# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND
## The Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2025

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### Mass Schedule & Intentions: January 4 - 12, 2025

**SATURDAY January 4th - 5:00 pm**
Raymond Ashby by David Fox
Greg & John Laverdiere by Rene Ventresca & Family
Zvoni Nenadovich by Rosemary Lastovic
Steven, Raymond, & Teresa Horvat by Mom

**SUNDAY January 5th - 9.00am**
**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**
Carmelo & Maria Seneca by Lillian Santone
Mildred & Thomas Walker by Walker Family
Jean Jarvie by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei
**11.00am** - for all your intentions

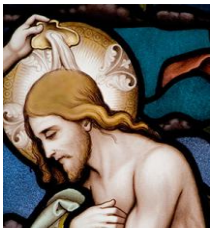
**TUESDAY December 7th - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration**
Claire Coaxley by David Fox

**WEDNESDAY January 8th - 10:00am**
Mass of Thanksgiving

**THURSDAY January 9th - 5pm - Mass & Adoration**
Kathleen Fiumidinis by Linda Matchett

**FRIDAY January 10th - 9:45am**
In Honour of Saint John the Baptist by G. Pang

**SATURDAY January 11th - 5:00 pm**
Maria Seneca by Maria Fazzalari
Giuseppina & Antonio Gallo by Family



**SUNDAY January 12th - 9.00am**
**The Baptism of the Lord**
Anna Morris by St. Vincent de Paul Society
**11.00am** - for all your intentions

**Special-Thank-you**
**Blessing Bags for residents of the New Homeless Shelter**
Many thanks to all those who made monetary or gift card contributions to the **CWL project** for the un-housed. They will be included in the twenty ***Blessing Bags*** that will be assembled by members for distribution to those who reside in the temporary housing.

*Please pick up your envelopes for 2025 at the back of the church*

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## The Lord has made his salvation known to the whole world - by Saint Leo the Great.

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: *the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned.* He spoke of them to the Lord: *The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the, will take refuge in you.*

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: *All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name.* Again, *the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.*

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, of the grace that invites all to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

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