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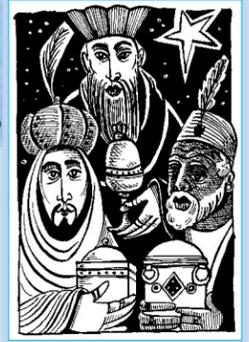


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## Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

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Parish Schedule	
Mon, Jan 04 Mass Intention: <i>Teresa Ng †</i>	<p><b>Due to COVID restrictions MASSES CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION</b></p> <p>(Intentions scheduled for 11 AM Sunday Masses - rescheduled)</p> <p><b>CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER</b></p> <p><b>MON - SAT: 8am-4pm SUNDAYS: 8am-12pm</b></p> <p><b>CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT</b></p> <p><b>4:30 PM Mass LIVE STREAMED Communion Service Times</b></p> <p><b>Saturdays: 5:30-6 pm Sundays: 10-11 am</b></p> <p>Drive thru and walk through options available.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>2021 SUNDAY MISSALS available @ Parish Office</b> 1 for \$4 / 2 for \$7 / 3 for \$10</p> </div>
Tues, Jan 05 Mass Intention: <i>Michele Broerken †</i>	
Wed, Jan 06 Mass Intention: <i>Lisa Arlint †</i>	
Thur, Jan 07 <b>St. André Bessette</b> Mass Intention: <i>Nguyen Vu</i>	
Fri, Jan 08 <b>St. Raymond of Penyafort</b> Mass Intention: <i>Snow Family</i>	
Sat, Jan 09 Mass Intention: <i>Nguyen Vu</i> <b>4:30 PM Mass Intention:</b> <i>Norma KcMar †</i>	
Sun, Jan 10 <b>Baptism of the Lord</b> Mass Intention: <i>Precious Blood Parishioners</i>	

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** • 604.531.2141

**COURAGE** (Apostolate for individuals with same sex attraction) • courage@rcav.org

**DOMESTIC ABUSE HELP LINE** • 604.640.7546

**ENCOURAGE** (Apostolate for family & friends of loved ones with same sex attraction) • encourage@rcav.org

**EUTHANASIA PREVENTION COALITION HELPLINE** • 1.855.675.8749 • www.epcc.ca

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES**  
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### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh...”*  
(Matt. 2:11)

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** sick & shut in; Norman Jansen, Debbie Davis, Mary Deguara, David Thiele, Leandro Rodino Jr., Delorus Lee, Dawn Epaarachchi, Gracie Formby, Jim O’Brien, Velma Cronin, Silvia Gallagher, Helen Gaska, 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, Christopher Lasell, Norah Aucoin, Norma MacInnes, Margaret Mccreadie, Andrea Haley, Brenda Curran, Fran & Maureen, Gary Hopper, Mary Hollman, Catharina Noble, Lori Beaulieu Smith, Angela Todo, Anna-Lisa Bailey, Rosa Santos, Susan Harasyn McEvoy, Maximiliano O’Brien, Ney Antonio Villegas, Katherine, Berna Bradley, Polly Voon, Xenia Mallari, Carolyn, Peter Taillon, Ana Defrias, Richard Jones, Barbara Taylor, Stan Begley, Ed & Eleanor Carrol, Ed Cosico, Joyce Krahnbel, Peter Scott, Gigi Swalehe & Dar Maddatu, Nelly Wiemer (Madeline’s mom) & all sick & shut in of our parish & all in need of our prayers. May our Lord sustain, comfort & heal them through faith.

### VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Seen the greetings on our website yet? Visit [pbparish.ca](http://pbparish.ca) & click  to see them all. Watch especially the **Archbishop’s message** to our parish. Let’s see each other this Christmas VIRTUALLY! Want to have your greeting posted? Email your recording to [office@pbparish.ca](mailto:office@pbparish.ca)

## Have a happy & healthy 2021! Services for New Year’s:

DATE	NEW YEAR’S MASS LIVE STREAM (Not open to public. Doors will be locked)	COMMUNION SERVICE (Drive & walk-through)
Dec 31, Anticipated Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God	4:30 PM	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Jan 1, Mary, the Holy Mother of God	NONE	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Jan 2, Anticipated Mass for Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 PM	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Jan 3, Epiphany of the Lord	NONE	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

