

# Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church

Also serving Saint Mary's Church in Souris, MB (Sundays at 11:00 am)

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*We saw his star in the East  
and have come to worship Him*

## Epiphany of the Lord

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

The painter Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry. — Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	Jan.	08	11:00 am	CWL Members	CWL
Wed.	Jan.	09	9:30 am	†Maria Adamo	Deacon John & Carol MacKenzie
Thu.	Jan.	10	9:30 am	†Daniel Roy	Russell & Joan Lawrence
Fairview Home			10:30 am	Michael McPhee & Family	Issigonis Family
Fri.	Jan.	11	12:15 pm	Living & Deceased Gurr Family	Barb Graham
Sat.	Jan.	12	9:30 am	Sally Scaletta	Caroline Dubois
			4:00 pm	Maria Huerta	Ken & Josie Bessant
Sun.	Jan.	13	9:00 am	†Maria Adamo	Bruce & Elsie Ray
			11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Michael & Fr. Christopher
			7:00 pm	†Dale Holmstrom	Sherry & Family
Souris			11:00 am	For All Parishioners	Fr. Michael & Fr. Christopher

### Praying with Pope Francis - January

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

### In Our Prayers Are ...

Amelia Adamski, Marie Bomek, Jean Boutillier, Steve Bradley, Judy Bryant, Justin Enns, Rosaline Fedorkie, Eugene & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Colette Garlinski, Mildred Gareau, Jenny Hamill, Colin Hardy, Anthony Horn, Emily Jaffray, Frederick Jaggard, Ralph & Margaret Jonasson, Angela Lau, Diane Lomas, Paul Malabar, Millicent Mychasiw, Paul Omilanow, Walter Poruchny, Katherine Pouch, Susan Richardson, Bonnie Schellenberg, Josephine Tarr, Alice Young and the homebound.

### Knights of Columbus - Chase The Ace

Drop by Houston's between 5 and 7 PM on Saturday. The Chase the Ace pay out to the winner is approximately \$3800. Tickets are \$2 a piece and proceeds are going to our church's kitchen renovations! Please come and join us!

### St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul are collecting furniture, household items, dishes, pot and pans, & cutlery. Please call the Parish Office at 204-727-4728. This is a very worthwhile ministry helping people in need and those who are newcomers to Canada.

### St. Augustine Faith Formation Program

-Once Weekly Catechism Classes On-going  
 -Confirmation Classes starts every Tuesday from 7:00pm - 8:30pm @ Parish Hall  
 -Sunday's Catechism needs Volunteers for Hall Monitor  
 Please contact the Parish office #204.727.4728 or email: office@staug.ca

### Pictorial Directory

A number of pictorial directories have not been picked up. If you have not picked up yours, please do so at the Parish Office.

### The Week Ahead

Mon.	07	Prayer Group	7:00 pm
Tue.	08	CWL Mass & Meeting	7:00 pm
		Confirmation Class	7:00 pm
		RCIA	7:30 pm
		Holy Hour for Vocations	7:30 pm
Wed.	09	St. Vincent de Paul Hampers	2:00 pm
Thu.	10	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	10:00 am
		Catechism	6:30 pm
		Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Fri.	11	Mass followed by Adoration	12:15 pm
		Confessions	2:00 pm
		Benediction	3:00 pm
Sat.	12	Choir Practice	3:00 pm
Sun.	13	Catechism Classes	9:45 am

Sunday January 6, 2019

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**Dear Padre: I'm having an argument with a fundamentalist friend who insists the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I keep saying there's no way it could have. Who is right?**

Catholics believe that each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there's saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1-12. And there's a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably didn't happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true King, the Light of the World, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path. —Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR

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**Financial Report**

Weekend Collection for Dec. 23, 2018 - \$16,377.73  
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Collection -\$12,600.00  
Weekend Collection for Dec. 30, 2018 -\$13,998.61  
Weekly Expenses are approximately \$ 11,000.  
2 Week Overage \$20,976.34  
Thank you God Bless you all!

**Sharing God's Gifts**

Target for 2018 - \$48,620.  
Amount collected -\$61,150.42     33.1 % participation  
Overage - \$12,530.42  
Thank you for your generosity!!

**Kitchen Renovation Donations** to date are \$12,486.92.

Kitchen Renovation loan balance = \$2,513.08.  
Please make cheques out to St. Augustine Church if you would like to donate towards the kitchen debt. In the memo line of the cheque write Kitchen Renovation. Thank you!

**For Better and Forever Marriage Preparation Schedule**

A course for couples who are preparing for marriage at St. Augustine Church. Preparation courses consist of one evening session per week over a span of six weeks. Call Bob & Annette Boucher at 727-6035 to register.  
Jan. 10/19 - Feb. 21/19, Mar. 14/19 - Apr. 25/19  
May 16/19 - Jun. 27/19

**Join in Praying for Life**

Each Wednesday the rosary will be prayed at 12:00 PM in the chapel of the Assiniboine Centre at the BRHC. The intention of these prayers surrounds the respect and dignity owed to all human life.

**St. Augustine's Youth Group** will be gathering for a games night on Saturday January 19th from 5pm to 7:30pm. Please bring a pair of indoor running shoes. We will meet in the parish square.

**Please remember** to pick up your 2019 box of donation envelopes on the table at the east entrance.

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**Pilgrimage**

St. Augustine R.C. Church presents **Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** with Optional 4-Night Jordan Post Tour Extension on October 27-November 4, 2019 hosted by Fr. Michael Savarimuthu. For more information/brochure contact the parish office or visit [info@mcpshailtravel.net](mailto:info@mcpshailtravel.net) or call(204)727-2305.

**St. Augustine School Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for Kindergarten will be conducted by a random selection process. Applications for the random selection will be accepted starting Monday, January 28, 2019 (both on-line and at the division office) closing on Feb. 8th.

New parents to the division are encouraged to attend one of the following divisional Kindergarten information meetings.

January 29th- 6:30 p.m. at Earl Oxford

January 30th - 6:30 p.m. at Harrison

Principal Czarnecki will be in attendance at both meetings to answer any questions about the new registration procedure.

**Waiting List Registration Gr. 1-8**


St. Augustine School will be taking names for new students wanting to attend the 2019-2020 school year on Friday, Feb. 1st starting at 8:00 am. You can call the school (729-3285) or come into the office to fill out a form. Last year's waiting list will be replaced with these new names. If you, or anyone you know of, who was on last year's list or has a child/children who would like to attend St. Augustine, then please let them know to contact the school.

There is so little distance between heaven and earth that God always hears us. Nothing but a thin veil separates us from God. St. André Bessette


The tree that is beside the running water is fresher and gives more fruit. St. Theresa of Avila



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