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St. Joseph The Worker Parish, Russell, MB St. Theresa's Parish Rossburn, MB

**Responsorial Psalm 72:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**St. Theresa's Parish News & St. Joseph The Worker Parish News:**

Due to Covid-19, both parishes are closed for Mass' until further notice.

\*\*\*\* Please Remember that all **2020 donations** have to be in by December 31, 2020 to be eligible for a Tax Receipt for this year. \*\*\*\*

The new **Sunday envelopes** can be picked up by calling the Parish Office to arrange an appointment time.

**Sunday Missal (2020-2021)** now available! \$4.00 each. Contact the Parish Office, if you would like one!

**THANK YOU**, your generosity was truly heartwarming considering the circumstances we find ourselves in right now. We collected an amazing amount of food items, socks and children's gifts for the annual Christmas Food Hampers to be distributed in our area. Huge thanks to those who donated prizes for our Draws! **Lorie Gallant** - 3 snowmen, **Carole Muloin** - \$50 Tin House, **Brenda Robin** - ceramic mug, **Bev Roszel** - Classic Snowmen, **Josephine Kempthorne** - Christmas ornamental bowl, **Ron & Darlene Witty** - 3 ornamental handstands, **Carol Pelk**, ornamental grass snowmen, **Jim Roszel** - snow globe, **Sheilla Pareja** - Wall or Door hanging, **Ivan VanDamme** - gift basket.

**Thank you** also to all you participated in organizing/assisting in any way to make this event happen!

**Zoom Along with Us**

If you use the internet you can join St. Joseph & St. Theresa with the Zoom Mass Each Sunday as one more option to celebrate community and the sharing of the Word together. After Mass we will be having *Coffee Sunday* with each other who wish to stay and visit with the rest of the community. If you wish to join into the Zoom Mass send an email to St. Joseph The Worker, [stjoewkr@mymts.net](mailto:stjoewkr@mymts.net) to get on the Access List.

**Did you Know!** The National Catholic Broadcasting Council offers Sunday & Daily TV Mass on the Web, visit the website at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) or [www.youtube.com/dailytvmass](http://www.youtube.com/dailytvmass) to watch Mass each day.

**Our Sympathy to family and friends** of former parishioner Larrie Pushka (husband of Florence and father to Amara and Nolan) who passed away recently. May he rest peacefully in the arms of Our Lord.

**January 3, 2021 Stewardship Message**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - *Matthew 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!

**Free Virtual Catholic Bible Conference**

January 8-10, 2021. Want to get more out of the Bible as a Catholic, but don't know where to start? This Free conference will give Catholics simple and practical tools to open the Bible and hear God's unique message, just for them. Join dozens of incredible Catholic Bible experts who will give you the tools you need to experience the fullness of the Bible. Learn a few simple insights and skills that will allow you to discover the exciting truth that this Word is alive, and you'll never look at Scripture the same way again. To register for Free [go.virtualcatholicconf...](http://go.virtualcatholicconf...)

**Mass Intentions For The Week:**

**Epiphany of The Lord**

Saturday Jan. 2 Special intentions req. Simone  
 Sunday Jan. 3 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. - For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Cyrill & Marie-Claire Sabourin req. Emile, Laurette & Sacha Sabourin

Monday Jan. 4 +Emilienne Mangin req. George Mangin & family  
 Tuesday Jan. 5 Special intentions req. Albina Kozak  
 Wed. Jan. 6 +Deceased Family req. Frank & Madeline Mangin  
 Thurs. Jan. 7 **Zoom on-line Adoration 10:30 a.m. & Mass 11:00 a.m.**  
 +For deceased family req. Walter & Florence Shwaluk

Friday Jan. 8 Rosaline Swidzinski req. Albina Kozak

**Baptism of the Lord**

Saturday Jan. 9 For health of family req. Jean Goba  
 Sunday Jan. 10 Zoom on-line Mass 9:00 a.m. - For all Parishioners req. Father Paul & +Suffering Souls in Purgatory req. Rose & family

**Please remember in your prayers** those who are sick in hospitals, care homes, or in their homes & those who care for them. If you wish to receive the Sacraments of Anointing, Confession, or Holy Communion - please call the parish office & leave a message: 204-773-2924.