### COMMUNION SERVICE AFTER MASS

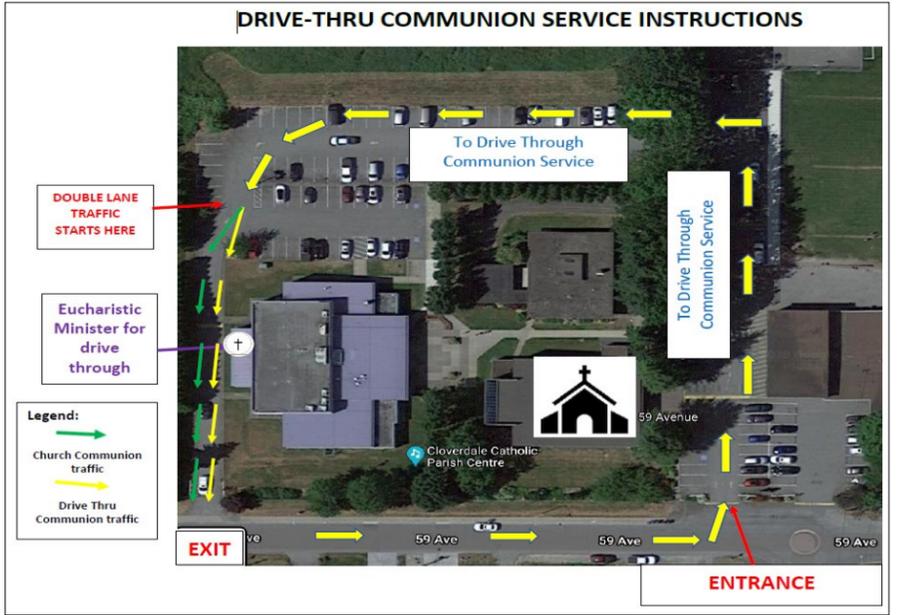
Due to extended restrictions of non-gathering, we will now be making drive-thru or walk-through Communion Service available on weekends and for New Year’s Eve & Day. **Participation in a livestreamed Mass and Eucharistic fasting before receiving Holy Communion is the best preparation for the Sacrament and is very strongly encouraged. COMMUNION SERVICE TIMES ARE: New Year’s Eve & EVERY Saturday Evening, 5:25 - 6:00 PM & New Year’s Day & EVERY Sunday Morning, 10:00 - 11:00 AM.** Two ways to receive:

- A. COMMUNION INSIDE THE CHURCH**, please enter the church **ONE FAMILY AT A TIME** & follow these instructions:
- \* sign in with the usher for the purpose of contact tracing
  - \* sanitize your hands
  - \* receive Holy Communion
  - \* exit through door beside the sacristy, without remaining in the church.

### B. DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION

Parishioners are invited to come to the church by car immediately after participating in a livestreamed Mass at home. Please refer to the illustration on the RIGHT & follow these instructions:

- \* Follow the direction of the ushers who will be monitoring the flow and show you where to go
- \* Stay in the car
- \* Wear a face mask
- \* Sanitize your hands
- \* Roll down your window when you get to the station for Holy Communion. Extend your arm toward the Eucharistic Minister & prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist in your hand. Pull your mask down and consume the Host before driving off.



*Congratulations to the Newly Baptized in our parish in the months of August to December*  
Gabriela Halina Castillo Bralski, Emma Marie Hagen, Emma Brielle Abella, Thomas Augustine Elbers, Tyson James Billing, Chrystiano Peter Lobo & Jasen Ram Magnaye  
*Welcome to the Christian family of Precious Blood*

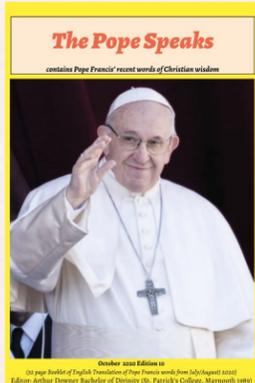


**CLOVERDALE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**TREE CHIPPING  
FUNDRAISER** on **January 9** from **8:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
By donation. Suggested \$10 min  
*Welcome back to school on Monday, January 4!*



# Epiphany of the Lord



Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, is the celebration of the manifestation of Jesus, symbolized by light. In the prophetic texts this light is a promise: light is promised. Isaiah, in fact, addresses Jerusalem with these words: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (60:1). The prophet's invitation — to arise because the light has come — seems surprising, because it occurs in the aftermath of the harsh exile and of the numerous oppressions that the people have experienced.

Today this invitation also resonates for us, who have celebrated the Birth of Jesus, and it encourages us to allow ourselves to be reached by the light of Bethlehem. We too are invited not to stop at the outward signs of the event, but to set out from it once again and to undertake anew the experience of our journey as men and women, and as believers.

