

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH, WELLAND

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 4, 2026

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The Word took our nature from Mary by St. Athanasius

The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, says the Apostle, and so had to be like his brothers in all things. He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake.

Scripture records her giving birth, and says: *She wrapped him in swaddling clothes.* Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born *in* you" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born *from* you," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: *This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.*

This was not done in outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. Our Saviour truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a true body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam.

The words of St John, *the Word was made flesh*, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in St Paul: *Christ was made a curse for our sake.* Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven.

Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is forever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church.

Last Week's Collection- Thank you
 Sunday Offerings \$818.30
 Building Fund/RR - \$0.00
 Christmas - \$85.00

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MASS INTENTIONS – January 4 to January 11, 2026

SATURDAY January 3 - 5:00pm

Paulino Rocca by Toni Garofalo

James Darren Kinnaid by Maria Fazzalari

Sunday January 4 - 9:00am

Epiphany of the Lord

Conrad & Jean-Luc Lemelin by Wife & Mother

Intentions of Sisters of the Sacred Heart by Jacky Jayan

11:00am for all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In Honour the Holy Family by G. Pang

TUESDAY January 6 - 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

Tobi & Iris Chase by David Fox

WEDNESDAY January 7 – 9:00am

Rosa Chiavaroli by Family

THURSDAY January 8 – 5:00pm - Mass & Adoration

For all Souls

FRIDAY January 9 - 9:35am

In Honour of St. John the Baptist by G. Pang

SATURDAY January 10 - 5:00pm

Paulino Rocca by Teresa Paonessa

Honouring Blessed Virgin Mary

by Rosemary & Steve Lastovic

Sunday January 11 - 9:00am

Baptism of the Lord

Angela Albano by Family

Carter Rendall & Family by Jacky Jayan

11:00am for all your intentions

SUNDAY LATE EVENING MASS - 8:15pm

In Honour of St. Augustine by G. Pang



Additional Mass on Sunday

Sunday Late Evening Mass 8:15pm, at St. Andrews

Confession Tuesday to Friday 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Confessions resume on Tuesday January 13th.

Prayer For Christian Unity - Week of January 18-25

This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be as one, as Christ desires.

The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity is emphasized this week and that all parishioners will have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.