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MASS TIMES

Saturday Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass – 10:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:00 pm

ST. ANDREW

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 10:00 am – Albert Wesson

Thursday 7:00 pm – Raymond Henneberry

Saturday, January 12th 2019 – 4:30 pm

Bernice Woodrow

ST. CLEMENTS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 9:00 am – Marco Michiore

& Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 9:00 am - Maria Nguyen

& Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 9:00 am – Colleen Brown

& John Fillis

Friday 9:00 am - Kathleen Jackson

& Special Intention for Bernadette Clarke

Saturday: January 12th - 4:00 pm

Gertrude David & Marie Nguyen

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Today we celebrate that the child born in the darkness of night in a lowly manger is revealed as the manifestation (the meaning of epiphany) of God. Christ is revealed in many ways: as Lord, as King, as the one in whom God is present and acts.

All of these manifestations are “lights” that shine on Christ, revealing a deeper understanding of who he is.

All the Readings for today reveal, in a way, a different manifestation of who Christ is for all who believe. Traditionally, three events in the life of Christ are remembered today as manifestations of God’s presence and action through Christ; the visit of the Magi, the Wedding Feast of Cana, and the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.

NEW PARISHES/STRONGER TOGETHER

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, Archbishop Mancini officially announced the various groupings of Churches. As you are aware of by now, our grouping is Saint Andrew (Eastern Passage), Saint Clement (Dartmouth), and Saint John XXIII (Cole Harbour). We will begin this process by assigning a Parish Team to help us transition in this year 2019.

The Pastors/ Priests and some lay people will form the current Leadership Team. More information will be gathered and as things are occurring we will strive to keep the Communities of Faith informed. We have already discussed and will pursue a common message for all communities and a greater sharing of information by way of bulletin, webpage, and other means of communication. Let’s pray for the Holy Spirit to assist us with the right motivation as we move forward in this new journey.

JANUARY
MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

Throughout the month of January, we give special honour to the name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: “At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:10-11).

We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The name of Jesus is important. It means “God Saves.” His family does not choose the name of Jesus; rather God gives it to him before his birth: “You are to name him Jesus,” the angel tells Joseph in a dream, “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Jesus’ name is both his identity and his mission – therefore very powerful.

CHURCH/LITURGY THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the Christmas and Christmas Season Masses. There is a wonderful spirit here at Saint Andrew and Saint Clement Churches.

Those who lovingly took time to prepare the Church and scenery for Christmas; all those who shared their gift of music – thank you for providing some very beautiful music for the Masses and celebrations.

For those who took on the responsibility of proclaiming the Word of God and who served as an Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion; to the Altar Servers for their commitment and dedication; to the Ushers and Hospitality and for taking care of welcoming each week; for those responsible for setting up for each Mass.

Much thanks for the dedication and commitment of each one who offers their time and gifts for the Lord. It takes many people to co-ordinate and organize and execute each and every Mass with devotion.

I am grateful for all who offer their service so willingly for the Lord. Many thanks and may God provide for each of you many choicest blessings!!! Merry Christmas and a most Blessed New Year!

PERSONAL THANK YOU

As a parish community you are a very kind and generous people. On behalf of our clergy team, Fr. Peter, and myself, I would like to thank those who gave beautiful cards with some inspirational notes, gifts, promise of prayers, food, etc. over the Christmas Season.

I am grateful for your signs of appreciation of our priestly ministry among you. Thanks so much for your generosity. Your generosity and kindness instills a greater desire to provide as best we can, the pastoral care to you, our parish family.

May God continue to help us count our many blessings during this year of 2019, may it be marked by great service given to our God!

MASS CHANGE

Just a reminder that beginning this week there will not be a Wednesday evening Mass at St. Andrew.

On the 1st Wednesday, Mass will be held at Ocean View Continuing Care at 11:00 am as usual.

On the 4th Wednesday, Mass will be held at Kinross Hall (Parkland) at 10:30 am, as usual, and Mass will continue to take place at 9:00 am each Wednesday at St. Clement Parish.

Also, beginning in January, weekday Mass will be held in the Pope Francis Room at St. Andrew rather than in the main church. This will help ease the burden of heating the entire church and the Pope Francis Room will easily accommodate the weekday crowd.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



In addition to the names posted in the December 23rd Bulletin the following names have been added in memory of loved ones.

Suzanne Hudak, Joan Oakey, Fenwick Miller, Jack Sylvester, Deceased

family members of the Henry's, Everette & Estelle Perry, Christopher Tilly, deceased family members of the Tilley's and Naugle's, Edith Myers, Harold & Isabelle Naugle, deceased family members of the Warwick's and Myer's.

CWL MEETING CHANGE

The previously scheduled CWL Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 6th is now postponed until Sunday, January 13th. The Rosary, beginning at 1:15 will precede the meeting

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to all who made the church look so very beautiful during the Christmas season. Your work does not go un-noticed. We are once again looking for volunteers to help take down and pack away all the beautiful pieces that have adorned our church this season. Volunteers are asked to be at St. Andrew Church at 2:00 pm this Sunday, January 6th, 2019, to assist in this process.

THE FRIENDS OF L'ARCHE

The Friends-of-L'Arche Halifax group will meet for their monthly gathering on Sunday, January 13th from 1:30 to 3:30 in St. Agnes Hall, Mumford Road, Halifax. All are welcome, especially those with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends, to come for prayer, song, fun and fellowship. Contact Kelly at 902-407-5512 if you have any questions.

