitment to serve others & dedication. Email pbyouth@telus.net if you or anyone you know are interested.

**PRECIOUS BLOOD YOUNG ADULTS** group is a parish-based community of 18 to 30 year olds who seek to draw closer to Christ and his church through prayer, friendship, discussion, study and service. Email preciousbloodyoungadults@gmail.com for more info on events and to participate.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)** is back after the holidays this Wednesday, January 9 @ 6:30 pm in the Cenacle Room. Our topic is "Mary the Mother of God". We will discuss the five main doctrines the Church teaches about Mary. Join us if you can. All welcome to sit in.

**TUESDAY NIGHT PARISH PRAYER GROUP** will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 15 in the Columbus Room. For more information about this group, please contact Fr. Paul Chu or email him at pchu@rcav.org.



**MEN'S FAITH STUDY** We have resumed meeting on Saturday mornings, 7:45 –8:45 am in the Parish Centre. Email Darren Friesen @ darrenxfriesen@gmail.com for more information or to participate..



**K of C GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER** This week's balance for the benefit of the Building fund is at \$4,615.

**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, January 13 after 9 & 11 am Masses. Come meet your brothers and sisters in the Parish and fellowship with one another. Breakfast is by donation.



**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL)** we will have our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 PM. Join us and find out what we're about.

### Read the Bible in One Year

Follow the suggested readings daily for 365 days to read the complete Catholic Bible.

WEEK 45/46

SUN	Ezekiel 8-10; Sirach 28:13-26; John 19:23-42
MON	Ezekiel 11-13; Sirach 29:1-13; John 20
TUE	Ezekiel 14-16; Sirach 29:14-28; John 21
WED	Ezekiel 17-18; Sirach 30:1-13; 1 John 1
THU	Ezekiel 19-20; Sirach 30:14-25; 1 John 2
FRI	Ezekiel 21-22; Sirach 31:1-15; 1 John 3
SAT	Ezekiel 23-24; Sirach 31:16-31; 1 John 4



### HOLY HOUR & FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

on **January 11 at 2-3 PM.** Spend an hour of you time in the loving Presence of our Lord so as to receive the graces which flow from the Eucharistic Jesus.  
"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament."

St. John Vianney

## AROUND THE PARISH

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING** will meet on January 15 at 7 PM. Let Father Paul know if you have any topics you would like the council to discuss.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR NEEDED** Our Parish is in need of a coordinator for the Vacation Bible School Program. This is a 5-day, 9-12 interactive program for children 4-11 years old that runs during the summer. For more information or if interested to volunteer, please call the Parish Office.

**VESTIBULE EXPANSION** Please continue to pray and support this endeavour. Thank you to everyone who supported our 2018 Project Advance campaign and donated to the Building Fund. We will continue to raise funds for this project with donations to the Building Fund or to the 2019 Project Advance as well as our Knights of Columbus' Gift Card program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. God bless.

**CLOVERDALE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** hosts their 4th Annual Christmas Tree Chipping and Bottle Drive on Saturday, January 12, 10 AM—3 PM at the Parish Parking Lot. Bring any empty cans & bottles. All proceeds will go directly to the school.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**SERRA CLUB FRASER VALLEY WEST** and IC Delta Parish will have a VOCA-TIONS MASS at 7pm, Thurs., Jan 10. Everyone is welcome. Father Rodney Nootebos is the celebrant. Meeting follows after the Mass in the Gathering Area.

**HOLY CROSS OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, Jan 31. Prospective families are invited to see what makes Holy Cross Regional Secondary School unique. Listen to the Band, conduct experiments in the Science Lab, learn about different athletic opportunities, and so much more. Applications for the 2019/20 school year will be available at this event.

**WINTER INSTITUTE 2019** on Saturday, January 19 at Notre Dame Secondary, 2880 Venables St., Vancouver offers one day courses for ministry training, faith formation and general interest open to all. Cost is \$40 on or before Jan 16; \$45 after Jan 16. Visit <https://rcav.org/oc-winter-institute/> for more information or to register.

**HOW TO SURVIVE IN MARRIAGE WHILE RAISING CHILDREN** Join other parents in our Archdiocese to discuss some of the challenges parents have in keeping marriages strong and healthy. Registered Psychologist Denis Boyd, M.A. will lead this discussion at St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall, 1345 @. 73rd Ave., Vancouver on Feb. 20 @ 7-8:30 pm. Email Sara Ho (sara\_hyho@yahoo.ca) for more information.



For HOSPITAL VISITS, please contact : DEACON RAUL ABELLA @ 778-512-9163

## CATHOLIC SERVICES

<b>Couples for Christ/Migrant Workers Ministry:</b> Cesar/Beth Alejandria-778-389-163 msg 778-574-4390	<b>Vocations Office:</b> 604-443-3254/ vocations@rcav.org <b>Domestic Abuse Help Line:</b> 604-640-7546
<b>Catholic Cemeteries:</b> 604-531-2141	<b>Pro-Life/Crisis Pregnancy:</b> 1-877-889-6626
<b>Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Helpline:</b> 1-855-675-8749 / www.epcc.ca <b>Retrouaille</b> (for troubled marriages): retrouaillevancover.com	<b>Natural Family Planning Services:</b> <b>Billings Method:</b> David /Keely Wray- 604-574-2256 <b>Creighton Method:</b> fertilitycarevancover.ca
<b>Courage</b> (apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction): courage@rcav.org	<b>Encourage</b> (apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction): encourage@rcav.org

### 2019 DONATION BOXES AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

Please pick up your donation boxes for next year's offerings. Please let Rosana in the Parish Office know if you can not find your box.

### Stewardship Reflection

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." Ephesians 3:6

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".