



### Searching for the King

God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Since the Magi were Gentiles, Matthew shows them receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox of how the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come and, with the help of the Scripture, find and adore him. For Matthew the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection.

There is a little to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed – the revelation of Christ as the Savior of the Gentiles too.

The second reading expresses the theological meaning of the feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ. The feast shows that election by God is not a privilege for some but a hope for all.

### Pope's Prayer Intention for January

#### *For the gift of diversity in the Church—*

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

## This Week

### Monday, January 8

<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>		
7:00pm	Mass	+Gilberto Carlos
7:30pm	Meeting	Knights of Columbus Executive
7:45pm	Meeting	Catholic in Recovery

### Tuesday, January 9

6:00am	Meeting	Men's Prayer Group (Virtual)
8:00am	Mass	Int Antonio Peralta
10:00am	Meeting	Busy Hands Women's Craft Group
6:30pm	Meeting	Parish Religious Education (PREP)
7:00pm	Mass	Int Liliana & Bogdan Jankowski

### Wednesday, January 10

8:00am	Mass	+Fazil Khan
9:15am	Mass	St. Augustine School
7:00pm	Meeting	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
7:00pm	Mass	

### Thursday January 11

8:00am	Mass	Int Francesco Castrillo
10:00am	Funeral	+Anton (Tony) Maglica
7:00pm	Mass	+Dennis Bruchet, Jr.

### Friday January 12

8:00am	Mass	
7:00pm	Mass	

### Saturday January 13

8:00am	Mass	
5:00pm	Mass	+Ibrahim Alashhab

### Sunday January 14

9:00am	Mass	
10:00am	Meeting	Catholic Women's League
11:00am	Mass	For Parishioners by Missionary Oblates
		Rite of Acceptance & Welcome –RCIA
5:00pm	Mass	+ Guy de Charentenay



### OFFERTORY

We are grateful for these gifts  
Sunday: \$11,134.00

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### LECTIO DIVINA Praying the Scriptures

Our first meeting for the year will be on Friday 19 Jan at 10am in the library.

We extend a warm welcome to women to join us to reflect together on the gospel reading for the following Sunday.

We meet regularly on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

For more information contact Lynette Brook 604 441 6845.

### Cor - Men's Prayer Reflection:

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this focussed based Men's Prayer Gathering is available to all men. The St. Augustine's cohort will gather in the Parish Library at 7:30 pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning Wednesday January 17th 2024.

## Faith Studies Series

DISCOVERY - SOURCE - GROWTH  
TRUST - COMMISSION

**CCO Faith Studies Series** invites you to encounter Christ through a simple but challenging look at the Gospel message.

**DISCOVERY** is a 7-week small group faith study, and the first of five levels that focuses on Jesus and explores what it means to have a personal relationship with Him.

It will transform your life, deepen your faith in Jesus, help you grow closer in community, and learn how to share your faith with others.

If you have completed Discovery, contact us to learn more about the other levels we plan to offer at the same time.

WHEN: **Thursdays, January 25, to March 7, 2024 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

WHERE: **St. Augustine's Parish Hall**

COST: **\$10 workbook**

*"Taking Discovery, it changed my view and outlook on my faith life... that He wants to have a personal relationship with me."*

For more and information and registration:  
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### Knights of Columbus

#### Charity Appeal Ticket Winners...



2023 Toyota RAV4 winner C. Burden 204034 2nd cash prize 30,000.00 winner B. Jones 671726 3rd cash prize 10,000.00 S. McLeish 326773 4th cash prize 5,000.00 V. Ukrainetz 286723 Early bird winners B. Meckeberg, B. Harrington, M. Fulton, A. Lim, L. Finch, M. Ternate, L. Schroeder, C. Erickson, G. Williamson,, L. Doane, each received 1,000.00

For further information about the winners, please go to website

[kofccharity.ca](http://kofccharity.ca)

*Thank you to everyone who participated in the sale and support of this event.*

### Do you suffer in silence with an addiction, compulsion or some type of unhealthy attachment and feel you need help...

Then, please consider coming to Catholic in Recovery (CIR) meeting, a 12 Steps Program tied to the Sacraments of the Church. We meet with other Catholics whose sole purpose is to help each other find healing from any addiction, compulsion, or unhealthy attachment.

