

# January 6, 2019 Epiphany of the Lord

## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Vangelo di Oggi: Matteo 2,1-12** Nato Gesù a Betlemme di Giudea, al tempo del re Erode, ecco, alcuni Magi vennero da oriente a Gerusalemme e dicevano: «Dov'è colui che è nato, il re dei Giudei? Abbiamo visto spuntare la sua stella e siamo venuti ad adorarlo». All'udire questo, il re Erode restò turbato e con lui tutta Gerusalemme. Riuniti tutti i capi dei sacerdoti e gli scribi del popolo, si informava da loro sul luogo in cui doveva nascere il Cristo. Gli risposero: «A Betlemme di Giudea, perché così è scritto per mezzo del profeta: "E tu, Betlemme, terra di Giuda, non sei davvero l'ultima delle città principali di Giuda: da te infatti uscirà un capo che sarà il pastore del mio popolo, Israele"». Allora Erode, chiamati segretamente i Magi, si fece dire da loro con esattezza il tempo in cui era apparsa la stella e li inviò a Betlemme dicendo: «Andate e informatevi accuratamente sul bambino e, quando l'avrete trovato, fatemelo sapere, perché anch'io venga ad adorarlo». Udito il re, essi partirono. Ed ecco, la stella, che avevano visto spuntare, li precedeva, finché giunse e si fermò sopra il luogo dove si trovava il bambino. Al vedere la stella, provarono una gioia grandissima. Entrati nella casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, si prostrarono e lo adorarono. Poi aprirono i loro scrigni e gli offrirono in dono oro, incenso e mirra. Avvertiti in sogno di non tornare da Erode, per un'altra strada fecero ritorno al loro paese.



*"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"*

In this week's Gospel reading it is interesting to note that the search was conducted not only by Israel and the Magi, but also by Herod. He searched for the child who was the newly born "King of the Jews," but, how different was the search! The Magi *personally* searched for the place of his appearing so that they could *personally* worship and serve him. Herod, on the other hand, made an impersonal second-hand search, with the evil intent to thwart and end the reign of this newborn King of the Jews before it began. We can be encouraged in our own search by the hope and promise that God will reveal the Son to all those who seek him with a pure heart.

**Combined Family and Enrollment Mass** On Saturday, Jan 19 at the 5 pm Mass, there will be a combined Family and Enrollment Mass. As usual, the Family Mass entails children from our school choir leading us in song, others proclaiming the Word of God in the readings and still others assisting with ushering. The Enrollment Mass is a special time for all children, and their families, who will be receiving First Communion and Confirmation this year as they give their "yes" to receiving the sacrament later in the year.

**Monthly Eucharistic Adoration – Intensive Prayer** The Matthew 7.7 Prayer Brigade, a prayer warriors group of the Office of the Filipino Ministry (<https://rcav.org/Filipino-Ministry>) gathers month-to-month in different parishes for Intensive Prayer with Scriptural Rosaries during Eucharistic adoration. Join us on Sunday, Jan 13, 2-5 pm, at Guardian Angels Parish, Vancouver. Prayers are in English and all are invited to unite in prayer and sacrifice for sanctification of the ordained ministry and consecrated persons; for renewal and strengthening of the Catholic Church in all levels; for our families, healing of illnesses, broken relationships, and victims of sexual abuses; for justice and peace in the world; and for the intentions of families in our Archdiocese.



**Pancake Breakfast Today** All are invited to a Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, today after the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Everyone is welcome.

**Who am I to Judge? Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love** How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? When we're bombarded with messages of "Be tolerant!" "Don't judge!" and "Coexist!" many good people feel afraid to say anything is right or wrong anymore. This new DVD-based faith study gives an important key to responding to relativism effectively. Learn how real Catholic morality is all about love. Come to this new faith study on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm, beginning January 14 for 8 weeks.



**SFA Saturday Night Supper** Join us for Saturday Night Supper on Saturday, Jan 19 after the Family & Enrollment Mass. Doors open at 6:15 pm (following 5:00 Mass), dinner served at 6:30 pm. Dinner includes pizza (gluten free option available) salad, fresh fruit, cake, coffee and tea. All welcome, but we have limited tickets so don't miss out! Tickets \$15 for Adults, \$10 for children. For more info please contact the parish office at 604-255-8855.

