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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

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A star guided the Magi to Bethlehem so that there they could discover "the king of the Jews who was born" and worship him. Matthew adds in his Gospel: "When they entered the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him". The journey from the East, the search, the star that appeared to the Magi, the sight of the Savior and his adoration constitute the stages that peoples and individuals had to go through in their journey to meet the Savior of the world. The light and its call are not things of the past, since the history of the faith of each of us refers to them. In order for them to experience the joy of seeing Christ, of adoring him and of offering him their gifts, the Magi went through situations in which they always had to ask, always follow the sign sent to them by God.

<https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20250106.html>

MARY, THREE KINGS, AND THREE HERODS

What is "Mary's side," and what is "the epic struggle?" The struggle is the battle between good and evil. "Mary's side" seeks to protect the life of her Son against the Herods of the world, who - threatened by perfect goodness - wish to slay the essence of incarnated Love.

The three kings counterbalance the three Herods. Yes, the New Testament speaks of a trio of men who bore that name. The first, Herod the Great, is the one in the Epiphany story. He slaughtered the innocents. His son, Herod Antipas, succeeded him and had Mary's nephew, John the Baptist, beheaded. The third Herod, Herod Agrippa, martyred St. James and imprisoned St. Peter. Fortunately, Mary's husband, Joseph, and the Magi were good men. They were warned by angels about Herod the Great's treachery. These are the men of "Mary's side." They hear the word of God and follow its instruction. Herod hears of a king being born but fails to grasp the significance. He conceives of the Messiah as a rival for the kingship of Judea. He misses the point. The Magi and Joseph are on Mary's side. So are we.

<https://marian.org/articles/epiphany-mary-three-kings-and-three-herods>



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

Mary Bar, William Mausser

Theresa Hall, Philomena Vaswani

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2025

Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the parish hall for pick-up. They are arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or donation envelope number.

ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for adults to bake cookies, brownies, etc.. for the youth group members when we gather. Water and juices are also welcomed. Please contact Sr. Patricia at:

youthatransfiguration@gmail.com



2024 SACRAMENTS

Classes for the First Communion program and the Confirmation program will begin on Tuesday, January 7th 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.

LITURGICAL MUSIC

We have switched music for the liturgical settings from the Mass of Creation (Haugen) to the Mass of Renewal (Stephan). You can listen to them on the website below to help you join us in song at Mass: <https://bit.ly/4iNeWOy>

TORONTO SERRA CLUB: VOCATION

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

PRAY FOR THE 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 J. Zakrajse, Phyllis C., Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ines Granda, Bernice DeGrace, Diana, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Feliciano Ventura

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), winter coats, toques, scarves, gloves, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.

DONATE NOW AND ON-LINE BANKING

The donated amount (December 1st – 15th) to our parish through the Donate Now website is \$1500.00, and through the On-Line Banking is \$120.00.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the weekend of December 21st & 22nd was \$8595.75.

The regular collection for the weekend of December 28th & 29th was \$14748.50.

We are grateful for your donation and support to our parish.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, January 6th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for parents and godparents of the children being baptized in January or later this year. Please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 to register.

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

Please join us for a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño to be held on Saturday, January 18th (Rosary at 11 am and Mass at 11:30 am). A pot-luck lunch will be held in the parish hall after Mass and procession. Everyone is invited.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

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. For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org

PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, TURKEY, SICILY & ITALY

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NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE TOUR: Meals not specified, tips on ship, insurance, documentation.

For further information and registrations call: 416.444.666

Halina: ext.315 or 647.294.4116 halina@ihtours.com

Alex: ext. 317 alex@ihtours.com

Liliana: ext. 324. liliana@ihtours.com

Please join us for the first information session on Saturday,

February 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Hall.

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE

Una stella ha guidato i Magi fino a Betlemme perché là scoprissero "il re dei Giudei che è nato" e lo adorassero. Matteo aggiunge nel suo Vangelo: "Entrati nella casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, e prostratisi lo adorarono". Il viaggio dall'Oriente, la ricerca, la stella apparsa ai Magi, la vista del Salvatore e la sua adorazione costituiscono le tappe che i popoli e gli individui dovevano percorrere nel loro andare incontro al Salvatore del mondo. La luce e il suo richiamo non sono cose passate, poiché ad esse si richiama la storia della fede di ognuno di noi. Perché potessero provare la gioia del vedere Cristo, dell'adorarlo e dell'offrirgli i loro doni, i Magi sono passati per situazioni in cui hanno dovuto sempre chiedere, sempre seguire il segno inviato loro da Dio.



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:45 am All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
- 9:00 am †Leonarda & Francesco Lenucci, †Vincenzo Trelle, †Joe Andrade, †Michele & Angela Sala, †Michele & Gaetana Di Leo
- 10:30 am †Emily Narvaez, †Robert Pereira, †Nicola Biancofiore
Special Blessings for Deanna Carnevale and Family,
Special Blessings for Maria Di Marino and Family,
- 12:00 pm †Walter Ryan, †Emanuel Azzopardi, †Mario De Rose,
†Philomena Vaswani, †Maria
- 1:30 pm Igbo Mass
- 7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian
- 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday January 6 Christmas Weekday

- 9:30 am †Giselda & Giuseppe Greco, †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon

Tuesday January 7 Christmas Weekday / Saint André Bessette, Religious (OBL)

- 9:30 am †Maria Carolina Valador, Living & Deceased Members of the Hunyh Family

Wednesday January 8 Christmas Weekday

- 9:30 am †Custodia Natale, Special Intention and Blessings for Diane Hicks and Jesse Murphy

- 7:00 pm 1-Year Memorial Mass: Domenico Tissi

Thursday January 9 Christmas Weekday

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
- 9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanada Lijoi, and for Liliana, Thanksgiving Mass for an organ donor

Friday January 10 Christmas Weekday

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
- 9:30 am †Leucia Coia, †Mary & Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †James & Ivan Laporte, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon

Saturday January 11 Christmas Weekday

- 8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
- 9:30 am †T.D. Chacko
- 3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
- 4:30 pm Confessions
- 5:30 pm †Richelieu Logronio

Sunday January 12 Baptism of the Lord

- 7:45 am All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
- 9:00 am †Angela, Martino & Pinuccio Abbattista, †Vito & Luisa Piacente, †Caterina & Leonardo D'Urso
- 10:30 am †Giacomo Giorgio, †Neil Carron, †Sean Carreon,
Special Blessings for Rowan Dias and Family,
Special Blessings for the RCIC Catechists Team
- 12:00 pm †Liza Ramaj, †Richard Rozanov
- 3:00 pm Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
- 7:00 pm †Gawhara Nalbandian
- 8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Participants will learn and deepen their understanding and skills in the art of prayer in 15 weekly sessions of two hours each. Participants will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender.

Start date: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

Time & Place: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Parish Hall.

Contact: Ana Orellana aorellan55@gmail.com

Registration Fee: 0 **Material Cost:** \$20.00

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