

# Church of the Most Holy Redeemer

January 7<sup>th</sup> , 2018

Epiphany of the Lord

## ARTABAN THE FOURTH WISE MAN

In 1895, Henry van Dyke wrote the story, "The Other Wise Man," telling of a fourth wise man called Artaban. Our hero is not mentioned in the Gospel because he missed the caravan. He got to Bethlehem too late to see the Baby Jesus.

But Artaban did make it in time to save one of the Holy Innocents by bribing a soldier. For 33 years Artaban searched for Jesus. He did not find Jesus, but all the while the Fourth wise man fed the hungry and helped the poor.

Then one day in Jerusalem Artaban saw the "King of the Jews" being crucified. He started to offer a pearl as ransom. But then he saw a girl being sold into slavery to pay family debts.

Artaban gave his pearl to buy freedom for the girl. Suddenly the earth quaked as Jesus died on the cross and a stone struck Artaban. Dying, he heard a Voice saying: "When you helped the least of my children, you helped me. Meet me in Heaven!"

Artaban, the fourth Wise Man, had been making God present in his community for years by helping others. God asks each of us on the feast of Epiphany to be a fourth Wise Man by becoming God's epiphanies, making His love present in the world around us by our acts of love and kindness.

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### GIFT BEARERS:

4 PM :  
9 AM : Willard & Stella Peters & Catechism Students  
11 AM: Lorne & Debbie Yeo

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Mon: 10:00 Mr & Mrs Michael Robison & DFM  
Tues: 9:00 Intentions of Parishioners  
2:00 Yuanita Murphy (Garden Home)  
Wed: 9:00 Mary & Chester Hughes : Paul O'Rourke †  
Thur: 9:00 Eileen & Jim MacKay  
Fri: 9:00 Mike & Milly Conway & DFM  
10:30 Daryll Munn  
Sat: 4:00 Albert Peters : Leona Ford : Brian Malone †: Alban & Evelyn Murphy  
Sun. 9.00 Polly & Jack Callaghan  
11:00 Intentions of Parishioners

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Sunday Collection: \$ 4,653.50  
New Year's Coll/Initial Offering \$ 2,479.00  
Capital Expenditure \$ 2,765.00

### PARISH:

**THANK YOU JENNIFER CHEVERIE** : The Jack Blanchard Family Centre was in dire need of a new Christmas tree for this season. Because of the size of the tree it proved to be an expensive purchase. Jennifer, as per usual, took it upon herself to make up the funds for the tree. Since the early summer there have been concerts in the hall, and she set up a

canteen and came every Wednesday night to sell treats and soft drinks to the patrons. Some weeks she only cleared \$15-20., some weeks \$45-50. By Christmas time she had enough to pay for the tree in cash. So thank you Jennifer for your sacrifice of your free time to make this happen and also for the wonderful work you do to make The Jack Blanchard Centre what it is. I am sure many of you have used our facilities and tasted the wonderful meals she has prepared. Thank you Jennifer from the Holy Redeemer Parish.

**THE PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. It begins promptly at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The concluding Service will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The location for this Service is St. Dunstan's Basilica. Tickets available at the Parish office during normal business hours.

**CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES : SENIORS DINNER - Jan. 2018** will be held on Tue., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>ND</sup> Tue. of the month.

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP CONSIDERATION:** We are living in an era where there are an inordinate number of displaced persons and refugees throughout the world. Clearly the need is great for asylum and refuge. As we enter the New Year, we invite your parish community to give consideration to sponsoring a family. By doing so you can make a difference and change their lives.

**THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW** : Please join us for our first Theology on Tap of 2018! Dr. David Sabapathy, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer for PEI, will speak on "The Christian Worldview as a Foundation for Public Health Practice." Presented by the SDU Institute of Christianity and Culture, 25 January 2018, 7pm at the Pourhouse, 189 Great George Street. We look forward to seeing you!

**PRO-LIFE RALLY** :The next peaceful Pro-life Rally is on Sat., Jan. 13 at 11:00am in S'side along the Roy Boates Avenue, S'side, near Prince County Hospital.

**CWL MEETING** will be held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 2018 at 7 PM in the Jack Blanchard Centre. Members

are reminded that this is the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** and a good attendance would be appreciated.

**CATECHISM CLASSES** : Catechism classes begin for the second term on **Sun., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** at the Jack Blanchard Family Centre and the Parish Rectory. Classes for grades 2 &3 (upstairs) and for grades 4 and 5 (downstairs) in the Family Centre. **Classes for grades 6 to 8 will be held in the Parish Rectory (upstairs).** Enter by the Parish Office door on 3 Pond Street. Someone will be there to direct people to the rooms. **Sessions for the grade 9 – Confirmation group will begin at 6:30 PM in the Family Centre.**

**LAMP** :The Latin American Mission Program (LAMP) is announcing that a new LAMP missionary, Ryan MacRae, is preparing to go to the Dominican Republic (DR). Ryan from Stratford will leave PEI before the end of January. **Most Reverend Bishop Richard Grecco will preside over a missioning ceremony, indicating that Ryan is being sent by the Diocese of Charlottetown to the church in the Dominican Republic.** In the DR, Ryan will be received by the Misioneros del Sacrado Corazón (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart) in Santiago de los Caballeros. He will live with a Dominican family to be introduced to the culture and to improve his Spanish. Ryan will become part of an organization, **Fondacion Mujer Iglesia (Woman-Church Foundation).** He will gradually involve himself in the work of **Mujer Iglesia** which is to improve the lives of impoverished families in the region by community organizing to develop the economic and social self-reliance of women. The missioning celebration will take place during the **Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM.**

**JACK BLANCHARD FAMILY CENTRE ( Holy Redeemer Parish Centre):** For your Banquets, Meetings, Receptions, Weddings Receptions, Birthday Parties, Funeral Receptions, Workshops (Bar Service available), call the Office at 894-7385.

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES - PARISH CENTRE**  
Auction 45's Wednesday at 1:30 PM (except Holidays.)