**Assisted Suicide: Communicating with Clarity and Compassion** Stephanie Gray, an internationally respected speaker and author will speak on the sensitive topic of assisted suicide. She will discuss the most common concerns with clarity and without judgement. It will be a compelling and eye-opening talk. There will be time for some questions at the end. Wednesday, Feb 6 at 7 pm.



**Winter Institute** Archdiocesan Institutes are dedicated to the Church's mission of lifelong faith formation. Our one-day courses equip Catholics with the knowledge, skills, and spiritual foundation necessary for active participation in the life of the Church. With Winter Institute approaching, take this opportunity to prepare yourself and your catechists for the start of the new year. *Basics of the Faith* and *Discovering the Gospels* are great courses to renew, refocus, and refresh yourself for 2019. Saturday, Jan 19 10 am – 4 pm at Notre Dame High School. Cost: \$40 per person, includes lunch. Register at [rcav.org/winter-institute](https://www.rcav.org/winter-institute).

**Journey Discipleship Course begins** The Journey Discipleship Course is a comprehensive course providing in-depth discipleship and spiritual care with the goal of helping individuals experience Jesus in their relationships, sexuality, and identity. The course begins Tuesday, Jan 15 at 7 pm at Tenth Church, 11 W 10th Avenue, Vancouver. For more info or to register visit <https://www.journeycanada.org/> Journey Canada is a non-denominational community-based, Christ-centred discipleship ministry supported by the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

| Mass Intentions                       |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat Jan 5                             | 5:00 pm                                                                                   | † Rose Tonon<br>† Juan Ramirez                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Sun Jan 6<br>Epiphany of the Lord     | 9:00 am<br>10:00 am<br>10:30 am<br><br>11:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br><br>1:00 pm<br><br>5:00 pm | All Parishioners<br><i>Pancake Breakfast</i><br>† Cristina Iacoe<br>† Maria Pafundi & Teodosio DeNicola<br><i>Pancake Breakfast</i><br><i>Baptism - Welcome Roman Rossetti</i><br><i>Baptism - Welcome Frances Flourullough</i><br>† Jenni Driscoll-Holmes |
| Mon Jan 7<br>St Andre Bessette        | 8:00 am<br>6:30 pm                                                                        | Andres Dinala Angulo<br><i>PREP</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tue Jan 8                             | 6:30 pm<br>7:00 pm<br>8:00 pm                                                             | <i>Rosary</i><br>Perpetual Novena - St Anthony<br><i>Knights meeting</i>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Wed Jan 9                             | 8:00 am<br>7:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                                                             | † All Souls in Purgatory<br><i>RCIA</i><br><i>Choir Practice - Sat 5 pm</i>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Thu Jan 10                            | 8:00 am<br>11:00 am<br><br>11:00 am<br>5:15 pm                                            | Josephine Sader<br>† Bigolin family<br>† Ida Bevacqua<br><i>SFA Over 50 Club</i><br><i>Legion of Mary meeting</i>                                                                                                                                          |
| Fri Jan 11                            | 8:00 am<br>9:15 am<br>2:30 pm<br><br>6:30 pm<br>8:00 pm                                   | † Adamo & Rosa Cabrone<br>School Mass<br><i>Wedding - Congratulations to Kaiden McKenna &amp; Sabrina Lalani</i><br><i>Choir Practice - Sun 10:30</i><br><i>Prayer for the Church</i>                                                                      |
| Sat Jan 12<br>St Marguerite Bourgeoys | 9:00 am<br><br>9:30 am<br>9:30 am<br>5:00 pm                                              | † Ugo Camillo<br>† Maria Di Tomaso<br><i>Confession</i><br><i>Rosary</i><br>SFA Parish and School                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sun Jan 13<br>Baptism of the Lord     | 9:00 am<br><br>10:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br><br>1:00 pm<br><br>5:00 pm                         | † Bruno Corra<br>† Domenico Di Tomaso<br>All Parishioners<br><i>Baptism - Welcome to London Wong</i><br><i>Baptism - Welcome to Lauren Curle</i><br>† Saverio Mazzei<br>† Lina Floro                                                                       |

**Baptisms** Baptisms are scheduled at noon on Sundays. Please call the Office for an appointment with Father.

**Weddings** Wedding arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation classes are mandatory. Please call the Office for more info.

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