

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



PASTOR'S CORNER

Life is simply too short for many things you may think seem to be important. I hope these short reminders will help you remember this fact as we begin another year of God's grace:

- Life is too short to skip a kind word and a big smile.
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- Life is too short for computer solitaire.
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- Life is too short for microwave dinners and bad novels.
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- Life is too short to keep waiting for a special occasion, or a better day.
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- Life is too short to sit around worrying what people may think about you.
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- Life is too short to try to please those who do not like you.
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- Life is too short to try to change someone's opinion about you.
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- Life is too short to be bitter over things you cannot change.
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- Life is too short to be bored, indifferent and complain about everything.
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- Life is too short to always blend in and become nobody, in a sense.
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- Life is too short to skip Sunday Mass and your daily prayers.
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- Life is too short to only intend to be fully alive, but never get around to do it, and remember that the older you get, the less time you will have.
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P.S. Thus it is crystal-clear that you should not sacrifice yourself to things that are less than God's best, or surrender yourself only to the world fleeting values, because life is simply too short for that, for as someone once said, "*You may never get the balance of your life perfectly right today, but when you wake up tomorrow, God will be whispering in your heart, 'I am giving you another day to get it right this time.'*"

Fr. Slawek

JANUARY 4, 2026

WHAT IS THE PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN?

PreAuthorized Giving (“PAG”) is plan to assist you in supporting your Parish through regular financial offerings.

The operation and maintenance of your parish is made possible through the generous and regular offertory giving of our parishioners. In response to changing lifestyles and demands on your time, the PAG plan will assist you in establishing a systematic giving program.

The PAG plan creates a win / win situation for you and Holy Spirit Church. Enrolment for the PAG plan is a very simple procedure. When you enroll, your offering will be automatically withdrawn from your designated bank account on the 20th day (or next business day) of each month. This amount will electronically be deposited to the Parish’s account.

The PAG plan does not cover the special collections; therefore, we encourage you to continue using the envelopes made available at the back of the church.

Marriage Prep Course St. Barnabas Church—10 Washburn Way

Starting January 15, 2026
7 Consecutive Thursdays/ 7p.m.—9 p.m.
until February 26, 2026

Register online at: <http://form.jotform.com/stbarnabasto/MARPREP2025>
Or go to our website at <https://stbarnabasto.ca>



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Turning concern into action

Jesus teaches us to put the needs of the poor ahead of our own, our needs, even if legitimate, will never be so urgent as those of the poor, who lack the necessities of life.

Pope Francis

The year 2025 has just gone by and we thank God we were able to serve our neighbours in need by ways that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul does. All this was made possible with your help, our fellow parishioners. We look forward for your continued support in the year 2026.

“Thank You” from The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and our Neighbours in Need for your generous donations

We wish you a Happy New Year filled with love, peace , joy and prosperity!

FRIDAY MASS CHANGING TO COLLECTIVE MASS 2026

Starting in January 2026, we will be accepting multiple intentions (up to 5) at the Friday 9:00 a.m. Mass. You may request to have your intention included in the Friday Mass until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday in the parish office providing available intentions. The suggested donation for each intention is \$20. This new practice is meant to help those of you who may have an urgent need to pray for your loved one who has just died, or you may have a special intention for a person who has serious health problems. This collective Mass will aid in helping upkeep the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 6

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Linda Rixon reg. by G. Rixon.

Wednesday, January 7

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Jane Stapleton req. by Philomena Pam.

Thursday, January 8

9 a.m.. Intentions of Dominic B. DeSouza.

Friday, January 9

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, January 10

4:30 p.m. Repose of the soul of Dorothy Johns req. by the Johns family.

Sunday, January 11

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Repose of the soul of Ludwik Glowacz.

YOUR HEALTH

As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

RESUME

Wednesday, January 7, 2025

Everyone welcome