The light that the Prophet Isaiah had foretold, is present and encountered in the Gospel. And Jesus, born in Bethlehem, the City of David, has come to bring salvation to those near and far: to everyone. Matthew the Evangelist reveals various ways by which one can encounter Christ and react to his presence. For example, Herod and the scribes of Jerusalem have a hard heart, which obstinately refuses the visit of that Child. This is one possibility: to be closed to the light. They represent those who, even in our day, fear Jesus' coming and close their heart to brothers and sisters who need help. Herod is afraid of losing power and does not consider the true good of the people, but rather his own personal advantage. The scribes and the chief priests of the people are afraid because they do not know how to look beyond their own certainties; they are thus unable to understand the newness that is in Jesus.

Instead, the experience of the Magi is quite different (cf. Mt 2:1-12). Having come from the East, they represent all the faraway peoples of the traditional Hebrew faith. Yet they allow themselves to be guided by the star and face a long and perilous journey just to arrive at the destination and to know the truth of the Messiah. The Magi were open to 'novelty', and history's greatest and most surprising novelty is revealed to them: God-made-man. The Magi prostrate themselves before Jesus and offer him symbolic gifts: gold, incense and myrrh, because seeking the Lord entails not only perseverance on the journey but also generosity of heart. And lastly, they returned "to their own country" (v. 12); and the Gospel states that they returned "by another road". Brothers and sisters, each time that a man or woman encounters Jesus, he or she changes paths, returns to life in a different way, returns renewed, "by another road". They returned "to their own country", bearing within them the mystery of that humble and poor King; we can imagine that they told everyone about the experience they had had: the salvation offered by God in Christ is for all mankind, near and far. It is not possible to "take possession" of that Child: he is a gift for all.

Let us also have a bit of silence in our heart and allow ourselves to be illuminated by the light of Jesus that comes from Bethlehem. Let us not allow our fears to close our hearts, but let us have the courage to open ourselves to this light that is meek and delicate. Then, like the Magi, we will feel "great joy" (v. 10) that we will be unable to keep to ourselves. May the Virgin Mary — star who guides us to Jesus and Mother who shows Jesus to the Magi and to all those who approach her — support us on this journey.

(2019) <http://www.popefrancishomilies.com/epiphany>

## VESTIBULE EXPANSION UPDATE

**We are on our way!** We have full support from Archbishop Miller to move forward with the Vestibule Expansion Project. Keystone Architects are submitting Building Permits and detailed drawings to the City of Surrey. Upon approval, construction begins. All contributions to Project Advance made now to the end of December will go towards our Vestibule Expansion Project.

**PROJECT ADVANCE 2020** Our Catholic Response to the Crisis

**DONATE BEFORE DEC. 31** to receive a 2020 tax receipt!

We are grateful for your support for the KofC Gift Card Program. Because of your participation, \$20,000 has been remitted by the Knights to our Parish. All this goes towards our Vestibule Expansion Project. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** To order call Earl @ 604.576.6306 / [ecoatta@telus.net](mailto:ecoatta@telus.net)



**BLESSING TO ALL PREP FAMILIES. JESUS IS BORN!** Enjoy your school break. Please check your **GOOGLE CLASSROOM** for upcoming PREP information. Online classes resume on **JANUARY 6TH**. PREP Grade 2, sacrament of First Reconciliation is on **Wednesday January 20th**. God bless you all.



Holy Cross Regional Secondary will be hosting a **virtual Open House January 20, 2021**. Visit our website at [www.holycross.bc.ca](http://www.holycross.bc.ca) to register for the event. Our online application will coincide with the virtual Open House and families will be able to apply for the 2021/22 school year. Come and join Holy Cross Regional Secondary's community on January 20th to see and experience our school in a virtual setting. Looking forward to seeing you on January 20th.

# Kid's Korner

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him. When King Herod heard this, he was frightened & all of Jerusalem with him; calling the chief priests and scribes, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for it has been written: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called the wise men, sent them to Bethlehem to search for the child and to bring him word when they had found him so he could worship him also.. They set out following the star until it stopped over the place where the child was & they were filled with joy! Entering the house & seeing the child and his mother Mary, they knelt down & worshiped him. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense & myrrh. Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. (Matt 2: 1-12)

Colour the picture



3 wise men came from the East to visit Jesus

Visitors for Jesus

They did not know where to find Jesus, but something in the sky showed them the way

Join the dots to find out what it was



'We saw his star and have come to worship him!' (Matthew 2:2)

Each one took a special present for Jesus

Trace over the dotted lines to see what they brought