

THE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 4/5, 2020

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: THE BIBLE

For all its inspiration, for all the lives it has changed, the Bible is problematic. Put into the hands of egocentric, unloving, fanatic, or power-hungry people, it is almost always a disaster. History has demonstrated this – the burning of heretics, the crusades, slavery, apartheid, and the genocide and oppression of weaker people were all justified through the selective use of Scripture quotes. Jesus was a master at winnowing the chaff from the grain (Mt 3:12; Lk 3:17) and “bringing out of the storeroom new treasures as well as old” (Mt 13:52). The Bible itself is a “text in travail,” says Rene Girard. It offers mature and immature responses to almost everything, because the Bible did not fall from heaven; rather, it was written by humans who always “see in a mirror, dimly, and only in part” (1 Cor 13:12). That is why we see the text sometimes moving towards mercy, humility, and inclusivity of Jesus, and sometimes the text is regressing into arrogance, exclusion, and legalism. By Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM Cap.

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	St. Columba, Iona	4 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Andrew's, Boisdale	5:30 p.m.
Saturdays	St. Mary's, Frenchvale	6 p.m.
Sundays	St. Michael's, Baddeck	9 a.m.
Sundays	Queen of the World Wagmatcook	10:30 a.m.

MY HOLIDAYS: I will be away on my annual Vacation for a month from January 14 to February 14. If anyone needs my services of any sort (Sacraments, Certificates, etc.), please be aware of my absence from the Parishes during these days. Thanks for your understanding.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS: St Michael's Parish, Baddeck, at 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall on Monday, January 6. St Barra Parish at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, at the Parish Centre, Iona. St Mary's Parish, Frenchvale, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 9.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. on CTV.

TO ALL PARISHES: Please pick up your packet of parish envelopes for 2020 at the back of your churches. For new parishioners or for anyone who hasn't used envelopes in the past, there are extra boxes available at the back of the churches. It is a convenient way to support your parish and to get an income tax receipt at the end of the year. Also, if anyone would prefer to use DIRECT DEPOSIT, Fr. Vargheese will direct you in being able to do this. Thank You.

PLEASE PRAY FOR A PRIEST/DEACON EACH DAY: Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests, deacons and others serving in our diocese, by praying each day. Sunday, Jan. 5 - Fr. Tom MacNeil. Monday, Jan. 6 - Fr. Norman MacPhee. Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Fr. Gary MacPherson. Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Fr. Alan MacPhie. Thursday, Jan. 9 - Fr. Albert Maroun. Friday, Jan. 10 - Fr. Paul MacGillivray. Saturday, Jan. 11 - Fr. Ora McManus.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We would like to sincerely thank all the parishioners who donated towards the flowers for Christmas. It was very much appreciated!!!

WINTER YOGA will begin on Tuesday, January 7, at the Boisdale Fire Hall at 7 p.m. and on Friday, January 10, at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and try it out. Please bring a mat and blanket and wear comfortable clothing. For more information, please contact Anita at 902-871-2074.

EXERCISE CLASSES for older adults (age 50+) will resume on Thursday, January 9, at 10 a.m. at the Boisdale Fire Hall. If you are new to this class please come for registration at 9:45 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear, and bring your water bottle. For further information contact Marie at 902-578-9070.

CARD GAMES: Tuesdays – Senior’s Club, Frenchvale – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays – Boisdale Fire Hall – 7:30 p.m.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meetings are held in Boisdale, St. Andrew's Church - upstairs - every Friday night from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Iona Parish Hall - every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please call 902-562-8019 for more information.

MINISTRIES - ST. COLUMBA - Saturday, Jan. 11 - 4 p.m. -
 Readers - Hugh, Pauline. Eucharistic Ministers - Barry (The Bread),
 Angela (The Cup), Elizabeth (The Cup). Hospitality - Cynthia & Hoss,
 Brad, Pius. Altar Servers - Grace, Katherine.

MINISTRIES - ST. ANDREW'S - Saturday, Jan. 11 - 5:30 p.m. -
 Readers - Anita, Blaine. Eucharistic Minister - Blaine. Hospitality -
 Len. Altar Server - Vince.

MINISTRIES - ST. MICHAEL'S - Sunday, Jan. 12 - 9 a.m. -
 Readers - Charlene Ivany, Marlene MacLean. Eucharistic Minister -
 Leona Perkins. Church cleaner for the week of Jan. 5 - Mary Nicholson.

OFFERINGS	St. Columba	St. Michael's	St. Mary's
(Dec. 24/25/28)			
Envelopes	\$ 875.00	\$ 1207.00	\$ 1535.00
Loose	536.65	477.70	388.15
Christmas Off.	5195.00		
Building Fund	27.00		
St. Col. Cem.	25.00		
Direct Deposit	50.00		490.00
Flowers			100.00
Donation			500.00
Initial Off.			20.00