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January 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Stational Church: St Peter's Basilica

Pastor:	Rev. William Ashley
Deacons:	Rev. Alan Cavin Rev. Larry Gorman
Parish Secretary:	Teresa Filiatrault
Parish Office Hours:	Monday-Friday : 8.30am-3.00pm
Sunday Mass:	Saturday (anticipated) @ 4.30pm Sundays @ 9am. 11am 6.30pm
Weekday Mass:	Monday to Friday @ 8.00am Sat. & Public Holidays @ 9.00am
Reconciliation: (Confession)	30 minutes before Sunday Masses 15 minutes before weekday Masses School Confessions: Fridays @ 9.20am
Baptisms:	Please contact the Parish Office.
Marriages:	Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to setting the wedding date.
Communion/Visiting the Sick	Please contact the Parish Office
Chaplet of Divine Mercy:	Fridays @ 11.00am
Eucharistic Adoration	Monday-Thursday: 7.00-8.00am Fridays @ 8.30-11am School Adoration & Rosary: Fridays @ 9.20am



Welcome to the St James Community

A warm welcome to all, especially those who have recently moved to this area. Please introduce yourself to Fr Ashley; he will be glad to meet you. Kindly register in the parish so that we may serve you more efficiently (registration forms in the foyer or on website). Thank you!

Parish Groups & Contacts:

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St James & St Ann's Elementary School	Principal: Terri Sask (604.852.1788)
St John Brebeuf Regional High School	Principal: Gianni Bittante (604.855.0571)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

9am ◇ Int: - RIP † Robert Brown

11am ◇ Int: - RIP † Maureen Abeywickreme

6:30pm ◇ Int: - Missa pro populo

Monday, January 7, 2019

8am *St. Andre Bessette* ◇ Int: - RIP † Jean Pilla

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8am *St. Raymond of Penyafort* ◇ Int: - Residents of Jackman Manor

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8am ◇ Int: - Teresa Filiatrault

Thursday, January 10, 2019

8am ◇ Int: -Eric C.

Friday, January 11, 2019

8am ◇ Int: - Fr. George

Saturday, January 12, 2019

9am ◇ Int: - Sponsored Children in Cameroon

4.30pm Anticipated Mass - ◇ Int: Missa pro populo

Sunday, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

9am ◇ Int: - RIP † Pat

11am ◇ Int: - RIP † Jeanette Boulet

6:30pm ◇ Int: - RIP † Philip Gumpal

Stewardship Reflection

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

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MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, DC Fr. Larry Lynn is going to Washington, D.C., to march for joy, for love, for peace...to march for life on Jan. 18, 2019. Anyone interested in joining him? Clergy? Youth ministers? Old-guard pro-lifers? Come to Washington and help Fr. Larry bring back some of that beautiful energy that is generated by 500,000 people, mostly young people, all celebrating the simple fact that life is precious. If interested, please contact Fr. Larry Lynn at 604-926-6881 or visit <https://rcav.org/event/march-for-life-3> for more info.

INFORMATION UPDATE If there has been any change in your registration information please let the office know so that it can be updated. Thank you.

DISCOVERY– OBEDIENCE The next series of the *Discovery* program will begin Thursday, January 24 at 6:30pm. The theme for this series is *Obedience* and will provide practical lessons on obedience, surrender and trust in God.

VOCATIONS MASS The SERRA CLUB FRASER VALLEY WEST and IC Delta Parish (88th & 119th St., Delta) invites you to attend our VOCATIONS MASS at 7pm, THURSDAY January 10. Everyone is welcome. Fr. Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarians is the anticipated celebrant. You are also welcome to attend our meeting after the Mass, about 7:30pm, in the Gathering Area or Library.

