

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: “Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord”

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. The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. 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 savior. 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.



TRADITIONAL DOOR INSCRIPTION CEREMONY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY

Gold and frankincense was blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany in the 15th/16th centuries. Blessing of chalk was first introduced in the 18th century. This beautiful tradition is carried out in many countries, as well as Poland. The Blessed Chalk is used to inscribe the first letters of the names of the Magi and the current year on the front door of Catholic homes. Following Mass, a small piece of blessed chalk may be taken home and the following is said with family and friends gathered at the front door:

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Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.

All: And dwelt among us.

Leader: May Christ dwell in our midst.

All: Amen.

Christmas carols may be sung to conclude the ceremony.

St. Eugene’s Community Extends

Best Wishes To

Fr. Bogdan Osiecki, OMI



We wish him all the best and pray for God’s Blessings in his personal life as well as in his service for God’s people. We also pray that Our Lady of Ludźmierz may intercede for his health and for kindness from people of good will.

NOTICE OF PASSING

Last week we bid farewell to:



+ Miroslaw Zakaszewski

+Michael Gardynik

+Jozef Szwarz

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to their family and friends. You will be in our prayers

OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE

Our wholehearted **thanks** to all the parishioners who have volunteered at the Parish last week!

Our Lady of Ludźmierz House and church – H. Gierczak, T. Kopacz, E. Snarski, W. Plominski, S. Kolanowski, M. Turczynski.

Flowers - B. Pierzchlewska, Gabriel Palczewski, M. Palczewski, J. Grochowski,

Church Cleaning – Families - : Kaszkur, Kus, Kulawiak, Mulica and: S. Kubica, J P. Szaflarski, E. Klepacki, N. Ghazala, A. Bholá, B. Sarkowicz, M. Gieniec, P. Krsek, J. Labak

Businesses - EuroFoods, Eden Garden, Supreme Pierogis, Price Chop Cleaners, Turbo Disposal and Excavation, Andrew Carpet Cleaning,

Grateful God Bless!

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Come and spend time with our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. We ask all who have not as yet signed up for an hour of adoration of our Loving Lord, by calling Beata Konieczna at:(905) 878-7407 or (647) 403-7407.

ENVELOPES FOR 2019

Are ready for pick up in the Parish hall.

OBLATE RETREAT

From January 14th – 18th The Oblates will be away on their annual Retreat. We sincerely ask the faithful for their prayers on behalf of our Oblates so that God may bless them during this time of retreat and renewal. May they be renewed in Spirit so they may renew us the people of God. There will be no morning or evening Masses for the entire week.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All parishioners who recently moved are asked to provide the parish office with their current address. Also those who joined our community by attending the Sunday Liturgy are asked to fill out the registration form, as our Parish is an ethnic not territorial Parish and only those registered will be under our jurisdiction.

PASTORAL VISITATION

Kolęda, or the traditional Christmas pastoral visits will begin early in the New Year. Families wishing to participate are asked to put their name on the list.

PARISH OPLATEK - CONVIVAL GATHERING

Sunday January 13th, 2019

at 2:30 at the

Millennium Garden Banquet Centre

We invite the Parish Community to

join in Sharing of Oplatek followed by

Dinner and special program prepared by Parish groups and organizations.



EUTHANASIA

The Canadian bishops remind us that euthanasia is incompatible with the Sacraments!

Parliamentary legalization does not change the moral law in any way - remind the Canadian bishops - in connection with the law passed in Canada, allowing for euthanasia. They emphasize that this practice still remains a "grave sin against the dignity of human life" and cannot be reconciled with the sacrament of the anointing of the sick or the often-related to it, Sacrament of Confession. Absolution can only be obtained in the case of conversion and ones changing of the decision about the so-called "assisted suicide". Thus, if one deliberately decides to choose euthanasia, they cannot receive absolution or the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, because they consciously continue to live in conscious grave sin. The same applies to catholic funerals of people who made the choice of euthanasia. Although the Church allows Christian burials of those who committed suicide, this is due to the fact that the motives and circumstances of those who chose to end their own life are not known to us. However, in the case of euthanasia, it is a conscious choice that is known earlier. The refusal of the last ministry - the bishops explain - serves to show that the choice of such an individual is contrary to the Christian faith. Therefore, a person who asks for euthanasia will not be able to have a Catholic funeral

MASS INTENTIONS

05.01.19. SATURDAY

- 8:30 – For all members of the Rosary Society
- 17:00 - For + Stanislaw on the 30th anniversary of death and Henryk on the 20th anniversary of death - *sister*
- 18:30 - For all Parishioners and Benefactors

06.01.19 – SUNDAY – The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 – For all those entered into the Perpetual Mass Book
- 9:30 – For + Krystyna and +Wladyslaw Trzcinski
- 11:00 – For + Bernard and + Edmund Zaleski
- 13:00 - For God's blessing for Fr. Bogdan on his birthday
- 18:00 – For + Jozef Tobiasz on the 11th anniversary of death

07.01.19 – MONDAY

- 8:30 – For + Dorota Gidaszewski – *Jessica, Krzysztof and Staszek*
- For + Helena Nowak on the 3rd anniversary of death – *daughter with family*
- 19:00 – For + Kamil Golkiewicz

08.01.19. TUESDAY

- 8:00 – For + Maria and +Adam Kocul
- 19:00 - For +Anna & Stefan Kopacz – *son with family*

09.01.19. WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 – For + Tadeusz Janczuk
- 19:00 - For +Maria & + Wacław Szymanek
- For +Arkadiusz Dworzak
- For +Monika Hildebranska

10.01.19. THURSDAY

- 8:30 – For + Tytus Dorozovec on the 4th anniversary of death - *wife*
- 19:00 - For + Krystyna

11.01.19. FRIDAY

- 8:30 – For + Bronislaw Misiukiewicz – *daughter with family*
- 19:00 – For + Kamil Golkiewicz

12.01.19. SATURDAY-

- 8:30 – For + Eugeniusz Wilczak – *son with family*
- 17:00 - For health for son Pawel - Mom
- 18:30 - For + Regina Rakowska

13.01.19 – SUNDAY

- 8:00 – For all Parishioners and Benefactors
- 9:30 – For + Stanislaw Gasienica – Tomkow - *family*
- 11:00 – For God's blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit for Nicole And her parents - *Babcia*
- 13:00 - For + Maria and Zygmunt Konieczny
- 18:00 – For + Krzysztof cywinski on the 1st anniversary of death and Krystyna Koluda on the 10th anniversary of death

MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY MISSIONARIES

We accept intentions for Masses that will be celebrated by Missionaries in various countries around the world. This is one of the forms of supporting the Missionary Oblates in their ministry. Those interested are asked to contact the parish office.

Donations

Parish	\$10,087.00
Pledges	\$19,810.00

God bless your generosity

Please remember Our Parish and The Oblate Fathers in your will

“THE SHEPHERDS AND THE MAGI TEACH US THAT TO MEET JESUS IT IS NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO RAISE ONE’S GAZE TO THE HEAVENS, NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN IN ONESELF, IN ONE’S EGOISM, BUT TO HAVE THE HEART AND MIND OPEN TO THE HORIZON OF GOD, WHO ALWAYS SURPRISES US, TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIS MESSAGES, AND TO ANSWER WITH PROMPTNESS AND GENEROSITY.” Pope Francis