



Holy Cross Parish

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Monday – Friday 9: 00–12:00, 1- 4 p.m.

Contact the office to arrange for
Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals
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Pastor's Day Off: Mondays

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection: Matthew is the only evangelist who tells the story of wise men from the East who follow a star in their search for the newborn King of the Jews.

These 'wise men' might be practitioners of Eastern mystical traditions, Babylonian astrologers, Arabian magicians, or rich adventure-seekers. They come from another world and are seeking something out of the ordinary. We can easily see in these travellers the restless searchers of our own age - people who keep looking for the ultimate experience, the perfect path, the next big thing.

We continue to tell and reflect upon their story as part of our own journey, more than 2,000 years later. The wise men are more than just 'new agers' from an ancient time. They follow the signs and they show us the star.

That star, pointing to the Christ child, is still part of our world today. Sometimes our work may be to polish the star and make it shine when it has been obscured by clouds of doubt, scandal or suspicion. Sometimes, we have the privilege of pointing it out to restless searchers; and sometimes we are the ones out in the dark, cold night, needing to get back up on the camel and follow the star again...until it leads us once more to

the Christ-child who brings life, joy, and peace for the whole world.

(Reflection of Marilyn Sweet, Windsor, NS
copied from Living with Christ)

Adult - *What issues in my own life sometimes prevent me from recognizing and worshipping Jesus?*

Children- *Where and in whom will you look for Jesus this week?*

Prayer:

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for every and ever. Amen.



PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

1/8/12	9:00 AM	MASS
SUNDAY	11:00 AM	MASS
1/9/12		
MONDAY		
1/10/12	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	MASS
	7:30 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting
1/11/12	7:00 PM	MASS
WEDNESDAY	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
	7:30 PM	Prayer Group Meeting
1/12/12	9:00 AM	MASS
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Study Group
	7:30 PM	4th Degree K of C Meeting
1/13/12	9:00 AM	MASS
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	Whist
1/14/12	4:15 PM	Reconciliation
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	MASS
	5:00 PM	Children's Youth
1/15/12	9:00 AM	MASS
SUNDAY	9:30 - 12:30	K of C Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 AM	MASS

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon:	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	Mark 1:7-11
Tues:	1 Samuel 1: 9-20	Mark 1:21-28
Wed:	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20	Mark 1:29-39
Thurs:	1 Samuel 4:1-11	Mark 1:40-45
Fri:	1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22	Mark 2:1-12
Sat:	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Mark 2: 13-17

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1st: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

2nd: 1 Cor 6:13-15,17,20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations received for December 24, 2011 - January 1, 2012:

Envelopes:	\$ 7,084.00	
Loose:	4,569.54	
Christmas Offering :	4,657.00	
New Year Offering :	1,167.00	
QVE:	452.00	
TOTAL	\$ 17,929.54	



Stewardship

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the new born Savior?

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

Pastoral Council Highlights

Holy Cross Pastoral Council met on December 13, 2011. The following are highlights:

- Nomination update - there are several positions open for 2012. Please consider sharing your talents by serving on Pastoral Council, there will be more information posted in January/February.
- Introduction of Sr. Cora hired as office manager
- We are closing our deficit . Thanks to the generosity of parishioners
- There will be an Ecumenical service Jan 22 at 2 pm at Holy Cross
- Parish Mission will be March 3 – 7th
- Ticket sales for calendar going well for fundraising
- Profit for Harvest supper = \$4,375.34.

A big thank you to all who give their time and talent to serve in the Pastoral Council. Please contact me if you have any question. Karen Eisler at 789 - 7476 or

reisler@accesscomm.ca

Pastoral Council Announcements:

1. Pastoral Council Meeting is January 10, 2012.
2. Joint Pastoral Council and Finance Council Meeting is moved to February 14, 2012.
3. **Annual General Meeting will be on Sunday, March 25, 2012 after the 11 a.m. Mass.** Please plan to attend.
4. Please send in your 2011 committee report for the Annual Report to the office by January 16, 2012.



HOME SWEET HOME

FATHER THOMAS will be away....

Please note that Father Thomas will be leaving January 12 for Vietnam. He will be touring with other ministers and they will help distribute eye glasses to the less fortunate. He will return on February 11.

We wish him all the best for a safe and faith-filled trip. Father Norm Marcotte and Fr. Pat Murphy will be here to fill in while Father Thomas is away.

CWL NEWS:

- ♦ Holy Cross CWL General Meeting will be held March 6, Mass @ 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting. We will be hosting a Shower for Birthright. We will be collecting for our hampers beginning this week-end. Boxes will be provided at both entrances. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. SPECIFIC ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE HAMPERS are: Baby food, receiving blankets, diapers, clothes mostly newborn. New and used will be greatly accepted.

K OF C:

- 4th Degree Knights Meeting : January 12 @ 7:30 P.M.
- Pancake Breakfast is scheduled on Sunday, January 15, 2012. Opening at 8:00 a.m. and to be concluded at 1:00 p.m.



CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

December 25, 2011	- Carrina Selinger
Dec. 25 Special Draw	- Terry Fink
January 1, 2012	- Cec Duperrault
Jan. 1 Special Draw	- Kevin Seida

YOUTH



Holy Cross Youth Night Grades 1-5

Jan. 14 2012 5-8pm

We will begin with mass at 5pm and join in the Gerein Center after for FOOD, FRIENDS and FUN! Please bring your favorite food (Hot or Cold) to share with the Group! Pick up is at 8pm.

Please register at ym.holycross@sasktel.net



HELP NEEDED:

We are in need of two collection counters to help out on January 29, February 5, June 24 and July 1 weekends. This does not have to be a permanent commitment. Help out with one weekend or with all. Please call the office if you are able to give us a hand. Thank you

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 AM MASS 11:00 AM MASS	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 7:00 PM MASS	4 7:00 PM MASS 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Prayer Group Meeting	5 9:00 AM MASS 9:30 AM Study Group	6 1:00 PM Byzantine Rite -Devine Liturgy with St. Andrew	7 4:15 PM Reconciliation 5:00 PM MASS
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