Upcoming Events

JAN. 10 (THURS) ◇ St. John Brebeuf School Mass @ 11am

JAN. 12 (SAT) ◇ Syro Malabar Mass at 7pm

JAN. 13 (SUN) ◇ Pancake Breakfast after the 9am Mass
◇ El Shaddai @ 12:30pm

JAN. 14 (MON) ◇ Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:30pm

JAN. 19 (SAT) ◇ CWL General Meeting @ 10am

JAN. 23 (WED) ◇ St. James School Mass @ 9am
(NB: No 8am Morning Mass)

JAN. 27 (SUN) ◇ El Shaddai @ 12:30pm

JAN. 28 (MON) ◇ Women's Day of Recollection @ 10am

Please Pray For Healing of our Sick Parishioners

Felicisima Junos, Joseph Billerman, Bill Hireen, Rev. Anthony Boniface, Luka Volentier, James Hargrave, Roger Loiselle, Ian MacDougall, Julie Miller and Joyce Walker

Pregnant? Need to talk? Hurting from a past abortion?

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Eucharistic Adoration: Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for Adoration in St James Church *Monday-Thursday* from 7-8am before the 8am Mass and on Friday mornings at 8.30. Spend an hour adoring, praising and glorifying the Lord in the quietness of the morning.

RETRouvaille VANCOUVER SPRING PROGRAM

Is Your Marriage in Crisis? – Repair your marriage, rediscover romance and gain the tools you need for healthy, loving communication! Retrouvaille is a Catholic peer ministry which offers a three-phase program for married couples with difficulties of all kinds, including years of misery, infidelity, separation, or even divorce. It is not too late! For confidential information or to register for the program beginning the weekend of April 5 - 7, 2019, call Marc and Candice at 604-530-6710 and leave a message or email us at vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org. Website: www.retrouvaille.org and www.retrouvaillevancover.com

FIAT: WOMEN’S DISCERNMENT EVENTS – Snowshoe with the Sisters Fiat, the women’s vocation discernment group for the Archdiocese of Vancouver, is getting ready for another year of events. Please save the date for our upcoming snowshoeing event on Jan. 12. Events are open to single, Catholic young women ages 18-35 who are open to discerning and responding to God’s call in their life. Sign up now to receive emails of events throughout the year. E-mail womensvocations@rcav.org for more information.

WINTER INSTITUTE Archdiocesan Institutes are dedicated to the Church's mission of lifelong faith formation. Our one-day courses equip Catholics with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual foundation necessary for active participation in the life of the Church. *Basics of the Faith* and *Discovering the Gospels* are great courses to renew, refocus, and refresh yourself for 2019. Saturday, Jan. 19, 10am – 4pm at Notre Dame High School, Vancouver. Cost: \$40 per person, includes lunch. Register at rcav.org/winter-institute

QUO VADIS – Men’s Discernment Events Join us for a Discernment Evening with Fr. Nick Meisl - Hearing God’s Call in the Bible on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish, Vancouver. Open to single Catholic men ages 18+ who want to answer the question: What is God calling me to do with my life? Please register at least one week in advance by contacting the Vocations Office at vocations@rcav.org or call 604-443-3254.



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Lifeteen resumes Sunday, Jan. 27th @7.30pm

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Discover human nature as the “Gift of Self” in our relationship with God and one another through Theology of the Body. Using the teachings of Christ on marriage, St. John Paul II reveals our true human nature in the image and likeness of God as a “communion of persons in the sincere gift of self,” giving us the authentic meaning of our humanity now and in eternal life. Sessions begin Jan. 7 at Good Shepherd Church at Star of the Sea Parish, Surrey, and Jan. 8 at St. Matthew's Parish, Surrey. Register at rcav.org/tob.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FESTIVAL Join the Dominican family for a celebration of St. Thomas on Sat. Jan. 26. 9:30am—4pm, St. Mary’s Church, 5251 Joyce St. Vancouver. Mass at 9:30am celebrated by Archbishop Miller. Explore the life, teaching and prayer of St. Thomas through talks, skits, music and adoration. Refreshment and lunch provided. No cost and registration is not required. For more info see <http://www.dominicanlaity.ca/events> or contact Mark (604-695-7421) or Cathy (ve7cld@shaw.ca)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
“Justice and only justice you shall pursue” (Deut. 16: 18-20)
 Mon. Jan. 21– St. Ann’s Catholic Church
 Tues. Jan. 22– Peace Lutheran Church 2029 Ware St.
 Wed. Jan. 23– Mt. Lehman United Church,
 4-6256 Mt. Lehman Rd.
 Thurs. Jan. 24– St. Matthew Anglican Church,
 2010 Guildford Drive.
 Fri. Jan. 25– Emmanuel Mennonite Church,
 3471 Clearbrook Rd.

