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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Epiphany of the Lord - Like the Magi, let us offer Jesus his gifts to us on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God wants our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. (b) A second gift might be friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly. The price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The Good News, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, understanding, forgiveness, and patience. (d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace: seeking God's peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from the heart our gifts of worship, prayer, singing, possessions, talents, and time. As we give our insignificant, little gifts to God, the good news is that God accepts them! (Fr. Antony Kadavi)

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO



Join us for a special celebration on Saturday, January 20th (Rosary at 11 am and Mass at 11:30 am). Bring your Santo Niño statue for the blessing during the Mass. A pot-luck lunch will be held in the parish hall after Mass and procession. Everyone is invited.

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2024

Thank you to all the parishioners that used the envelopes and the P.A.G. last year. Envelopes for 2024 are available in the parish hall. They are arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or number. We appreciate your support.

TORONTO SERRA CLUB: VOCATION

If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

EXERCISE CLASS 55 PLUS

New members are welcome to join the class every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Exercises include stretching, balancing and low-impact aerobics. Classes will resume on Monday, January 8th in our parish hall.

EUCHRE CLUB

Join us for euchre every Tuesday at 1:00 pm starting on January 9th in the parish hall and connect with people who share the same interests. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon.

NOVENA FOR CANCER

All are welcome to join us for Mass every Tuesday at 9:30 am. After the Mass, we will pray a novena to Saint Michael of the Saints: A Trinitarian mystic and patron saint of cancer patients. We will pray for all who are affected by cancer and pray for prevention of getting this illness with the blessing of his relics.

CHAPEL ADORATION

"Spiritual Walk-In Clinic" with Dr. Jesus 24/7

Our parish is honoured with an opportunity to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours/day, 7 days/week exposed in our chapel for the last 21 years. If you would like to commit one hour a week or be a "backup", please leave your name and contact number in the parish office. All are welcome to come and pray.

PREMS APPROACH

This is a program with a method to work with individuals and their families dealing with intellectual challenges such as Autism and Down Syndrome. **Weekly Sessions: Mondays at 7:15 pm at Transfiguration of Our Lord School Gymnasium starting on February 5th.**

Contact Info: Linda 416.473.1149 & Fr. Carlos 416.247.0513

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica, Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Sergio Rea, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Carla Chiulli, John Stibler, Graziella Marcoccia, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ramon Ortiz, Ines Granda

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Theodore Grizzaffi, Ugo Sisinni, Minh Phung, Colin MacNeil, Danuta Kociolek, Vittorio Simone, Iginio Caporiccio



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

A Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) helps support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. Parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. Please contact the parish office if you would like to enrol in the P.A.G.

**Happy New Year!
Blessings for 2024**

2024 SACRAMENTS



Registration is now complete and classes for the First Communion program and the Confirmation program will begin on Tuesday, January 9th at Transfiguration of Our Lord School.



The class for the First Communion Program will start at 6:45 pm. The class for the Confirmation Program will start at 7:00 pm.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11th at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage. For questions, please email formation@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

January 27/28 February 24/25 March 30/31

Our program feeds the poor and disadvantaged. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call our office at 416.247.0513.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

L' amore di Dio non conosce confine - I Maghi da lontano hanno visto quella luce. Hanno visto e sono partiti. Carichi di dubbi e perplessità, si sono messi in cammino senza sapere verso dove. Sono partiti e basta, proprio come Abramo padre della fede. Perché il cammino di fede non ha una meta. E' il cammino la meta! Ecco perché al mattino amo augurare: Buon cammino...

Questo è un avvertimento anche per noi! Non conta se siamo cattolici da generazioni, se frequentiamo la parrocchia, se non ci siamo persi un incontro di catechesi, se siamo nel consiglio pastorale o se facciamo parte di questo o quel movimento...

Non basta appendere crocifissi nelle nostre case e nemmeno andare a Messa tutte le domeniche per dirci uomini e donne di fede. Ciò che conta è il desiderio di arrivare a quell'incontro senza pretendere di capire tutto e subito, proprio come i maghi. Luca e Matteo ci ricordano che ai piedi di Gesù possiamo arrivarci con il cuore (i pastori) oppure con la testa (i Maghi). Cioè il desiderio e la ragione sono le due gambe che ci possono mettere in cammino verso la fede. (Paolo de Martino)

**INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO**

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| Sunday January 7 | The Epiphany of the Lord |
| 7:45 am | All living & deceased members of our parish |
| 9:00 am | † Giacomo Giorgio, † Francesco Lenoci, † Michele & Gaetana Di Leo, † Maria Morano, † Giovanni Tari, A Special Blessing for Josie |
| 10:30 am | † George Fernandez, † Nicola Biancofiore, † Paul Fantauzzi, † Francis DeSouza |
| 12:00 pm | † Domenico, Frank, & Natale D'Urzo, † Carlo Borrelli, † Colin MacNeil, † Danuta Kociolek, † Vittorio Simone, † Iginio Caporiccio, Gerald & Luna Caceres (L) |
| 1:30 pm | IGBO Mass |
| 7:00 pm | † Donald Biastampillai, † Charles & Joan Kelly |
| 8:00 pm | Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation) |
| Monday January 8 | The Baptism of the Lord |
| 9:00 am | † Milanko Bebek, † Sandi McKay, † Pedro Rodriguez, † Souls in Purgatory |
| Tuesday January 9 | Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time) |
| 9:30 am | † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A. Falzon |
| Wednesday January 10 | Weekday |
| 9:30 am | † Deceased members of the Laporte, Coleman & Savage Families |
| Thursday January 11 | Weekday |
| 9:30 am | † Richelieu Logronio |
| Friday January 12 | Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys (OBL) |
| 9:30 am | † Rosina Scopacasa, † Francesco Barbara, † Neil Carreon, † Sean Carreon |
| Saturday January 13 | Weekday / St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of Church, BVM |
| 9:30 am | † Mary & Kenneth Falzon, † Natasha Raciopa, A. Falzon |
| 3:30 pm | Mass at Parkland Retirement Home |
| 4:30 pm | Confession |
| 5:30 pm | † Mario Reale, † Sharon Smith, † Jocelyn Gajdemski, Deceased members of the D'Souza Family |
| Sunday January 14 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 7:45 am | All living & deceased members of our parish |
| 9:00 am | † Rosa Clarizio, Graziella Marcoccia (L), Thanksgiving |
| 10:30 am | † Titus Pinto, † Pedro Paulo Serran, † Ramona Pelly, † Minh Phung, Rowan Dias & Family (L) |
| 12:00 pm | † Mary & John Simard, † Arsenio Oallares |
| 1:30 pm | IGBO Mass |
| 7:00 pm | † Charles & Joan Kelly, † Souls in Purgatory |
| 8:00 pm | Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation) |

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND UPDATE

On December 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. To learn more, visit www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation

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