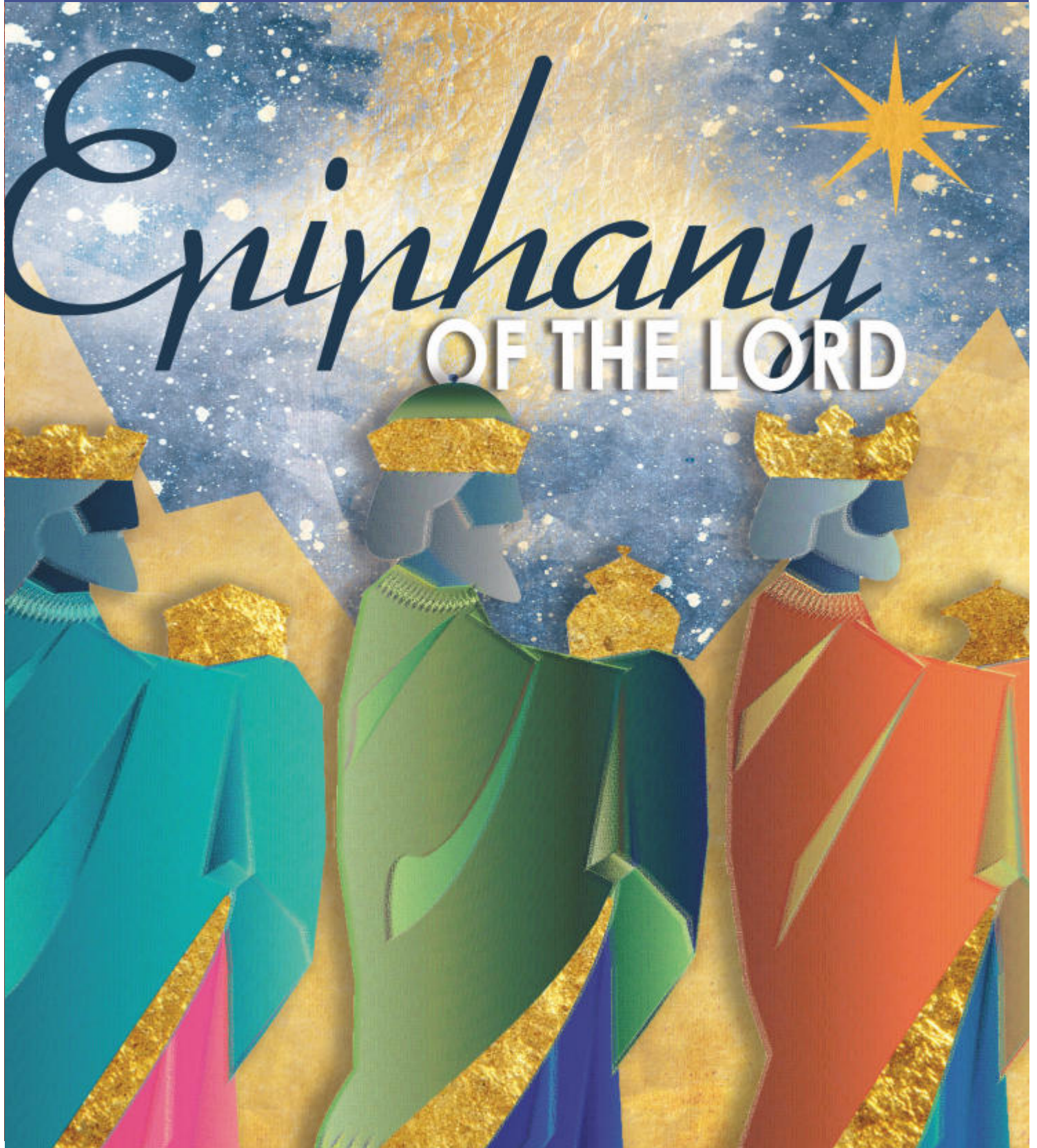




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POTHE PUBLIC MASS SCHEDULE:

All Masses at Holy Martyrs will continue to be livestreamed. Go to: pothe.org and click on "Watch Mass Live"

Weekend Mass Schedule:

