

Epiphany of the Lord, January 04, 2026

Intentions:

January 04 - in loving memory of **Lois & Raymond Allen**, requested by their daughter Cynthia.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection:

December 24 & 25 - \$3475.00

December 28 - \$1162.00 Thank You

January 07



Saint André Bessette: Known to millions simply as Brother André, Alfred Bessette was born in St-Grégoire, Quebec, in 1845. Orphaned by the age of 12, he was unschooled, small and sickly. In 1870 he

joined the Congregation of Holy Cross. For the next 40 years, he was porter at the Collège Notre-Dame on Queen Mary Road in Montreal, where he excelled at hospitality. In the course of his duties, he welcomed the sick and afflicted, and it was his habit to pray with them through the intercession of Saint Joseph. He gained a reputation throughout the city and, as he was credited with extraordinary favours and with healings, more and more people came to the college to seek out the "Miracle Man of Montreal".

Possessed of a deep love for Saint Joseph, Brother André erected a statue of the saint on the mountain across from the college. Then, assisted by lay friends in 1904, he built a wooden chapel on the mountain. Over the years, the chapel grew into a basilica. Today, Saint Joseph's Oratory welcomes more than two million visitors each year. Its founder lived to be 91, was declared blessed in 1982, and canonized on October 17, 2010. Saint André Bessette is the patron of family caregivers in Canada.

"My only ambition is to serve God in the most obscure tasks."

~ Saint André Bessette ~



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Reflection: The magi followed the light and found the Saviour of the world. The magi searched, encountered, worshiped him and offered gifts. The magi demonstrated how Christianity must always show "faith in action." Believing always plays itself out in living. The pattern of our lives is that of the magi: seek, encounter, homage, self-giving. An important lesson here for living is that authentic homage (worship) naturally leads to living in the Light. Worship, then, is more than what happens in church on Sunday. It is the light of our own selves that shines throughout our weekdays, witnessing to our own encounters with the Light. Our very lives must proclaim our faith. (Living Liturgy, p.36)

Vincentian Meditation: "This is my prayer to you, O Lord! Give to me your special favour. Pour out your truth and mercy on me in an abundance that will enable me to put your love into practice, filling me with true affection for you, for my neighbour, and also for myself." -St. Vincent de Paul- (McKenna, Praying with Vincent, p.113)



Pope's Intentions for the Month of January

For prayer with the word of God: Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

NOTE:

- 2025-2026 Sunday Missals are available at the rear of the church. Suggested donation in \$8.00.
- 2026 donation envelopes are displayed at the back of the church please take yours home at the end of mass.
- There will be no weekday masses in January 2026. Fr Anthony will be on holiday then.
- Readers 1st quarter schedules is available at back of the church.

HOW ASPARAGUS GOT ITS NAME

A sixth grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. Here is what he wrote;

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell.

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden ... Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them. After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.")

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas **Asparagus**. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

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Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Sunday 11:00 am Mass

Saturday 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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