All services begin at 12:15 and are followed by lunch. Offerings will go to the Abbotsford Food Bank & MCC Indonesian Disaster Relief.

Daily Mass Scripture Readings:

Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12	Sunday 13
Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3: 2-6 Mt 2: 1-12	1Jn 3: 22-4:6 Ps 2 Mt 4: 12-25	1Jn 4: 7-10 Ps 72 Mk 6: 34-44	1Jn 4: 11-18 Ps 72 Mk 6: 45-52	1Jn 4: 19-5: 4 Ps 72 Lk 4: 14-22	1Jn 5: 5-13 Ps 147 Lk 5: 12-16	1Jn 5: 14-21 Ps 149 Jn 3: 22-30	Is 40: 1-11 Ps 104 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

BETHLEHEM'S MOSAIC OF HUMILITY

by Fr Paul Scalia • Tuesday 1st January 2019

The secular world is hastily ridding itself of the nativity scenes it rushed to display after Thanksgiving. Please, God, our churches and homes still have them in full view. The crèche is more than decoration. It's a help to our prayer. Like all our Lord's feasts, Christmas places us *there and then*, in Bethlehem, at our Lord's Birth. The crèche places the scene before our eyes and invites us to learn and imitate the virtues of those at the first Christmas.

The virtue most conspicuous in the crèche is humility. The whole scene is a study in self-forgetfulness. Every figure thinks not about himself but about the Infant in the manger. The Christ child in turn looks out at us, drawing our gaze to Himself in union with the others. By simple adoration the figures around the crib reveal various elements of humility. Together they make up a mosaic of that virtue.

A first group of figures consists of those below man and those above him: the animals and the angels. The animals – the ox and the ass – reveal the most fundamental form of humility, that of the creature. The inspiration for Saint Francis's including them in the scene comes from the first chapter of Isaiah: "An ox knows its owner, and an ass, its master's manger; But Israel does not know, my people has not understood (Is 1:3). The Prophet contrasts the animals with man. Even *beasts* have the humility to acknowledge their master. Why can't man acknowledge the Lord?

The animals in the cave remind us of our created status. The sin at our beginning was a rejection of that creatureliness, the refusal to accept what God made us to be. We wanted something other than He had given us, to be something other than He had made us. We pushed against our created status. We wanted to be like gods. And we still do. We see this vice writ large in transgender ideology, the rejection of the created limits of male and female. But every sin is an exaltation of the creature over the Creator, and thus a pushing against the limits of our nature. The ox and the ass have the humility to know their status in creation, that they are creatures – not the Creator. In that, at least, they are wiser than we.

The angels reveal something different: humility in being passed over. If the humility of the animals reminds us of our creatureliness, that of the angels remind us of our promotion at the Incarnation. God became man; He did not become an angel. In the order of nature, angels are superior to us; more intelligent, more powerful. But in the order of grace, man has been raised above them. By becoming man God gave our human nature a dignity surpassing even that of the angels. The angels now worship the *man* Jesus Christ. The self-emptying of God calls the angels to exercise a similar humility. They are asked to rejoice in being passed over for us who are so far below them. The fallen angels resent God's humility precisely because it requires humility from them as well. The good angels, like those who appear to the shepherds, rejoice in God's humility. They in effect share in His humility by rejoicing in our promotion above them. Another group in Bethlehem consists of the shepherds and the magi. These two groups – the poor, uneducated, simple shepherds and the wealthy, learned, sophisticated magi – would not otherwise be associated with one another were it not for the Christ child. Both humbly approach the crib, but in different ways. The shepherds show us the humility of the empty-handed. We typically associate pride with vanity and boasting of what one has. But

pride is simply inordinate self-focus. That can also take the form of excessive concern and attention to what one *lacks*. Thus, pride can produce despair over one's inadequacy. By it, a man focuses on his insufficiency and so cannot see the Lord's generosity. The shepherds are at peace with their poverty. They show us the humility of the poor in spirit, of those who have nothing to bring. Those men living on the outskirts of society, in the fields with the sheep, have no wealth, no accomplishments, no learning to offer. But their destitution does not disturb them. They display a comfort with having nothing to give the Lord but their attention, affection, and adoration. They are at peace coming before Him emptied handed.