- Holy Martyrs: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm
- Sacred Heart: Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00am
- St. Gregory: Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30am
- St. Jude: Sunday at 9:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule:

- Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue 5:30 pm, Wed, Fri 7:30 am
- St. Gregory: Friday 8:00 am
- Sacred Heart: Mon, Tue, Thurs 8:00 am, Sat 8:15 am

Eucharistic Adoration:

- Holy Martyrs: Monday 12:00 - 8:00 pm
- St. Gregory: Fridays at 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Sacred Heart Saturdays at 8:45 - 9:45 am

Confession:

- Sacred Heart : Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am
- HM, SG, SH : Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Act of Contrition: O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING WHAT GOD IS ASKING OF US



Liturgically, this has been a very busy few weeks! We had the great Solemnity of Christmas, and then next day shifted gears to honor the Holy Family at Sunday mass. We honored St. John the Evangelist and remembered the Holy Innocents during the week. Saturday, we celebrated another great Solemnity, Mary as the Mother of God, and then remembered the evangelization by the Magi at Epiphany for our Sunday obligation. Except for St. John, each of these liturgies are part of the Christmas story, so there is a measure of continuity. Yet, each touch upon important aspects of that story that sometimes we just lump together. These feasts remind us that God calls and speaks to us in a variety of ways. Sometimes we hear this call as clearly from God, and can respond, as Mary, Joseph, and shepherds did. At other times, we are moved to action, and only later recognize the presence of God, as with the Magi. Still other times, we go through suffering and sacrifice, and can only understand those moments much later, as did the Holy Innocents.

Part of our challenge as disciples is that we become conflicted. We tell ourselves that we would most like the direct interaction with God, but only if we don't have to respond if we are inconvenienced. In our modern society it can become easier to just go from point to point, without reflecting upon God's presence in the ordinary. Finally, we are trained to avoid pain and suffering, so subconsciously sabotage any opportunity to bring meaning and God's grace to those moments. At the beginning of a new calendar year, it is useful to reflect on these three ways that God speaks to each of us. Am I truly aware that God is speaking to me, but I do not like what He is saying? Am I continually returning to the same place in my life journey, but not considering that might be part of God's plan? Am I interpreting any disappointment or suffering as a sign of God's absence? If so, perhaps we can benefit from rereading some of the Scripture of the past few weeks, to remind us that God is ever speaking to us. We are the ones who need to fine tune the frequency in order to understand what He is asking of us.

— Father Phil

SANCTITY OF LIFE PRAYER SERVICE - JANUARY 16

Come pray for the Sanctity of Life on Sunday, January 16. The service runs from 2 pm to 4 pm at Holy Martyrs Church, and will also be livestreamed. We'll include the Rosary for Life and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet; there will be time for silent Eucharistic Adoration and contemplation. This prayer service is sponsored by the POTHE/OLH ACTS Ministry and the Knights of Columbus. Please bring your families and friends and join us in praying for this important cause.



**Knights of Columbus
Council #15791**

The Knights of Columbus January 2022:

Tuesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm
Knights Monthly Business Meeting at Holy Martyrs

Wednesday, January 12, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
American Red Cross Blood Drive at Holy Martyrs. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

LET US PRAY

Glory be..

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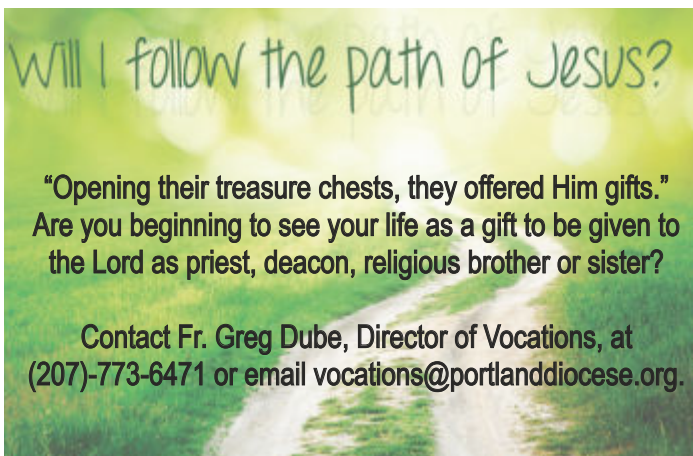
The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ’s royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be our Savior.