UPCOMING MEN'S RETREAT

All men of the Archdiocese are invited to attend a Men's Retreat at Saint John XXIII, January 26th, 35 Colby Drive Cole Harbour. We will

begin at 8:30 with coffee and fellowship. At 9 am we will begin the formal part of our day.

The theme for the day is "Who do you say I am?" A light lunch will be served at noon. Please pre-register at adultfaith.stjxxiii@gmail.com so we can properly provide for your lunch. We wrap up at approximately 3 pm. Come grow in your faith in a community of like-minded men.

NEW PARISHES

The portion of the letter dated January 1, 2019

Dear Friends,

The Feast of Mary the Mother of God celebrates the new divine life brought forth by Mary's collaboration with God's plan for humanity. Mary's essential role, however, was not without its concerns.

The Gospel tells us that Mary pondered what she heard in her heart. Her thoughts, I have no doubt, were marked by numerous concrete questions; her feelings, I am sure, were mixed as she struggled to make sense of her changed life; and surely, she reflected on the future outcome of this journey she accepted to go on. We can all imagine and appreciate that Mary gave much time and attention wondering, "What happens now"?

This same question is also a significant one for our Archdiocese and it has been on the minds of many of us, for the past few years, as we pondered the future of our local Church and what new life might look like at this point in our journey of faith.

On this Feast Day of Mary, which celebrated the new life and hope it brings to us all, I chose to inaugurate the plan for the reorganization of our Archdiocese.

As we enter this new stage Archbishop Mancini asks for your prayers as we strive to equip one another to be better able to live the mission Christ entrusted to us all.

EQUIP THE SAINTS ROOTED IN PRAYER

As Archbishop Mancini has stated at various times and places, the work of renewal and our efforts towards the New Evangelization must be rooted in prayer. And so we call out to our almighty Father, that through his Son and guided by the Holy Spirit we may receive the gifts and graces we need in our efforts to transform our local Church.

Heavenly Father,

As our Archdiocese enters a decisive time of transition, we ask you to sustain our efforts to be faithful to what you are asking of us so that we become better equipped to meet the challenges of the New Evangelization.

Give us the courage and insight to take on the task of purification and renewal necessary to become a more credible Church.

Grant us the knowledge and understanding required to respond to the call of pastoral conversion and the demands for a more missionary and mature expression of Christian discipleship for our time.

May your Holy Spirit release in us the gift of wisdom to make the necessary choices and decisions to make of our new parishes: centres of evangelistic outreach, united communities of communities; welcoming centres of prayer, learning, ministry and worship; environments of healing, reconciliation and care of the poor.

Provide for us clergy and laity who are skilled in leadership, to guide this transformative journey of faith.

We ask all this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

ARCHBISHOP MANCINI REQUEST A COADJUTOR BISHOP



In December at a gathering with the clergy, Archbishop Mancini shared that he made a request to Pope Francis for a coadjutor bishop.

His request has been accepted by the Holy Father and at some point in the near future the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth will welcome an additional bishop. This is good news for our diocese.

The key difference between a coadjutor bishop and an auxiliary bishop is that the coadjutor has the right of succession. What does this mean? In two years, when Archbishop Mancini turns 75, he will submit his resignation as required. When Archbishop Mancini's resignation is accepted, the coadjutor bishop will succeed Archbishop Mancini as our new bishop without delay. By arriving before the departure of the current bishop, a coadjutor bishop will have some time to learn the reality on the ground here.

Under Archbishop Mancini we have begun to work quite intentionally to renew our sense of mission and thus structure our local Church to increase our ability to fulfill that mission. By taking into consideration the hard work and challenges being faced by the people and parishes entrusted to his care, Archbishop Mancini is taking the this positive and proactive step to try and ensure that the faithful of our diocese are well cared for and supported in our renewal efforts when the time comes to transition from one bishop to another.

The selection of any bishop is a multilayered and serious task. Please pray for the Holy Father and all involved as they discern, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, a coadjutor for our diocese.

WHAT DOES THE WORD EPIPHANY MEAN?

"Epiphany" means "manifestation". It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (phainein) and "on, to" (epi-).

An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.

WHAT IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY ABOUT?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great Feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the Wise Men (Magi) from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The Magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the King of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the Star of David, the one who will be King of the nations.

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitic dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].

WHY IS EPIPHANY CONNECTED WITH JANUARY 6th?

Pope Benedict explained: It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third

century. At about the same time the Feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the Feast of Christmas in the West on December 25.

The two Feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true Son, of history [[The Spirit of the Liturgy](#), pp. 106-107)].

Eventually, however, the emphasis on January 6 shifted--particularly in the West (and in some parts of the East)--to reflect manifestations of Christ beside that which occurred at His birth (namely, those that occurred at the coming of the Magi, at His Baptism, and at the Wedding Feast of Cana). This year the Baptism of the Lord is also celebrated the first Sunday after Epiphany (Jan. 13), and the Wedding at Cana is celebrated on the Sunday after that (Jan. 20).

WHO WERE THE MAGI?

To the first of the four principal meanings, Magi are understood to be members of the Persian priestly caste. In Hellenistic culture they were regarded as "rulers of a distinctive religion," but at the same time their religious ideas were thought to be "strongly influenced by philosophy," so that the Greek philosophers have often been portrayed as their pupils (cf. Delling, "mágos," p. 356).

The other meanings listed by Gerhard Delling are as follows: possessors and users of supernatural knowledge and ability, magicians, and finally deceivers and seducers. . . .

For the Magi in Mt 2, it is the first of the four meanings that applies, at least in a broad sense. Even if they were not exactly members of the Persian priesthood, they were nevertheless custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that had developed in that area and continued to be cultivated there [[Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives](#)].