

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



My thank you note to you...

As we come to the conclusion of the Christmas season, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude, particularly to those of you who assisted Anthony and myself at the Advent, Christmas and New Year's celebrations of the Holy Mass: the altar servers, lectors, ushers, our musicians and the ladies who take care of our sanctuary decorations and "sacristy duties" throughout the whole year. Thank you so much for your gifts of commitment, talent and time.

I also want to thank you for your cards and gestures of kindness and generosity during the Advent and Christmas time, not only directed to me personally, but also to our parish staff. It is good to know that our ministry is appreciated here at Holy Spirit.

The beginning of the New Year is also a good time to thank you for your gifts of treasure that you share, week in and week out, with our parish. Thanks to God's supernatural grace and our natural means, we can fulfill the pastoral and spiritual mission of proclaiming the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

This year should be very exciting in our parish community. During Lent, we will have a Parish Mission with a priest who is a former parishioner of ours. **Our seminarian, Eran Amarasingha, is getting ready to be ordained as a deacon this year, so please help him with your daily prayers to accomplish this significant milestone on his way to becoming a priest. But do not forget about his brother Duli, who is also discerning his vocation to the priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In May, we will celebrate the feast day of our parish on Pentecost Sunday. This will be a good time to get together in our parish hall for refreshments and companionship. Moreover, I think that God also has many other things prepared for us that we are not aware of right now, because great things can happen when there are two factors involved: *commitment and the conviction that we can do it together as we pray for and support one another in our parish community of faith, hope and love.*



Fr. Slawek

JANUARY 7, 2024



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Turning concern into action

“The reward for Christian charity is the joy that one feels
after having performed a good deed.” - Don Bosco

In all the ordinary and the extraordinary things that we do to bring comfort, the hope and joy to the less fortunate in our community, we give witness and thanks to God's love and compassion.

Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Barnabas Church

Starting January 25, 2024

7 consecutive Thursdays—7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Register online:

<https://form.jotform.com/stbarnabasto/MARPREP2024>

or go to the website at <https://stbarnabasto.ca>

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT

Attention all Couple St. Barnabas Church will be having a **Marriage Date Night on January 20, 2024**. The topic this night is **The Blueprint of Love**. Every marriage needs a blueprint—a plan to follow for real love. Find the blueprint for your marriage in the loving actions of Christ for the Church. To register please go to website <https://stbarnabasto.ca>

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please use **2024 envelopes starting Jan. 1**. Print your full name, address, phone number and donation clearly on the envelope for the month so the Parish office can record the number to your name.

If you have a change of address please list it on your envelope or notify the office.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 9

9 a.m. Intentions of Eran & Duli Amarasingha
req. by Anthony & Chandi Amarasingha.

Wednesday, January 10

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Thursday, January 11

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Ludwig Glowacz.

Friday, January 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Dorothy Johns req.
by the Johns family.

Saturday, January 13

4:30 p.m. Intentions of all Parishiners.

Sunday, January 14

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Rolando Gilaro req.
by Magdalena Bilaro.

11 a.m. Intentions of Adlina Tolentino req. by
Angelina Tolentino.

COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL



The Social will resume
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement

All parishioners welcome

SUNDAY MISSAL

Are available for purchase from the parish office.
Cost \$ 6.00

Monday -Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

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!

**Your goodness
comes from
being made in
God's image**



Good News Ministries : gnm.org



**ARE YOU MOVING?
OR
HAVE YOU MOVED
ALREADY**

Please contact the parish office so
your records can be updated.
Thank you.