

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PASTOR'S CORNER



VIRTUE vs. VICE: This is our daily struggle either to survive or to thrive in life. Next to the seven deadly sins, the seven cardinal virtues are apt to look pale and unenterprising, but appearances are notoriously untrustworthy. Let us start with **prudence and temperance**; *taken separately, they may not be apt to get you to your feet cheering, but when they go together, as they almost always do, that is a different matter. The chain smoker or the junkie, for instance, who exemplifies both by managing to kick the habit, can very well have you throwing your hat in the air, especially if it happens to be somebody whom for personal reasons you would like to have around a few years longer. And the **courage** involved is not likely to leave you cold either. Often it is the habit kicker's variety that seems the most courageous. If you think of **justice** as sitting blindfolded with a scale in her hand, you may have to stifle a yawn, but if you think of a black judge acquitting a white racist of a false murder charge, it can give you gooseflesh. The **faith** of a child taking your hand in the night is as moving as the faith of Mother Teresa among the untouchables, or Bernadette facing the skeptics at Lourdes, or Abraham, age seventy-five, packing up his bags for the Promised Land. And **hope** is the glimmer on the horizon that keeps faith plugging forward, of course, the wings that keep it more or less in the air. Perhaps it is only **love** that turns things around and makes the seven deadly sins be the ones to look pale and unenterprising for a change. **Greed, gluttony, lust, envy, and pride** are no more than sad efforts to fill the empty place where love belongs, and **anger and sloth** are just two things that may happen when you find that not even all seven of them at their deadliest ever can, because evil is agitation: impurity is the agitation of the senses; pride is the agitation of the mind and heart; anger is the agitation of the nerves; envy is the agitation of desire, and avarice is agitation of greed.*

P.S. I like this quote, because it can help us grasp the meaning of this daily struggle of ours: *“When prayer feels empty, when my words dissolve in silence, my gifts still spill out, permeating the spaces between us, extending the boundary of joy to encircle all I come in contact with.”*

Fr. Slawek

JANUARY 5, 2025

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

Marriage Prep Course St. Barnabas Church—10 Washburn Way

Starting January 23, 2025

7 Consecutive Thursdays/ 7p.m.—9 p.m.

Register online at: <http://form.jotform.com/stbarnabasto/MARPREP2025>

Or go to our website at <https://stbarnabasto.ca>



ARE YOU MOVING? OR HAVE YOU ALREADY MOVED?

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

RCIC REGISTRATION—ST. BARNABAS CHURCH 10 Washburn Way

The Rite of Christian Initiation for children (RCIC) is for children in school who have not been baptized, children Grades 4 and up who have missed their First Holy Communion, and youth Grade 9 and up who have missed Confirmation. Registration is now open. Register at St. Barnabas website at <https://stbarnabasto.ca> **Classes begin on Saturday February 15, 2025**

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in January 2025 & support the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422

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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 7

9 a.m. Private Intentions

Wednesday, January 8

9 a.m. Intentions for Adele Popescu

Thursday, January 9

9 a.m. Intentions for Joseph Lee req. by Theresa Lee.

Friday, January 10

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Elena Camantigue.

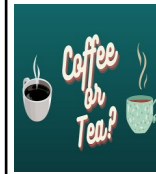
Saturday, January 11

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Ludwik Glowacz

Sunday, January 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Dorothy Johns.

11 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.



COFFEE & TEA & SNACKS SOCIAL

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

After the 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Basement

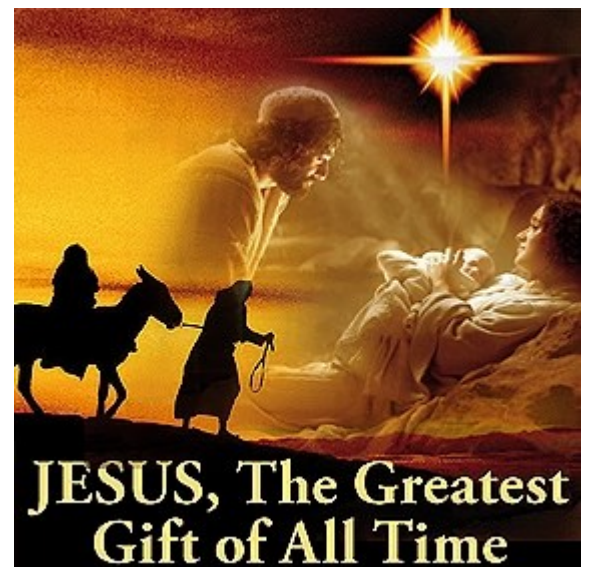
SUNDAY MISSAL

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Monday -Thursday
8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Limited quantity available



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