

## THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



JANUARY 1, 2026



### NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

9:00 am + Tony Sartoretto &  
+ Horner Family Souls  
11:00 am + Stanislaw Chojna

### READINGS

**First Reading:** Numbers 6: 22~27

**Psalm 67:** May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**Second Reading:** Galatians 4: 4~7

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 16~21

**Pastors' CORNER**  
The blessing in the first reading is such a marvelous gift in our Scriptures: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our spiritual mother, knew this blessedness, and as God revealed His plan for her life, she treasured it in her heart and whispered "yes" to a future she could not see. God is revealing a beautiful plan for your life, one that will have you carry Jesus to your family,

friends, and neighbours. Listen to God, revealing His plan for your life. Treasure His plan for your life to be bigger and better than your plan, and whisper "yes" into this new year of bearing and discovering Jesus.

## **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



### THIS WEEKEND

**SATURDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

4 pm \*\* People's Intention

**SUNDAY JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

9 am + Findlay & + O'Flynn

11 am + Cooper Family Souls



### SUNDAY READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Psalm 72:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

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

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1-12



*Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem. He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. All Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus*

*the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.*

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come!" The opening words of the first reading give us a command we are often hesitant to follow: what if people think we are arrogant? But we are "sharers in the promise" of Jesus, and we have so much good news to share. Like the Magi, who make an extraordinary trip to pay homage to the newborn Christ, we are invited to be the heralds of the Good News, to proclaim that Jesus is born and there is freedom in Him who lived and loved, died and rose for us. Let yourselves be overwhelmed with joy ~ from time to time, if you can't manage it constantly ~ and dare to invite others in.*

***Our light has come. Let it shine!***

## **PARISH COMMUNITY**

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**

The committee for the Christmas Hampers program would like to thank the parish community for their continued support. The five families we helped with our Christmas Hampers were overwhelmed with the generosity shown to them by strangers. Your kindness brought the love of Christ to our neighbours in need during the Christmas season. Money raised was used to purchase food for Christmas Day and food gift cards. Thank you to the committee and Father and his elf for delivering the hampers to the grateful families. Thank you for sharing the light of Christ at Christmas time!

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2026**

The parish depends on your continued weekly financial support ~ please take ANY numbered envelope box and remember to completely fill out the first few envelopes, for a tax receipt.

## **LADIES OF THE PARISH**

Next meeting is Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> @1:00 pm in the hall. All ladies are welcome.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

\*\* living or + deceased.

| January                   | Time     | Mass for                         |
|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:00 pm  | ** Bob Fowler                    |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm  | + Souls of all Priests Friends   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9:15 am  | ** HFCS Staff & Students         |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>    | 9:15 am  | ** Good Health of Maier Family   |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 4:00 pm  | ** Parish Intention              |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 9:00 am  | ** Speedy Recover of Bob Bushell |
|                           | 11:00 am | + John Dziuran                   |

## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Michael Blahy, Bob Fowler, Barry Giblin, Rhonda Grant, Jan Holland, Albert Pacelli, Mary Porter and all those living in our local nursing homes, manors, and especially for all the sick of the parish.

## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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| Parish Promissory Note<br>(For the new hall) | \$ 359,000.00 |
| Christmas                                    | \$2,875.05    |
| Weekend Collection                           | 1,239.75      |

**Thank You to all who are donating ~ through the parish, online & electronically.**