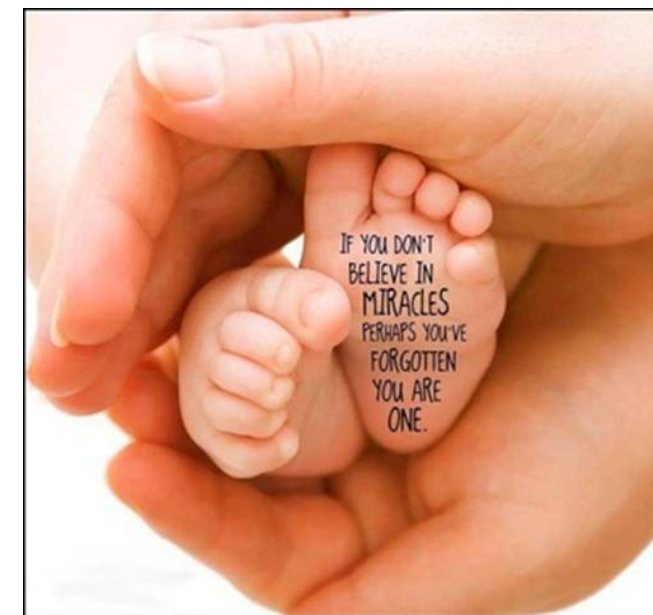
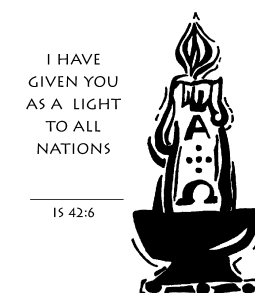
**CCCB Issues Response on Recent Legislative Decisions Relative to Bill C-7**

Ottawa - "Today (December 18), following the adoption of Bill C-7, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying) at Third Reading in the House of Commons and the announcement by the Superior Court of Québec to grant a two-month extension to the federal government on its deadline to legislate, the Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) issued a response calling on legislators to '... conscientiously rethink this current legislation and the amendments being considered in advance of the formal parliamentary review. This would demonstrate accountability and transparency, ensuring the trust that Canadians should have in their members of Parliament. It is not too late to reconsider Canada's approach to euthanasia and assisted suicide, in order to ensure an ethical response, one that promotes the inherent dignity of each human person when faced with the profound questions surrounding what it means to be human, the quality of life, human suffering, death and dying'."

You may write your MP today to let them know what you think, to access a written letter or email to send see: [https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal\\_government](https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government) .

**Our sincere sympathy** to family and friends of Stan Yankoski who passed away before Christmas. Stan was a devoted parishioner of St. Joseph the Worker and served the parish in many capacities throughout the years. He was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus as well. Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph's on Tuesday, Dec. 15th with Fr. Paul celebrating the Mass. Thank you to the K of C for the special farewell they held outside the church and at the gravesite for Stan. Unfortunately, because of our provincial guidelines, this was the only way we could honour him and say our farewells. Rest In Peace Stan!

**Farewell and best wishes** to parishioner Elaine Laycock in her new home. God Bless You.



# Dear Padre,

**A friend who is a fundamentalist insists Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I say there's no way it could have. Who is right?**

**C**atholics believe each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there is a saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there is a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably did not happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true king, the light to all nations, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR  
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ADORATION OF THE MAGI BY RAFFAELLO ESTEBAN MURILLO VIA WIKIPEDIA

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

As we begin the New Year, may we discover anew that faith demands worship....For worship involves making an exodus from the greatest form of bondage: slavery to oneself. Worship means putting the Lord at the center, not ourselves.

EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2020



## Calendar

**Monday**  
JANUARY 4  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious  
1 Jn 3:22-4:6  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**  
JANUARY 5  
St. John Neumann,  
Bishop  
1 Jn 4:7-10  
Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday**  
JANUARY 6  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:11-18  
Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**  
JANUARY 7  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 4:19-5:4  
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday**  
JANUARY 8  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:5-13  
Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 9  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:14-21  
Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 10  
Baptism of the Lord  
Is 55:1-11  
1 Jn 5:1-9  
Mk 1:7-11

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

## Do You See What I See?

**T**oday's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the established homeowner, the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR *Reflection*

- \* How open are you to new thinking?
- \* God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?



All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and heralding the praises of the LORD.

ISAIAH 60:6