MATTHEW 2: 1 - 12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and do Him homage.” After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the Child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the Child with Mary, His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift-giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?



Wednesday, January 12
1 ~ 6 PM

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR HOLIDAY HELPERS AND A NOTE FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We cannot tell you how much we appreciate the incredible amount of gift cards that POTHE parishioners contributed to help refugees at Christmas. We received many more newcomers this year than usual, given the Afghan crisis, our regular refugees, and the many Haitians who have found that Maine is a welcoming place to settle.

We had a lot of donor groups this year but even so, we did not have enough donors to give every newcomer something. However, your gift cards will be a wonderful way to fill this gap. As you know, with the cards they can choose what they want and they don’t get to do that very often when they first get here. They are given furniture, clothes etc. but have no say in what they get. These cards will be very special. In addition to being able to choose what they want, people can get a few extras. The items we provide are for a very basic lifestyle.

Your parishioners are so generous and have such big hearts. It was a total surprise to us to get the cards, but so, so welcome!!

Your church has demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas in giving to others who have come with nothing. It makes me think of a quote by Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”

Thank you to all for being so giving.

June Gagnon
Donations Coordinator - Catholic Charities



Thank you for your Christmas Flower Donations!!

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Kathy Lennon in memory of Joseph and Irene Craney, Gerry Ann Grasso

Maria Ramos in memory of her deceased family and friends

Brett and Marie Sullivan in memory of their deceased family and friends

A NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL

Fellow Parishioners,

I hope all have had a peaceful and blessed holiday season.

With the beginning of a new year, we are halfway through our fiscal year. Your parish Finance Committee continues to meet regularly and we want to keep you apprised of our current financial status.

We have a very generous parish and are doing well despite these trying times. Our offertory has been behind budget driven in large part by the continuing pandemic challenges. We have managed our expenses to levels below our budget but have not been able to fully offset the revenue shortfall. Like our many families, we are experiencing inflation in the costs we incur, such as heating oil, and this is placing some pressure on our expense levels. Lastly, we have been working to keep up with planned maintenance and improvements as well as unplanned items - boiler repairs were needed at both Sacred Heart and Holy Martyrs, chimney and deck repairs were done at St. Gregory, and St. Jude experienced some additional costs in their work to create greater accessibility.

January is often time for reviewing or revising financial items, and so the council wanted to offer a few reminders:

- Credit cards may often expire near the beginning of the year, so be sure to update your automatic payments.
- As you are reviewing your family budget for the year, be sure to take the time for a prayerful update to your planned giving.
- Setting up your offertory giving via We Share—our secure online giving portal—is the perfect way to ensure your weekly donations aren't impacted by attendance-limiting factors such as bad weather, pandemic restrictions, or travel.

For assistance with automatic payments or WeShare, you may reach Melissa at 207-553-7158 or email pothe@portlanddiocese.org. First, thank you for your continued generosity and support. If you would like a record of your giving for 2021, you will find a form in the Quick Link section of our parish website, or go to Annual Donation Report | Parish of the Holy Eucharist | Falmouth, ME (pothe.org)

We appreciate your generosity, and your thoughtful consideration.

Steve Mitchell, Finance Council Chair

NEEDY FUND PROVIDES SUPPORT TO KENTUCKY TORNADO VICTIMS

POTHE through an initiative of the Social Justice Commission, made a donation to the Kentucky Diocese where a tornado destroyed a 200-mile path in the western region of the state. The storm damaged several churches and devastated the community of Mayfield. Our parish followed guidance of the national Catholic Bishops and the Owensboro Diocese of Kentucky by forwarding a donation of \$500 to emergency response program under Catholic Charities. The parish was able to express its sympathy because contributions from our parishioners to the "Needy" fund provided the money for this contribution. We have made this gesture of our concern, but we also remember in prayer the people who have been killed and injured -- as well as those who must have courage to rebuild.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING MORE INVOLVED WITH YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY?