Of course, we all come to Him empty-handed. We have nothing properly ours to offer Him, no accomplishments or achievements we can claim as our own. "What do you possess that you have not received?" (1 Cor 7:4) Rather than turn inward and despair of our nothingness, we learn from the shepherds that humble joy of having nothing but ourselves to bring Him.

The magi, on the other hand, show us the humility of the accomplished. If the shepherds show the humility that keeps us from despair; the magi display the humility that keeps us from boasting.

The magi are the learned, and therefore the wealthy and powerful. Their learning brings them to the crib, and in that way it is good. But for it to realize its purpose, it must yield to the Lord and in that sense be sacrificed. So the magi must humble themselves – set aside their wealth, power, and privilege – to worship the child. They anticipate the lesson the Pharisees must learn – that the Lord of Israel is not so much attained as received. Even our greatest talents and efforts are but His gifts to dispose us to receive Him. To remain in their proper place and not become a cause for vanity, our talents, gifts, and achievements must yield to the divine authority of the Christ child.

The last humble duo is, of course, Joseph and Mary. Joseph, first, exhibits a humble authority. He is the head of the Holy Family, but the least of the Holy Family. As such, he exercises his rightful authority both faithfully and humbly, always with an awareness of his duty and his unworthiness. He foreshadows the servant leadership of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. By way of humility, he both accepts the authority entrusted to him and refrains from wielding it in an authoritarian manner.

Mary shows us the authoritative humility. Not authoritative in the sense of having a title or position or any such thing. She counted for very little in the world's estimation. Authoritative, rather, in the sense that her humility sets the standard for all Christians. Authoritative, because by her humility, she is perfectly conformed to the mind of the Author. The Lord Himself displays this humility at His Birth and then proclaims it in His words. Even before that, Mary shows forth this foundational virtue. In her there is no self-focus or self-referential thinking to compete with Him. Her humility allows God's grace to work in her perfectly, to fill her with grace, to make her the exemplary – authoritative – Christian.

Of course, all these forms of humility – of the animals and angels, of the shepherds and magi, of Joseph and Mary – they are just reflections of our Lord's humility. He humbles Himself to share our created human nature, and thus raises it above the angels. He is the Good Shepherd, born in poverty, coming to us empty-handed. Having all authority, He appeals to us not by the threat of force but by His own self-emptying, by the simple look of a child.

SOURCE: <https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2019/01/01/bethlehems-mosaic-of-humility/>

“ BENEDICTUS ” - CANTICLE OF ST ZACHARY - LAUDS OF EPIPHANY

ANTIPHON: Today the Bridegroom claims His bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan’s waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the Royal Wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia.

“ MAGNIFICAT ” - CANTICLE OF MARY - VESPERS OF EPIPHANY

ANTIPHON: Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia.

“ MAGNIFICAT ” - RESPONSORY - MATINS - MONDAY

RESPONSORY: The wise men offered three precious gifts to the Lord on that day, and each of these gifts has a divine significance—gold signifies the power of a **King**; frankincense, the office of **High Priest** and myrrh, the Lord’s **Burial**.

The wise men came to the stable to worship the Author of our Salvation, and from their treasures they offered these symbolic gifts.

“ BENEDICTUS ” - CANTICLE OF ST ZACHARY - LAUDS - MONDAY

ANTIPHON: The wise men came from the East to adore the Lord in Bethlehem. Opening their treasures, they offered him three precious gifts: gold for the great King, frankincense for the true God, and myrrh for his burial, alleluia.


BLESSING OF CHALK on Epiphany

PRIEST: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bless,  O Lord God, this creature, chalk, and let it be a help to mankind. Grant that those who will use it with faith in your most holy name, and with it inscribe on the doors of their homes the names of your saints, Casper, Melchior and Balthazar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health in body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

(The chalk is then sprinkled with holy water.)



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