

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 6

8:00 a.m. *Epiphany of our Lord*

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 9

8:00 a.m.

Friday, January 10

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 11

4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. (+) Francis Bowyer

req. by Kevin & Carol McAuliffe

11:00 a.m. (+) Liz O'Conner, req. by Brigid

(+) Joel Sousa, req. by the De Luca Family



PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION



& CONFIRMATION: Upcoming **Mandatory Information & Registration Meeting for Confirmation is Saturday, February 1, 2025.** For more information and Registration, please visit www.stambroseparish.com and click on Schools tab.

LIFE - AN "EPIPHANY" OF GOD

"Life is always a good. ... Why is life a good? This question is found everywhere in the Bible, and from the very first pages it receives a powerful and amazing answer. The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7, 3:19; Job 34:15; Ps 103:14; 104:29), is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory (cf. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 8:6). This is what Saint Irenaeus of Lyons wanted to emphasize in his celebrated definition: 'Man, living man, is the glory of God'. Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself" (St. John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 34).)

....Priests for Life.org

EPIPHANY FRENCH KING CAKE *Galette de Rois* is

a popular French puff pastry cake that celebrates the holiday of Epiphany (January 6th) the day when the Three Kings visited the Baby Jesus. As part of French tradition, a bean or small china fève (favor) is hidden in the cake. The person who finds the fève in his or her slice becomes king or queen for the day!

Ingredients

¼ cup almond paste

¼ cup white sugar

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

1 large egg

¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

¼ teaspoon almond extract

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1 pinch salt

1 (17.25 ounce) package frozen puff pastry, thawed

1 dry kidney bean

1 egg, beaten

1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar for dusting



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Directions

❖ To make the frangipane filling: Place almond paste into a food processor or blender with about half of the sugar, and process until well blended. Add butter and remaining sugar and process until smooth; blend in 1 egg, vanilla extract, almond extract, flour and salt. Set aside.

- ❖ Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.
- ❖ Roll out one sheet of puff pastry into an 11-inch square. Keep pastry cool, trying not to knead or stretch it. Use a large pie plate, cake pan, or skillet to trace an 11-inch circle onto the dough using the tip of a small knife. Place the circle of pastry onto the prepared baking sheet. Repeat with the second sheet of pastry; place on a plate. Refrigerate both sheets.
- ❖ Mound almond frangipane filling onto the center of the pastry that is on the baking sheet. Leave about 1 1/2 inch margin at the edges. Press the bean or fève down into the filling. Place the second sheet of pastry on top, and press down the edges to seal. Beat the remaining egg with a fork, and lightly brush onto the top of the galette. Use a knife to make a crisscross pattern in the egg wash, and then prick several small slits in the top to vent steam while baking.
- ❖ Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Do not open the oven until the time is up, as the pastry will not fully puff. Remove from the oven, and dust with confectioners' sugar. Return to the oven, and cook for an additional 12 to 15 minutes, or until the top is a deep golden brown. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.
- ❖ Lay a golden paper crown gently on top of the cake. This will be used to crown the person who finds the bean or fève. Serve warm or cold.



HAPPY NEW YEAR! The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God: He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully: to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a new year “happy,” and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

JUBILEE 2025 You may be aware that the Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a “Holy Year”. The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father. The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. *The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be “Pilgrims of Hope”.* In the words of Pope Francis: “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.” Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica the evening of December 24/24, thereby officially inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee of Hope. He reassured during his Christmas evening Mass that the Christ Child of Bethlehem offers the world infinite hope and joy.



The Archdiocese of Toronto opened the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. **Regional Mass & Celebrations** – As in the past, a Jubilee church hosts a regional celebration to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community. **Western Region** celebrations will take place on [Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at – St. Mary's Parish, Brampton.](#)

Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel,
Palestine & Lebanon