

**STAR OF THE SEA, CANSO  
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, QUEENSPORT  
ST. JOSEPH'S, PORT FELIX**

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, JANUARY 7, 2024**

**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 13** - Port Felix - 6:00 pm - ♥*For the Faithful*

**Sunday, January 14** - Star of the Sea- 11:00 am - †*Lawrence & †Emily Dort*

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES**

**REFLECTION TODAY'S READINGS** - *Have you seen His Star?*

*The Three Wise Men from the East had not only observed the signs of the time but also drawn conclusions from them. God knew the greatest desire of their heart. Whether they were kings or not, we are not very sure. But what do we notice about them? They did not remain obsessed with the affairs of their kingdom or set their hearts on how to play power politics. They had an ambition, a desire greater than all these things - to see the face of the Messiah. God knew the deepest longing of their hearts and gave them a sign: the Star. They readily responded to God's call and set out without fear, though the way was unknown and dangerous.*

*Have you seen His Star? Have you heard His call to search for Him? He sends His Star even today to us in different ways and through different persons and situations, to find Him and adore Him. A wise person and only such a one will recognize the Star of the Lord. The person is attuned to the Spirit who speaks to him/her. The person will know his/her vocation and will have the courage and generosity to follow it.*

*The question is: Are you ready to listen to Him, to recognize the One who calls you, and do you want to meet Him? Are you prepared to take the risk, to accept the challenges in following Him, and to offer your life as a gift to Him, through faith, hope, love, and service? Nothing could stop the Magi until they had met the Lord and could offer Him their gifts. **What about you? Are you afraid? Can anything in the world, be it fame or glory or pleasures or wealth or fear, stop you from meeting the Lord?***

**SUNDAY**  
**COLLECTIONS**

**Star of the Sea** (19)      \$340.00  
**Christmas** (4)      \$82.00

New Year	(11)	181.00
Initial	(11)	127.00
Loose		10.00
<b>St. Agnes</b>	(4)	60.00
Initial	(2)	15.00

New Year (3)	25.00
St. Joseph (9)	135.00
Christmas	25.00
Loose	2.00

### **STAR OF THE SEA NEWS**

Property/Finance Committee - will meet

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:15 p.m.

Ministries Schedule, January 14

Lector - Donna Lewis

Christmas Cleaning -

January 7 - 13 - Irene & Juanita

### **ST. JOSEPH NEWS**

Card Plays continue Tuesdays at 7:30pm. All are welcome

Christmas Prize Bingo - special thanks for your support!

### **ST. AGNES NEWS**

Bingo - Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

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### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

*We wish to acknowledge donations in memory of:*

*Harry & Lucy Horne*

*Lawrence/Emily Dort*

*Members of the McCormick/O'Halloran family*

*Family members of Jean/Dana Feltmate*

*Family members of Noreen Casey*

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*Cal & Tootsie Baker*

*Fred Rhynold*

*Dorothy & Emmett Avery*

*Family Members of Carolyn Humble*

*Bob Geddes*

*Members of the Harnish and Armsworthy Family*

*Family members of Deanna Nickerson*

*Members of the Snow and Richard Family*

*Family members of Eileen Carrigan*

*Edward Roberts*

**THANK YOU** - To all who have contributed to the Memory Trees. It is much appreciated. Star of the Sea - \$1,045.00; St. V de Paul - \$10.00

## Courage to Follow a Star

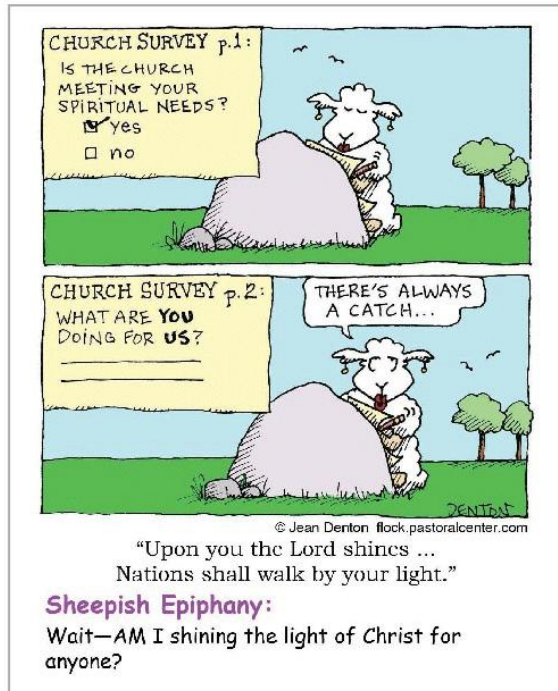
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Isaiah 60:1-6 - Glory of the new Zion
- ▶ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 - Commission to preach God's plan
- ▶ Matthew 2:1-12 - The visit of the Magi

The Feast of the Epiphany brings the Christmas season to a close as the Magi visit the infant Jesus. "Epiphany" is a Greek word meaning a "showing" or "manifestation." In this context it refers to the public recognition of Jesus as the newborn king of the Jews.

Not much is known about the Magi: their names, their country of origin, or even how many there were is never mentioned in the Bible. So who were they? In Jesus' time, the term Magi referred to a caste of Persian priests. They were astrologers who looked to the stars as guides. We don't know their place of origin, except that it was from somewhere east of the Holy Land, perhaps Arabia or the Syrian desert because of the gifts they brought.

Whoever they were, the mysterious people who came to worship Jesus were pagan foreigners. They would have been well-educated and wealthy. They were also seekers, willing to give up the comforts of their daily lives for a long journey to an unknown destination. They were courageous enough to seek an audience with the feared tyrant, King Herod. Clearly, something very powerful was drawing them, and they trusted that they were being led. Later, they trusted their dreams that they should not return to Herod and returned to their homes by a different route. We can only wonder how their lives



were changed by the baby and the Holy Family they met.

### Questions of the Week

- 1 What new thing(s) did the scriptures reveal to you this Christmas season about who Jesus is in your life or whom he wants to be for you?
- 2 In what ways are you called to be like the Magi, courageous and trusting although you may not know where you are being led?

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