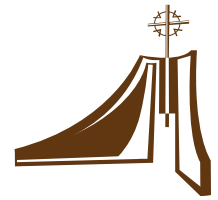


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - B



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. (loyolapress.com)

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet." (daily scripture.net) †R.R.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m.	†Rimas Strimaitis	(family)
11 a.m.	for living and deceased parishioners	
	†Ilona Janeliunas - Smalenskas	(V.Puzeris)
	†Edvardas Peciulis	("Kretinga")
	†Domarkas Slizauskas	(D.Jasiukaitiene)
	†Daria Chodocinskas	(D.J.Didzbalis)
	†Mary Anne Kuslikis, Elena and Vytautas Kriksciunas, Laima Macionis	(B.V.Bireta)
	†Inocentas Jurcevicus	(A.Jurcevicus)
	†Ona (7 th anniv.) and Zigmas (10 th anniv.) Girdauskas	(family)
	†Ona Juodisis (8 th anniv.)	(A.G.Valavicius)
	for Cepaitis' and Racevicius' deceased family members	(A.G.Valavicius)

2021 CALENDAR

**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR
PRIVATE
PRAYER
ON
WEEKDAYS
(MONDAY-
FRIDAY)
FROM 5 PM
TO 7 PM**

**SUNDAYS
FROM 8 AM
TO 10 AM**

**THE HOLY
MASS
(IN LITHUANIAN)
CAN BE
SEEN ON
YOUTUBE**

THIS WEEK'S HOLY MASSES

MONDAY (January 4): 7 p.m. †Daria Chodocinskas (J.G.Stasiulevicius); for Burauskas' and Samulevicius' deceased family members (T.V.Samonis);

TUESDAY (January 5): 7 p.m. living and deceased benefactors; †Marijona Janeliunas (Ramona and Ruta);

WEDNESDAY (January 6): 7 p.m. †Juozas Zemaitis (G.Kobelskis);

THURSDAY (January 7): 7 p.m. †Donatas Vaiciekauskas (wife);

FRIDAY (January 8): 7 p.m. †Edvardas Peciulis (Jaglowitz family);

SATURDAY (January 9): 9 a.m. †Mary Anne Kuslikis (I.Poskus); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor";

SUNDAY (January 10): 9 a.m. †Pranas (25th anniv.) and Juzefa (20th anniv.) Dovidaitis (daughters); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Romualdas Tumpa (V.Skukauskas); †Elena Kriksciunas (V.Karosas); †Mary Anne Kuslikis (D.Pranaitis and S.Brough); in thanksgiving (Ruta); †Sofija and Juozas Oleka (O.Oleka).

Capital Fund - \$ 316,944

*R.Rygelis, D.Kucinskas,
A.R.Sapijonis, E.Benetis - \$ 2,900*

THANK YOU...

*"For it is in giving that we receive".
Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

**Collections, beginning week of
December 19th - 29th**

17 envelopes - \$ 4,250

Direct deposit - \$ 1,260

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J.K.Gataveckas donated to the
parish - \$ 10,000

THANK you for your generosity



*On the beginning of the New Year, 2021, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your ongoing support. Let us start the New Year with Hope and Trust in the Lord.
Faith, Love and Hope in 2021...*

Dear parishioners, In order to control the spread of the COVID 19 virus, the Ontario provincial government has announced a requirement to close all establishments and workplaces except those that provide essential services. We regret that this includes our church and the parish office.

It is a very painful but necessary solution for our faith community to stay healthy. During this difficult time, please contact us by e-mail: resparish@prisikelimas.ca or by phone: 416-533-0621.

The Franciscan brothers continue to privately sacrifice the Holy Mass for the parishioners and their intentions. We broadcast Sunday Masses online - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g/.

We also remind you about other possibilities of virtual communication

Website: www.prisikelimas.ca

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/prisikelimo.parapija>

Mass recordings, broadcasts https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC63RnbJxiay0KXdUfnA_c-g?

Search: Prisikelimo Parapija, Tevai Pranciskonai

**Let's stay safe and healthy... The Lord leads and cares for YOU
ALL in this difficult time. Let us have hope...**

"A good person's heart is God's sanctuary on Earth".