We meet every Monday evening at the Church library between 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to share our experience, strength and hope with other Catholics seeking recovery.

For more information and in confidence, please feel welcome to contact Jean-Joseph at Catholic in Recovery by email at

[cirstaugustines@gmail.com](mailto:cirstaugustines@gmail.com) or 604-670-4217.

### Stamp Collection Box



Please save your used stamps and drop these off from time to time in the stamp box in the foyer for the Archdiocese Vocation Fund. All stamps have value and are gratefully received.

## FOOD COLLECTION

January 20 & 21 2023

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35*



### WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

St. Augustine's Oblate Parish is a Catholic community centered in Christ and the Eucharist that has a shared mission to – welcome and invite all to participate – celebrate in Word and Sacrament – foster evangelization and spiritual formation – advocate for social justice – care for our common home.

### A Message from the Oblates in the Pandosy House Community...

The Oblates at Pandosy Place are grateful to the many parishioners who sent cards, best wishes and gifts to the Oblate Community. We remember you all in our Masses and prayers.

*Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you*

- Pandosy Oblates



### Seniors Luncheon

Venue St. Augustine Parish Centre

Date Thursday, January 18, 2024 - 12:00 noon

*(arrival to the Hall is welcomed by 11:45 for serving at 12:00)*

Maximum seating of 40

**RSVP by Tuesday January 9th to Geri Fujisawa:** 604 738-1155 or [gerifuji@telus.net](mailto:gerifuji@telus.net). For seniors needing assistance with transportation, a request can be made when you RSVP.



### What is the feast of the Epiphany about?

*According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church:*

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations.

Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament.

The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitic dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].

## HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

*St Peter's Basilica*

*Monday, 1st January 2024*

The words of the Apostle Paul illumine the beginning of this new year: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Gal 4:4). The expression "the fullness of time" is striking. In ancient times, time was measured using vases of water; the passage of time was marked by how long it took for an empty vase to be filled. Hence the meaning of the phrase "fullness of time": once the vase of history is filled, divine grace spills over. God becomes man and he does so through a woman, Mary. She is the means chosen by God, the culmination of that long line of individuals and generations that "drop by drop" prepared for the Lord's coming into the world. The Mother, then, stands at the very heart of the mystery of time. It pleased God to turn history around through her, the *woman*. With that one word, "woman", the Scripture brings us back to the beginning, to Genesis, and makes us realize that the Mother and Child mark a new creation, a new beginning. Thus, at the beginning of the time of salvation, there is the Holy Mother of God, our Holy Mother.

The Church needs Mary in order to recover her own feminine face, to resemble more fully the woman, Virgin and Mother, who is her model and perfect image (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 63), to make space for women and to be "generative" through a pastoral ministry marked by concern and care, patience and maternal courage. The world, too, needs to look to mothers and to women in order to find peace, to emerge from the spiral of violence and hatred, and once more see things with genuinely human eyes and hearts. Every society needs to accept the gift that is woman, every woman: to respect, defend and esteem women, in the knowledge that whosoever harms a single woman profanes God, who was "born of a woman".

Let us entrust this coming year to the Mother of God. Let us consecrate our lives to her. With tender love, she will open our eyes to their fullness. For she will lead us to Jesus, who is himself "the fullness of time", of every time, of our own time, of each one of us. Indeed, as was once written: "It was not the fullness of time that brought about the sending of the Son of God, but the sending of the Son that brought about the fullness of time" (cf. MARTIN LUTHER, *Vorlesung über den Galaterbrief* 1516-1517, 18). Brothers and sisters, may this year be filled with the consolation of the Lord! May this year be filled with the tender maternal love of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

I now invite all of us together to proclaim three times: *Holy Mother of God! Holy Mother of God! Holy Mother of God!*

### St. Augustine School News...

THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 Fall Campaign has raised \$600,262 in an impressive collaboration between our school and parish families. Over 91% of school families contributed to the Campaign, totaling \$435,223. Families 'and individuals without children in the school contributed \$165,039. This continues a tradition of giving from all parts of St. Augustine parish which is the foundation of our efforts to rebuild and eventually complete our school building project.

Our Pastor, Parish leadership and the Faith and Foundation team are humbled by your generosity and trust. Thank you so much for what you have done for our children and for the countless others that will join our school in the many years ahead as we stay true to our great mission of advancing Catholic education.

