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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 2026

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TRADITION OF THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Following a beautiful and firmly-rooted tradition, many families set up their crib immediately after the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as if to relive with Mary those days full of trepidation that preceded the birth of Jesus. Putting up the crib at home can be a simple but effective way of presenting faith, to pass it on to one's children. The crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. Saint Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who "though he was rich he made himself poor" for us (2 Cor 8:9). His poverty enriches those who embrace it and Christmas brings joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds in Bethlehem, accept the angel's words: "Let this be a sign to you: in a manger you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes" (Lk 2:12). This is still the sign for us too, men and women of the third millennium. There is no other Christmas.

Pope Benedict XVI



First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6– *The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 – *Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.*

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12 – *We have come from East to pay homage to the king.*

For further reflection on the Readings and Gospel, visit:

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for St. Peter the Apostle at all the masses. Part of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle's mission is to support the training of local priests, brothers, and sisters in mission lands.

<https://www.missionsocieties.ca/>

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please pray for our sick: this is the time to renew your prayer requests, please contact the Parish Office to add the name of someone for whom you would like prayers, info@stpatricksmtl.ca.

'MANNA' BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The January meeting for Bible study will take place on Thursday January 15th, in Congress Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

AN INVITATION TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS

Are you a young adult? The Saint Patrick's Young Adult Group welcomes you to join us at our next faith meeting, this Sunday, January 4th. Please join us then in the sacristy after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missals for 2025-2026 have arrived and are available at the West Door. The cost is \$8 each.

BOXED SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR THE YEAR 2026

The Boxed Sets of Sunday Envelopes are ready to be picked up at the west door of the Basilica. If you are not using envelopes and would like a set please call the Parish Office 514-866-7379.

UNDERGROUND PARKING AT HEC

Free underground parking in the HEC building is available for those attending weekend masses. The entrance to the garage is on de la Gauchetière Street. Once you are parked, take the elevator to Level One, then once you are at Level One, exit and go to the next elevators on the right; go to Level 2, exit & take the corridor on the left to exit the building. At the end of mass, see the personnel at the west door of the Basilica to receive the courtesy ticket – which you will need to re-enter HEC and to exit the garage.

NO PARKING IN THE CLERGY PARKING LOT: (EXCEPT FOR STAFF, SERVERS & LECTORS).

VIGIL LIGHTS

When you light one of our vigil candles, offer a prayer or intention along with it. You may pray for a special request, for loved ones, those who are sick or suffering or have recently died, you may offer your prayer to a particular Saint, to the Virgin Mary or simply to thank God for His blessing.

"By lighting the candle our prayer is physically represented, and we join our prayers to the light of Christ allowing that light to burn on and on in our souls, even when we have left the church. "My prayer is in my heart," Father Alar, director of the Association of Marian Helpers, explained. "How do I show this internal prayer? The votive candle is the way we can express in a physical, tangible way our inward prayer. Our prayer is symbolized by the candle."

[Lights of Faith: Candles Keep Vigil, Become Votive Offerings | National Catholic Register \(ncregister.com\)](https://www.ncregister.com/lights-of-faith-candles-keep-vigil-become-votive-offerings)

It's customary to make an offering to the Church when you light a candle.

~ *The Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week in memory of Lucing Pariel requested by the Tayco Family*

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Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | January 3rd Carolyn Williamson <i>requested by</i> Roger Frenette |
| Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | January 4th Marion MacDonald <i>requested by</i> Robert Flynn ~ <i>Pro Populo</i> ~ Gus Settecase <i>requested by</i> Adam Settecase |
| Monday, 12:10 p.m. and | January 5th Laurenso <i>requested by</i> AnhThu Cynthia Charles <i>requested by</i> her mother Edith Moliere |
| Tuesday, 12:10 p.m. and | January 6th Laurenso <i>requested by</i> AnhThu Fr. Georges Morin, O.F.M. <i>requested by</i> Immaculate Conception Fraternity, O.F.S. |
| Wednesday 12:10 p.m.. and | January 7th Daniel Rochette <i>requested by</i> Pierrette Leclerc Yolanda Elisio <i>requested by</i> Anna Elisio |
| Thursday 12:10 p.m. and | January 8th Bruno Raizenne <i>requested by</i> the family Camille & Yvonne Cormier <i>requested by</i> their niece |
| Friday 12:10 p.m. | January 9th Jennie Eileen Mahon Cumming <i>requested by</i> the Helen, Elizabeth & Michael Cumming |
| Saturday 5:00 p.m. | January 10th Bill Sheppard <i>requested by</i> Brian, Carol, Kimberly & Robert |

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Clergy at your Service

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Choir and Music

Music Director: John Guzik
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Baptism

The parents must be registered members of the parish. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

Marriages

Couples wishing to marry at St. Patrick's are asked to contact the Parish office for further information. The future bride and/or groom must be a registered parishioner for at least 6 months prior to reserving a date for their marriage.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Heard after mass.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

If you or a member of your family wish to have a priest or Eucharistic minister visit, please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Green-Room Coffee

Coffee after the 11 a.m. mass.

Legion of Mary

Lisa Dalyop, President
Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Room

Soup Kitchen

Served in the Green Room every Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to those in need.

For abuse-related complaints, the public is urged to contact diocesan authorities through two confidential means: 514-752-4683 or by plainte@ombudsman-eclm.com

Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharistic Celebration

Monday to Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Tuesday: 12:10 p.m. mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, with mass at 12:10 p.m.

Wardens

Lynn Lonergan Doyle, John Galic, Olga Hrycak, Peter O'Brien, Robert Raizenne, Lorna Telfer

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for anyone considering conversion to Catholicism, or who as an adult wishes to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The program is offered at St. Patrick's beginning in the Fall. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Catechism: Registration in September

Religious instruction for children, which also involves sacramental preparation: please contact Adam Pyrowarczuk at 514-866-7379 or adamp@stpatricksmtl.ca

Young Adult Discussion Group

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Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Montreal City Council meets monthly on Saturdays. If you would like to attend and learn about our efforts in faith, service, and social justice, please contact esinyademaume@gmail.com

Hearing-Impaired Worshippers

St. Patrick's Basilica's sound system is equipped so that it enables hearing-impaired worshippers to listen through a digital device set to 88.1 FM



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