



## St. Hyacinthe Roman Catholic Church

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### January 4, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord



#### **“The glory of the Lord will appear above you.”**

Today's feast invites us to join the Magi, and to become wise travellers in life. We are called to go on the journey. Like the Wise Men of old, we are to search for the Child, and adore when we find Him. For as long as we are on this earth, may we journey faithfully. Saint Peter, who spent many a day in the Lord's company, was never finished with learning. Indeed, there is always so much to discover. *“The truth I have now come to realise,”* Peter said on one famous occasion, *“is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.”* This is the challenge of today's feast – that we go out and embrace life, and to be grateful for the gift of Jesus our Saviour. In Him, God reveals to us insights into our own lives that change us, just as the Magi were transformed by their journey to Bethlehem.

Date	Intentions	Lectors	Communion	Collection
Saturday, January 3 4 pm	+ Marie Therese Levesque Yvette & Armand Rioux	Randy Bossuyt		Volunteer
Sunday, January 4 11 am <i>Epiphany of our Lord</i>	Parishioners Intentions Father Gabriel	Larry Franz Mike Renaud	Suzanne Lavallee	Rheal Rochon Claude Lavallee
Wednesday, January 7 <u>7 pm</u>	+ Lionel Robert Claudette & Jean Rochon			
Thursday, January 8 7 pm	+ Marie Therese Levesque Knights of Columbus La Salle Council			
Saturday, January 10 4 pm	+ Eveline Lagace Mathilde & Gilbert Comeau	Rachel Cahill		Dolores Mogg
Sunday, January 11 11 am <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	+ Estelle Lavallee Funeral Offerings	Christopher Lippens Carlee Delorme	Claude Lagace	Christopher Lippens Jean Rochon



To you and to yours, a New Year  
filled with God's blessings of peace, health and joy!  
from Parish Pastoral Council and Trustees, parish staff and Fr. Gabriel

***“Life Is Better With Jesus!” – 2025-2026 PARISH THEME***

## St. Hyacinthe Parish News

**Heartfelt Gratitude ...** **Thank you** to all who shared their time and talents with our church community this Christmas Season. **Thank you** to those who planned the special liturgies. **Thank you** to parents and youth for the Christmas Pageant. **Thank you** to all those who prepared and presented the beautiful music! **Thank you** to all who set up the mangers, put Christmas lights on the trees, and donated poinsettias. **Everyone's contribution goes a long way!**



**Thank you so very much!** To everyone for your generous food and monetary donations to the Holy Cross Food Bank and the Family Support Centre. Our parish was able to provide a truck-load of donated food, over \$1,600, 30+ gifts for children in need, and numerous baby supplies.

*I was touched again this year by all the thoughtful wishes, cards and gifts that many of you offered me over the Christmas season. Thank you for these marks of affection. (Fr. Gabriel)*

**A huge thank you** to Claude Lagace for keeping the steps and walkways clear around the church, cemetery and parking lot.

- ❖ **Catechism Program:** Classes resume this Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Knights of Columbus meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 8, Mass at 7 pm, followed by the meeting.
- ❖ **Meridian Inter-Church Council meeting:** Tuesday, Jan 13, at 10:30 am, at St Hyacinthe Parish.
- ❖ **Parish Pastoral Council & Trustees meeting:** Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 pm, at the parish rectory.
- ❖ **Parents Sacrament meeting:** Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6 pm in the church sacristy.
- ❖ **2026 Sunday Collection Envelopes:** Your envelopes for the new year are available in the church entrance. Don't forget to inform the parish if any of your contact information has recently changed. If someone does not have envelopes and would appreciate having, please contact the parish.

### Remember in Your Prayers

- ✚ We pray that in this new year we will be filled with the Holy Spirit, and walk together in love, joy, peace and faithfulness.
- ✚ We pray for our families and loved ones, that they be blessed with health, joy, unity and be protected from harm.
- ✚ That praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. (Pope's prayer intention for January 2026)

**Marriage Tip** – Come and meet the baby Jesus. His kingdom is founded on love and mercy, in humility and service. As you meet the Immanuel, God-with-us, may you, like the Magi, be filled with great joy, gratitude, and praise for the wonderful things God has done for you.

**Stewardship** – “*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*” (Matt. 2.11) The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially with that one thing that means the most to you.

**Did You Know?** – The Magi paid homage to the Child Jesus by offering precious gifts. These gifts symbolize what we too have to offer. **Frankincense** represents the worship we give to the Son of God born of Mary, enthroning him at the centre of our lives. **Myrrh** represents the cross which each of us is called to accept if we are to follow Christ, denying ourselves and following his way of love. The **gold** we bring is to acknowledge his kingship. It is our commitment to work for his kingdom and his values. Being wise men and women guided by faith, we endeavour to ensure that those who live in poverty, or who are powerless in our world, may find God revealing his very self in humanity.

