

## **CLOSING MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR**

The closing Mass for the Jubilee Year has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 11, 2026 starting at 3:00pm at The Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity. All are invited to attend especially the altar servers and youth of the parish. Their presence will be a visible sign of hope, continuity and the Church's commitment to forming the next generation in faith and service.



## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Saturday January 3	Epiphany Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	Epiphany Mass	7:00am & 9:00am



**If we approach with faith,  
we too will see Jesus....;  
for the Eucharistic table  
takes the place of the crib.  
Here, the Body of the Lord is present,  
wrapped, not in swaddling clothes  
but in the rays of the Holy Spirit.**

*St John Chrysostom (347-407)  
Father & Doctor of the Church*



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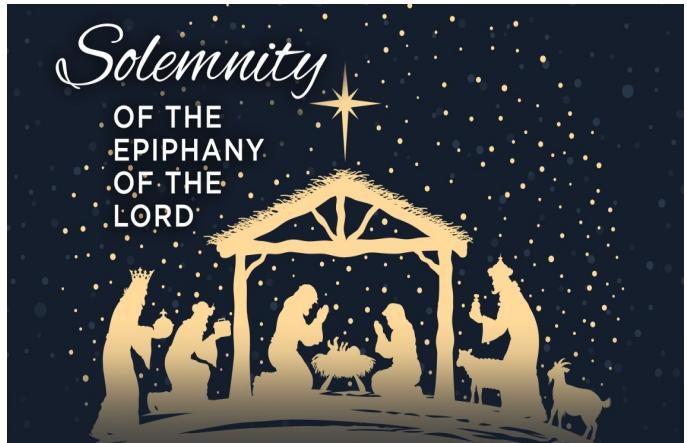
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Associate Pastor: Fr. Jude Akagha  
Deacon: Mark Hitchener**

**Church Council Chair : David DeMorasse  
Finance Chairperson : Neville LynFatt**

**MASS TIMES: Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday – Saturday 6:00 p.m.**

**RECONCILIATION: Appointment/Announced**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**



**Year A - January 4, 2026**

## **Today's Readings**

**1st Reading: Is. 60 : 1-6  
2nd Reading: Eph.3 : 2-6  
Gospel Reading: Mt. 2 : 1-12**



**Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before  
You, O Lord.**

## Epiphany of the Lord

In today's Gospel, Matthew proclaims the faith of the early Church: Jesus is the Lord of light and glory, and in him all nations find salvation. The Magi, guided by the star, represent the peoples of the earth who are drawn to Christ — a reminder that God's saving love knows no boundaries of race, culture, class, or nation.

It is easy for us to speak proudly of Jamaica as "Out of Many, One People." Yet the feast of Epiphany challenges us to ask how deeply that motto is lived in our daily lives. True unity does not begin in speeches or slogans; it begins in the heart and is expressed in how we treat one another — in our communities, our workplaces, our schools, and even within our own families.

Scripture scholar Roland Faley offers questions that help us examine ourselves honestly. Do we believe we have no prejudice simply because we are polite or respectful? Do we truly interact with people from different backgrounds in our communities, or do we keep to our own circles? Are there still jokes, labels, or assumptions that quietly wound? How open are our homes, our tables, and our hearts to those who are different from us?

The feast of Epiphany paints a beautiful picture: people from distant lands journeying together, bearing gifts, drawn by the light of Christ. But this picture only becomes real when we recognize the face of Christ in the neighbour next door, the coworker we overlook, the family member we struggle to understand, or the person we find difficult to forgive.

We do not need to travel far to encounter the grace of Epiphany. Christ meets us right where we are — in our lanes and districts, our towns and villages, our parishes and workplaces. Every person God places on our path is both a gift and an opportunity: a gift because they carry within them the light of God's love, and an opportunity because they invite us to live the Gospel in concrete ways.

As we celebrate Epiphany, may our hearts be open and sincere. And as we go forth, may we carry the light of Christ into our homes, our communities, and our nation, allowing that light to guide all we are, all we say, and all we do.

**Fr Richard Brown**

# Happy Birthday

### 4th January

Marjorie Davidson♦Merissa Crichton♦

Norma McFarlane♦

### 5th January

Samuel Durrelman♦Jason Hall♦Alexander Powell

### 6th January

Michelle Hibbert♦Joshua Shirley♦

### 7th January

Anthony Barnes♦Radcliffe Daley♦

Kimberly Warren♦

### 8th January

Brandon Walter-Allen♦Stephanie Smith♦

### 9th January

Anna-Kaye McGowan♦Neil Williams♦

### 10th January

Ramon Arscott♦Katia Dabdoub♦Tyler Rhoden♦

Rachel Walter♦Benjamin Sylvester♦



### 4th January

❖ Tarn & Patrice Peralto

### 5th January

❖ Paul & Candisa Leyow

### 6th January

❖ Winston & Beverley Hoo Fatt

### 7th January

❖ Laurence & Merissa Crichton

### 8th January

❖ Ruddi & Andrea Stevens

### 9th January

❖ Quantano & Karen Benjamin

❖ David & Elaine Chang

