

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2010

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010

MEMORIAL - BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN
(*1John2.22-28, John1.19-28*)

5:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010

(Isaiah60.1-6, Eph.3.2-3a, 5-6, Matt.2.1-12)

10:30 Ed & Kate Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette
Lorraine West & family (Estate)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010

(1John4.7-10, Mark6.34-44)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2010

(1John4.11-18, Mark6.45-52)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2010

(1John4.19-5.4, Luke4.14-22a)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2010

(1John5.5-13, Luke5.12-16)

9:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Margaret & Harry Mariasine by their family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

(1John5.14-21, John3.22-30)

5:00 Lorraine West & family (Estate)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010

(Isaiah42.1-4, 6-7, Acts10.34-38, Matt.3.15-16, 21-22)

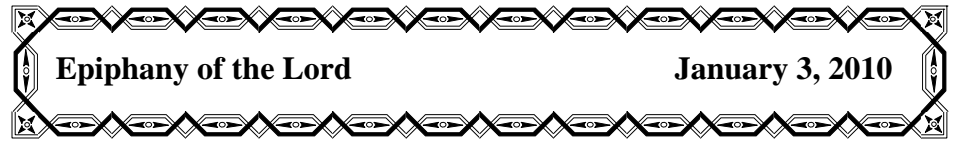
10:30 Lorraine West & family (Estate)
Stanley Smith by the O'Shea family

This Week at Ascension

Monday: **Christian Meditation** at 7 p.m. in the East Sacristy for information call 931-5536.

Wednesday: **Sunday Scripture Reflection** with Fr. Pat in the Parish Room of the Rectory at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Thursday: **Choir Practice** at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



Epiphany (*Matthew 2:1-12*)

"Epiphany means "manifestation" or "appearance." In Greek mythology, this word describes a time when a god appeared among human beings. Thus, it is appropriate that we use the term for Jesus' appearance in our world.

Matthew's Gospel is the only one containing the popular story about the wise men who follow a star to Bethlehem in search of a newborn king. Finding the house where Jesus and his parents are staying, they pay homage and give the child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The rich symbolism in this story deserves our close attention.

The Star. Ancient people believed a new star appeared in the sky each time a child was born. Consequently, when they spotted an extra bright star they concluded someone important had been born, someone who would outshine everyone else. This was certainly true of Jesus.

Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh: A loyal subject who had an audience with the king did not approach him empty handed but brought gifts to show appreciation for receiving such a great honor. Failing to do so would have been a breach of etiquette. Because a descendant. Like David, the messiah would be a military/ political leader who would bring peace and prosperity.

The Wise Men: The words "magi" and "magician" ("one who has secret knowledge") both come from the Greek word *magoi*, a word that originally referred to the educated priestly class in Persia but later described any knowledgeable individual. Because *magoi* had nothing to do with royalty, we shouldn't call Jesus' visitors kings, but wise men. Being from the East (areas like Arabia or Mesopotamia), these men were not Jewish. Matthew carefully chose all these symbolic details to tell us Jesus was not just an important individual but was also the messiah-king whom many of the Jews were eagerly awaiting. Including the Gentile visitors may have been Matthew's way of saying the messiah would be for all people, not just the Jews.

For Reflection: The three wise men gave the best gifts they could possibly give to the child Jesus. If Jesus were born today, what gift would you bring?

Home Visitors

or what you can do if you are unable to get out and go to church?

“It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character and judgment,” wrote Cicero over 2000 years ago. There are many ways to be part of the life of the Church and for the Parish to be part of your life. Would you like to learn more about how you can serve the parish as a pastoral visitor? We have parishioners who are trained to visit those who are unable to get out and go to church. If you would like a visit from one of them or a priest, call the office and let us know. If you are shut in and would like to know how you can still serve the parish in the comfort of your home or room let us know. If you are interested in giving or receiving pastoral support, please call Fr Pat (514-932-3131) and let us know.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

For those between the ages of 18 to 35.
Discussions on faith issues and Christian fellowship
facilitated by the St. Patrick’s Pastoral Team.
When: Every second Sun. of the month after the 5 P.M. Mass
Where: Congress Hall of St. Patrick’s Basilica
454 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West
Contact: St. Patrick’s Office 514-866-7379,
E-Mail: info@stpatricksmtl.ca

Volunteer Opportunity

The Association of the C.H.S.L.D. Queen Elizabeth is currently looking for volunteers interested in working with the frail elderly to work in a variety of areas, for example, The Coffee Shop, medical accompaniment, group activities, individual visits, outings and many more. If you would like to make a difference and enhance the lives of our elderly residents please contact France Goulet at 2055 Northcliffe (788-2085 ext. 343)

Parish Support

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. These are mailed to parishioners four times a year. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Msgr. Harty & Fr. Donnelly after Mass.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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