/ Mad.Neckar/

We wholeheartedly appreciate your generous gifts, donations and prayers during the past 2020 year and during this Christmas ...

*Fr.Jonas Šileika, OFM, Pastor
and the Franciscan Fathers*

*„Whatsoever you do unto the least of these, you do it unto me.“
St.Francis prayer*

Sincerely THANKS TO ALL OF YOU
for your generous donations to the
Soup kitchen in Lithuania..
You donated - \$ 5,225.

Because of severe constraints, we try to reach you with The Holy Mass. Many THANKS to all the singers, organist Ilona Beres, leader Dalia Viskontas; Mass broadcasters Andrius Kaknevičius, Arunas Pabedinskas and Kazimieras Senda.

Thank you for prayers. Let us journey together through this difficult time ...

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Pope Francis reflects on Holy Family at Sunday Angelus



During his Sunday Angelus address, Pope Francis announces a year to study more deeply the content of the Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris laetitia" during his reflection on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Sunday's feast of the Holy Family, said Pope Francis at the weekly Angelus, calls us to reflect "on the fact that the Son of God wanted to be in need of the warmth of a family, like all children." This is why the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can serve as a model "in which all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration."

Families open to joy - A key note of the life of the family of Nazareth was joy, with the Child Jesus "surrounded by the maternal affection of Mary and the care of Joseph, in whom Jesus was able to see God's tenderness."

We too, said Pope Francis, "are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit." Families, he said, must be founded "on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope." The Pope emphasized the importance in the family of prayer, affection, forgiveness, tenderness, and adherence to the will of God. "In this way," he said, "the family opens itself to the joy that God gives to all those who know how to give joyfully."

A happy home, he added, is also outgoing: "it finds the spiritual energy to be open to the outside world, to others, to the service of brothers and sisters, to collaboration in building an ever new and better world," especially by the example of daily life.

Three important words - Pope Francis recognized that every family has its problems, and that at times, because we are human, because we are weak, we even fight within the family. "I want to tell you one thing," the Pope said: "If we fight in the family, never end the day without making peace." Once again, he recommended three words that should be common in every family: "please," "thank you," and "I'm sorry." If these three words are present in the family, he said, the family will be in good shape.

A year of reflection on Amoris laetitia - Returning to the theme of "evangelizing with the family," Pope Francis said Sunday's feast proposes to us once again "the ideal of conjugal and family love, as emphasized by the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, promulgated five years ago" on the feast of St Joseph in 2016.

The upcoming year, he said, "will be a year of reflection on *Amoris laetitia*," he added, "and will be an opportunity to deepen the contents of the document." During this special year, he said, "these reflections will be made available to ecclesial communities and to families, to accompany them on their journey. In particular, Pope Francis invited everyone "to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the year, and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family, and Life."

The Holy Father went on to entrust the "journey" of the Year "*Amoris Laetitia* Family" to "the Holy Family of Nazareth, and in particular to Saint Joseph, the devoted spouse and father."

Following the Angelus, the Holy See Press Office confirmed that the special Year dedicated to the "Family *Amoris laetitia*," will be inaugurated on the upcoming Solemnity of Saint Joseph (19 March 2021), and will conclude with the celebration of the Tenth World Meeting of Families, to be held here in Rome in June 2022."

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*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



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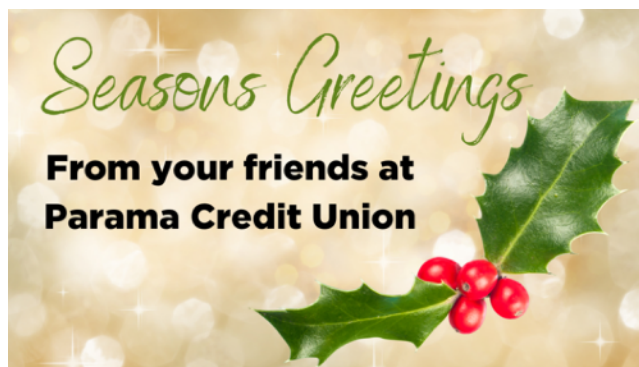
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