POTHE is seeking Front Desk Volunteers for a couple of morning and afternoon shifts each week. Volunteer for just one shift per week or two if you have more time. No two days are alike. Help parishioners who come into our Parish Office who wish to meet with a priest about a wedding, baptism, or to sign up for a Mass Intention. Help Faith Formation / Parish Life teams with upcoming events. Two volunteer schedules available: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Contact Kim Palli at 271-3133 or kim.palli@portlanddiocese.org.

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Can't drive in? Call or email anytime with questions: 207-847-6885 or kim.palli@portlanddiocese.org

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule and Prayer Intentions (pg 5)

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:15 am SH Public Mass
10:00 am HM Public Mass
4:00 pm Public Mass (HM, SH, and SG)

Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am SH Public Mass
8:30 am Public Mass (HM and SG)
9:30 am SJ Public Mass
10:30 am SJ Baptism Lucas Leavitt Milton
10:30 am HM Public Mass
11:00 am SH Public Mass
5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Monday, January 3

8:00 am SH Public Mass
12:00 pm HM Eucharistic Adoration (until 8:00 pm)
5:30 pm HM Public Mass
6:30 pm SH POTHE Boy Scouts (until 8:00 pm)
7:00 pm HM RCIA/Conference Room

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 am SH Public Mass
9:30 am HM Centering Prayer
10:30 am HM Friends in Faith (F2F and Zoom)
5:30 pm HM Public Mass
6:30 pm HM Knight's of Columbus Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 5

7:30 am HM Public Mass

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am SH Public Mass
6:00 pm HM Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, January 7

7:30 am HM Public Mass
8:00 am SG Public Mass (followed by Adoration)

Saturday, January 8 Haiti Door Collection

7:00 am SH That Man is YOU!
8:15 am SH Public Mass (followed by Adoration and Confession)
9:00 am SG Protecting God's Children (until 12:00 pm)
2:30 pm Confession (HM, SH, and SG)
4:00 pm Public Mass (HM, SH, and SG)

Sunday, January 9 Haiti Door Collection

8:00 am SH Public Mass
8:30 am Public Mass (IHM and SG)
9:30 am SJ Public Mass
10:30 am HM Public Mass
11:00 am SH Public Mass
11:00 am SH Baptism Yvette Descheneaux (during Mass)
1:00 pm SH Parents Baptismal Preparation Session
5:30 pm HM Public Mass

Saturday, January 1

8:15 am SH Fr. M Holy Souls in Purgatory by Laurette Bilodeau
10:00 am HM Fr. T Anthony Cemoni by the Ewald family
4:00 pm HM Fr. M Deceased members of the Sedzia and Gorecki families
4:00 pm SH Fr. T Deceased members of the D'Alessandro and Palli families by their loving family
4:00 pm SG Fr. K Holy Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am SH Fr. T Roger Gagne by his loving family
8:30 am HM Fr. M Aggie Ferencak by Diane Kidric
8:30 am SG Fr. K Hugh Everett LaRochelle by his loving family
9:30 am SJ Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners
10:30 am HM Fr. M Jack Mullin by Mary T Honan
11:00 am SH Fr. K John Hinckley by daughter Paula Hinckley
5:30 pm HM Fr. M Seamus Murphy by the Conroy-Vella family

Monday, January 3

8:00 am SH Fr. M Gregory Martin by Nancy and Mac Martin
5:30 pm HM Fr. T Fr. Hilary Cameron by Father Phil Tracy

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 am SH Fr. M Lillian Cloutier by the Cloutier family
5:30 pm HM Fr. T Fr. Tom Murphy by Father Phil Tracy

Wednesday, January 5

7:30 am HM Fr. T Nadine Leo by Jack Napolitano

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am SH Fr. K Catherine Thibodeau by her daughter Elaine

Friday, January 7

7:30 am HM Fr. T Joan Logan by Lila White
8:00 am SG Fr. K Rolande Begin and the souls of my family

Saturday, January 8

8:15 am SH Fr. M Holy Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
4:00 pm HM Fr. K Deceased members of the Obar and Tardy families by Barb Obar
4:00 pm SH Fr. M Bill Hughes by his loving family
4:00 pm SG Fr. T David Driscoll by Elaine Becker

