

# The Epiphany of the Lord

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## MASS SCHEDULES

### SUNDAY MASSES

#### Our Lady of the Mountains

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 9:00 am

#### St. Christopher's

Sunday at 11:00 am

#### St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday at 12:30 pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

(January 7<sup>th</sup> to January 11<sup>th</sup>)

#### Our Lady of the Mountains

Tuesday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm

Wednesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Thursday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

Friday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm

#### St. Christopher's

NO Weekday Mass until Spring

#### St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after daily Mass  
also at Our Lady of the Mountains,  
Saturdays at 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm,  
Sundays at 8:00 am to 8:45 am  
or by appointment by calling  
**Fr. Dale at 604-938-6643**

*"The Lord Jesus is so good that  
he never tires of forgiving me.  
Remember that!" Pope Francis*

## Scripture Reflection – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mark Twain used to tell a joke that he put a dog and a cat in a cage together as an experiment, to see if they could get along. They did. So he put in a bird, pig and goat. They, too, got along fine after a few adjustments. Then he put in a Baptist, a Presbyterian, and a Catholic, and all hell broke loose. Mark Twain did not even bother putting together a Christian, a Muslim, and a Hindu. That was unthinkable in his day. In today's world, however, it has become obvious that Christians live in the same cage, in the same city, in the same world, with people of other religions.

Today, the Feast of Epiphany, we remember the Magi who came from faraway lands to worship the baby Jesus. They came guided by a star. Being nature worshippers who had no scriptures, God revealed Himself to them through the means available to them in their own religion. Through the stars they were able to learn of the birth of Jesus and find their way to him. They came as pagans, they worshipped Jesus as pagans, and they went back home as pagans. They did not convert either to Judaism or to Christianity. Their worship was acceptable to God and God directed them in their journey home through a dream. This shows that God does have a relationship with people of other religions who are neither Jews nor Christians.

There is only one God, and all who seek God with a sincere heart are led to Him, though they call Him by different names. One thing Christians have in common with members of other religions is that we all worship the same God. We all are children of the same Father. This truth is hard for religious people to appreciate because religious people all over the world tend to claim that they have exclusive access to God and the truth.

In the Old Testament, the Jewish people believed that they were the exclusive people of God. They divided the whole world into two: Jews who were the people of God, and Gentiles who were not. Some of their prophets and wise men tried to correct this belief by reminding them of the universal love of God for all humankind. But it was not until Jesus came that this idea began to sink in.

Let us reflect on this mystery today as we celebrate the Magi coming from pagan lands to worship the new-born Jesus while God's "chosen people" in Jerusalem sleep unaware that the kingdom of God has come.

*by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD*

**Please remember to pick up your donation envelopes.  
They are located on the shelf outside the parish office.**

## Office Hours

Monday, Wed, Thurs, Friday  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
In important matters please call  
the rectory at 604-938-6643

## The Diocese of Kamloops

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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



### † EMC (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Saturday: **Arlene**  
Sunday: **Edita**

### † Lectors

Sat, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: **Alyssa**  
Sun, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: **Margot**

### Coffee

Sun, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: **No Hosting**  
Sun, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: **No Hosting**



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[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

Canadian Conference of Catholic  
Bishops [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

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Family [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca)

Natural Family Planning  
[www.woomb.ca](http://www.woomb.ca)

New Website for Pro-Lifers  
<http://lifecollective.io>

Compendium for Praying and  
Living the Eucharist  
[www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

## Welcome to Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

We are a small Parish serving a very large visitor community. The majority of people you see in the church today are visitors from around the world. We rely on everyone's generosity to help us cover our daily operating costs. We want to sincerely thank you for being with us today and sharing in the life of the Holy Trinity in the celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you also for your generous donation.

### Faith in Action Campaign 28

Parish Assessment OLOM	\$8,124	St. Francis of Assisi	\$1,412
Total Received	\$38,533		\$2,464

Money received over Parish Assessment goes to Parish Project:  
Church interior renovation: \$30,409      Parking Lot Renovation      \$1,052  
*Please make your cheques payable to "Faith In Action."*

### Ordinary Time During Winter

After the celebratory festivities of Christmas Time, Ordinary Time provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on the life of Jesus and on our vocation as Christians. As the shift in the colour of vestments from white (or gold and silver) to green suggested, we can use this time to grow in our understanding of the mystery of Christ. Each Sunday, for the next five weeks, we will hear about particular events in Jesus' life as recorded by the synoptic evangelist, Luke. These accounts reveal how Jesus fulfilled his mission. Writing about Ordinary Time, Martin Connell says, "The two spans of Ordinary Time, the shorter one between the end of Christmas Time and the beginning of Lent, and the longer one between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent, are when the deeds and the teachings of the Old Testament, of the early church, and of Jesus of Nazareth are told to nurture, calm, inspire and animate God's people at worship".

(Eternity Today I, p.198)

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### Calendar

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - The Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Catechism starts again

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - Baptism of the Lord

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - Prayer for Christian Unity. 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 one, as Christ desires.

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - World Day of Migrants and Refugees