

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Today, we are celebrating an important feast, Epiphany, and in Greek it means “manifestation.” A manifestation of Jesus Christ Himself to all people and manifestation of God to all the people through Jesus Christ. In our gospel reading today, God uses a special and unusual rising star which twinkles across the sky, drawing the wise men from the east all the way to Jerusalem. They left their homes and material security behind and experienced hardships on the road as the star momentarily disappeared. Their only hope is that at the end of this hard search, they would come upon the star, the Light of the world, which is Jesus Christ Himself. Throughout the centuries, there have been millions who have found their way to Christ by following the lights that God has sent them. Often the lights that lead us to Christ shine through our loving parents who introduce us to Jesus at an early age. For me, I met and encountered the Trinitarian God through my parents because they taught me how to make the sign of the cross. Others have stars like teachers who inspire them by their knowledge of Scriptures, their love of the church and their heroic virtues. These shining people bring us towards the King of light, Jesus Himself. We don’t bring gold, frankincense and myrrh to God. Rather, we bring our hearts, minds, souls and bodies to Him. The gold, frankincense and myrrh were the best material things that wise travelers could bring to the Lord of life. But their effort, their risking of their lives, their willingness to leave security and comfort behind was the gift that proved their true virtue and wisdom. Guided by the light of those around us, we ourselves become lights to others. We give our minds to God when we affirm the value of life, proclaim the worth of humanity and distinguish correctly right from wrong. We give our hearts to God when we love with patience, depth and consistency. We give our souls to God when we pray with intensity, act with charity, stand up for justice, rejoice in good times and in bad. We give our bodies to God when we respect the bodies of others, bind up the wounds of hurting, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless and lay down our lives for the sake of others. There’s a true story about a young man who worked in a leather factory. His fellow workers were not Catholics and on Fridays he brought egg, fish and sandwiches to lunch. They called him a fish-eater and taunted him by displaying their meat sandwiches. Of course, it was all good-natured joking, but there was one man whose bitter remarks were serious. Years later, the leather worker met the old acquaintance leaving a Catholic church and dressed as a catholic priest. The two recognized each other and began to talk over old times. Finally, the priest said: “It was your good example that aroused my interest in Catholicism. I thought if a man can take the taunts of a crowd and remain proud of his faith, there must be something wonderful about that faith. That led me to inquire about the church. Today, I celebrate my first Mass.” That’s the challenge for us all. Epiphany means that we must manifest Christ to people, to evangelize by our own good example and live the Christian values even in a hostile environment.

(Fr.Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 5 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Leilani Osmena Yotingco req Rod Yotingco
 Manuel Barrientos req Theresa Didero and John Cancian
 Thanksgiving for all blessings received req Tina Talaue
 Grace Gullace req Donna Marcaccio

Tuesday, January 6 9:00 a.m.

Wedding Anniversary blessings for Roosevelt and Marisa

Wednesday, January 7 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
 Eva Smith req Marie Thors

Thursday, January 8 9:00 a.m.

Souls of Cerelo Resabal, Oscar Cabilao, Aparicio and Maria Cambaya, family and relatives, souls in purgatory and the unborn req Lolita Pascua

Friday, January 9 9:00 a.m.

All souls in purgatory req Pauline Nguyen
 Pat Tigani req Theresa Didero and John Cancian
 Mr. Lawrence Lobsinger req Parish Community
 Mrs. Natalie Crosby req Parish Community
 Souls of Jovis Panganiban, Robert and Scott Parsons req Jolly Parsons

Saturday, January 10 5:00 a.m.

Souls of Manuel Barrientos req Fe and Frank Barrientos

Sunday, January 11 10:00 a.m.

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community



BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“And let us consider one another to provoke to love and good works.” Hebrews 10:24

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This week the Lamp burns for:



**Repose of the soul of Manuel Barrientos
 Req Frank and Fe Barrientos and family**



For the Weekend of
Dec. 13/14, 2023

Sunday Offering \$ 1,726.00
Loose offering 337.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

*Thank
You*

Our Church is so beautifully decorated at Holy time of Christmas due to the generous contribution of every one of you. We do appreciate your cooperation and generosity. May God bless you abundantly.

Special Thank you to our parishioners who helped clean our Church. God bless you for your time and cooperation.



"We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2.2

PARISH MOVIE & DINNER NIGHT **"THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS"**

(Based on a true story)

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Following the 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass



Lasagna Dinner & Movie: \$15 /Person

Tickets are available after every Holy Mass

Please invite your family and friends

GOD IS CALLING YOU

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

January 6

Miracle Worker and God's Doorkeeper

St. Andre Bessette, commonly known as Brother Andre was a lay brother of the congregation of Holy Cross. He is credited with thousands of reported healings associated with his pious devotion to Saint Joseph.

"I am nothing. Only a tool in the hands of providence; a lowly instrument at the service of St. Joseph." St. Andre Bessette.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another New Year begins, help us live each day for You. May we continually have a new song in our heart to sing to You, no matter what comes my way. We trust in You because we know that Your mercies are new every morning. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of your love and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen.

SAINT LUKE: THE STORY OF SALVATION FULFILLED

Join us at **St. Charles Garnier Parish** for an 8-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke. From the announcement of John, the Baptist's birth to the Ascension of Jesus, this study explores the key events of salvation history and invites us to grow closer to Christ through Scripture, prayer, and fellowship.

SCHEDULE

Tuesdays | February 3 – March 24, 2026

Morning Session: 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

(after the 9:00 AM Holy Mass)

Evening Session: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Weekly Dates

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

REGISTRATION

- Fee: \$50.00
- Please register at the parish office.

INFORMATION

☎ Parish Office: 905-528-0074

✉ Email: saintcharlesgarnier505@gmail.com

All are welcome. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this enriching time of study and prayer.