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am SH Fr. M Bill McGonagle by Claudia Richards
8:30 am HM Fr. K Jack Mullin by the Wahlig family
8:30 am SG Fr. T John Neuts by the Boulos family
9:30 am SJ Fr. M Paul Colon by his wife Fern
10:30 am HM Fr. K Thomas Infantino by the Nastro family
11:00 am SH Fr. T All POTHE Parishioners
5:30 pm HM Fr. K Nick Larsen by the Snow Family

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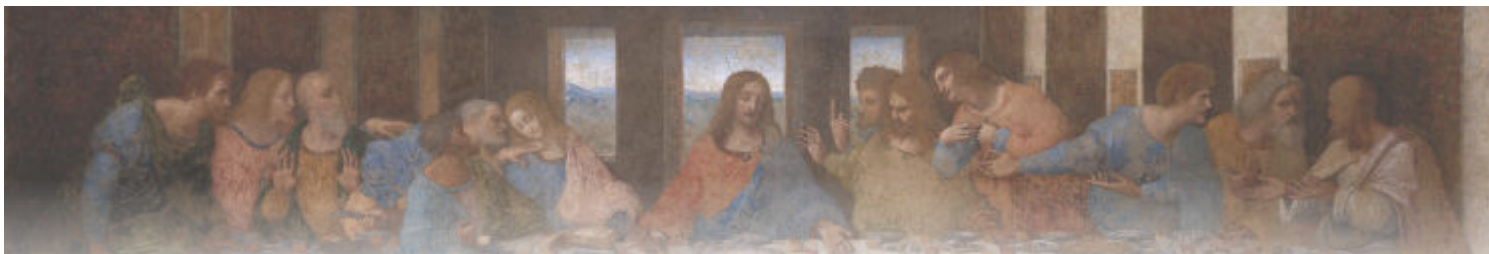
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Weekend Mass Schedule

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Saturday: Holy Martyrs, Sacred Heart and St Gregory at 4:00 pm
 Sunday: Holy Martyrs at 8:30 am, 10:30 am, & 5:30 pm
 St. Gregory at 8:30 am; St. Jude at 9:30 am
 Sacred Heart at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Martyrs: Mon 12-8 pm, Sacred Heart Sat 8:45-9:45 am
 St. Gregory: Friday 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

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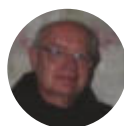
Holy Martyrs: Mon, Tue 5:30 pm; Wed, Fri 7:30 am
 St. Gregory: Friday 8:00 am
 Sacred Heart Mon, Tues, Thur 8:00 am Saturday at 8:15 am

Confession (or by Appointment)

St. Gregory: Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Holy Martyrs: Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
 Sacred Heart: Saturday 8:45 am - 9:45 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm



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Saturday	1/1	Our Holy Father
Sunday	1/2	Bishop Robert P Deeley, JCD
Monday	1/3	V. Rev. Jean-Paul Labrie Rev. Mark P Noiette
Tuesday	1/4	Rev. Eddy J Morin Rev. David E Schlaver, CSC
Wednesday	1/5	Rev. Antony Pichai Muthu, HGN Rev. Ramundas Bukauskas, OFM
Thursday	1/6	Rev. Anthony F Kuzia, CM Rev. Bruce M Siket
Friday	1/7	Rev. Robert J Levens, SJ Rev. Michael E Sevigny, OFM Cap
Saturday	1/8	All Priests
Sunday	1/9	Our Holy Father

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Let us continue to keep in our healing prayers Brother Gary Potvin, Cynthia, sister-in-law of Brother Chris Madden, Brother Paul Metevier, Fr. Ray Picard, Laurene, wife of Brother Dennis Dempsey, Anne Theriault, sister-in-law of Brother George Spino, Brother Mark Baste, Nancy, wife of Brother John Walkenford, Cindy, wife of Brother Steve Carrier, Brother Gerald Bose, Brother Frank Knight, Brother Joe Mathew and wife Doris, George Fuller, brother of Brother Jonathan Fuller, Brother Charles Thurston, Brother James King and wife Beth, Luke Roy, son of Brother Mark Roy, Brother Manen Clements and wife Pat, Art Cowley, brother of Mike Crowley, David Shaw, Richard Shaw, Yvonne Devine, wife of Brother Chuck Devine, Peter Pluto, brother of Luke Pluto

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