

Reflection for Today

Today's feast of the Epiphany memorializes the story of wise men looking up into the dark sky and seeing a bright star. In the gospel reading from Matthew, we see them sensing a call of destiny; they choose to follow the star wherever it might lead, and it brings them to the Lord.

As we close the Christmas season, we reflect on the graces of this special time of year. Perhaps we say, year after year: "Wouldn't it be wonderful if every day were like Christmas?" Wouldn't it be nice if each day of the year were full of high spirits, good health, and peace? Wouldn't it be a delight if there were no bad news, no sadness, no sickness, no stress, no heartaches? We would love to have stars without the darkness.

Of course, life isn't like that. In real life there is always a presence of both sweet and sour, joy and mourning, health and sickness, light and darkness. Denying the darkness, or its right to exist, is an exercise in futility and only increases its gloom. We need to have darkness to appreciate the light. Embracing the dark with the light, the bad with the good, is wisdom and an assurance of a serene life. But the wisdom doesn't end there. We have the ability to control our focus; we can choose what we look at. We can decide to look at stars or to look at the darkness.

Do you look for light in any darkness that confronts you? Furthermore, is there a particular star that draws your attention? Follow your star and it is sure to lead you somewhere good.



Thought for this Week

*Strive first for the kingdom of heaven,
and all that you need will be given to you.*

(Matthew 6:33)

Schedule of Masses

Monday, January 6—St. Guarinus

10:00 am (Polish) +Alfie Prince

(Charles & Rachel Stamplicoski)

Tuesday, January 7—No Mass—St. Andre Bessette

Wednesday, January 8—St Raymond of Penyafort &

St. Apollinaris the Apologist

6:30 pm Rosary

7:00 pm (Polish/English)

+Peter Murack (Gerard & Marnia Burchat)

+Aloysius Lorbetskie (Hugh & Jeanette O'Malley)

+Gertrude Pecarskie (Tony & Marjorie Page)

Thursday, January 9—St. William of Bourges &

St. Eulogius of Cordoba

9:00 am +Shaun Lapenskie (Susan Cybulsky)

Friday, January 10—St. Paulinus

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Terry Hoffman (Rosanne, Taylor & Sarah)

+Mary Yantha (Margaret M. Yantha)

For all infant souls killed through abortion (Wendy)

Saturday, January 11—St. Hyginus

5:00 pm For all of our Parishioners

Sunday, January 12—Baptism of the Lord

11:00 am (English/Polish) +Ambrose Ostroskie

(Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

In your prayers remember:



- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and

Ministry Assignments next Sunday

	Sat, Jan 11—5:00 p.m.	Sun, Jan 12—11:00 a.m.
Rosary	Susan Prince	Anna Burdzinski Emilia Sadecki Benjamin Sullivan
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Tobias Sullivan Aaran Visutskie Janisa Visutskie
Lector	Rita Coulas	Len Gignac / Andrzej Suska
Eucharistic Minister	Sylvester Prince	Andrzej Suska
Ushers	Justin Recoskie Delmar Recoskie Andrew Shulist David Burchat	Barbara Blank Henryk Bartul Stanley Dombroskie Michael Brotton
Altar Committee	Fri, Jan 17—Virginia Platt & Bernice Bleskie	



Announcements

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Czestochowa on Wed at 6:30 pm** and **Adoration on Friday beginning at 3:00 pm.**

Thank you to all helped put up the Christmas decorations, to the ladies for sweeping the floor and the ladies on the altar guild.

During the **winter months**, especially when steps are periodically icy, we encourage parishioners to use the **elevator entrance stairs and/or elevator.** Weather conditions can change quickly and make the steps slippery.

Parish Pot Luck Christmas Dinner will be held on **Sun, Jan 5th** following the 11:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Knights of Columbus meeting on Thurs, Jan 9th at 7:30 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Christmas decorations will be taken down on **Sat, Jan 11th beginning at 10:00 am.** Volunteers are needed. If you are free, please come to help. Thank you in advance.

Fr. R. Majek, OMI, will be at the **Annual Oblate Study Days** from Sun, Jan 12th, following Mass to Fri, Jan 17th. **No Masses during the week.**

All Catholic men are invited to the **13th Annual Men's Retreat** to be held **Jan 17-19, 2020** at Graphite Bible Camp, past Maynooth. The cost is \$150. Fr. Blair Bernard and Morgen Grigg from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is *"Loving Obedience to the Father's Loving Will (Through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit)."* A deposit of \$50 is needed to reserve your place. More info, call P. Fillion at 613 602-6580 or ppfiliation@yahoo.ca.

Prayer For New Year

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things **new**. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past **year**, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We **pray** for your Spirit to lead us each step of this **New Year**. Amen.