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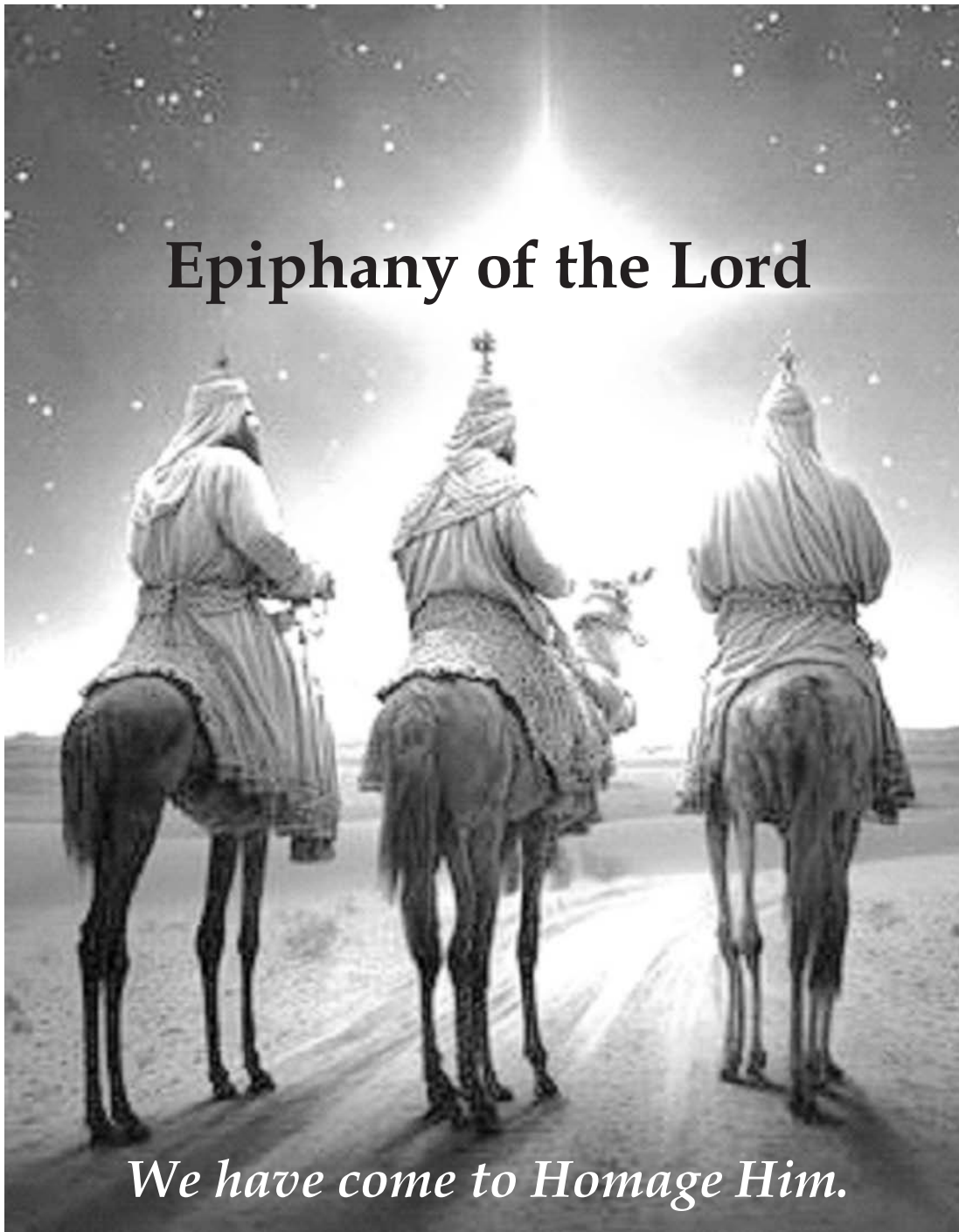
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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A

Concerning the Epiphany: Scripture only mentions that the wise men came from the East and does not give any further details about them, i.e. their names, status or how many they were. In his writing, Matthew constantly gives reference from the Old Testament to prove that the child that is born of Mary, is the promised messiah. The visit of the Magi fulfills a few OLD Testament Prophecies. They were regarded as kings from the East because of the reference we find in Psalms "The Kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts" (72: 10). Matthew's purpose was not to give us details about the historical event but rather to emphasize that Christ is not a property of any one group, but rather, He is the Lord and Savior of the World.

<https://saintdominic.ca/sermon/the-epiphany-of-the-lord-reflection-january-05-2025/>

EPIPHANIA DEL SIGNORE (ANNO A)

Riguardo all'Epifania: la Scrittura menziona solo che i Magi provenivano dall'Oriente e non fornisce ulteriori dettagli su di loro, ovvero i loro nomi, il loro status o il loro numero. Nei suoi scritti, Matteo fa costantemente riferimento all'Antico Testamento per dimostrare che il bambino nato da Maria è il messia promesso. La visita dei Magi adempie alcune profezie dell'Antico Testamento. Erano considerati re provenienti dall'Oriente a causa del riferimento che troviamo nei Salmi: "I re di Tarsis e delle isole offriranno doni" (72:10). Lo scopo di Matteo non era quello di fornirci dettagli sull'evento storico, ma piuttosto di sottolineare che Cristo non è proprietà di un gruppo specifico, ma piuttosto, Egli è il Signore e Salvatore del mondo.

MARY AND EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pope Paul VI, in the Apostolic Exhortation, "Marialis Cultus", emphasized that the "Christmas season is a prolonged commemoration of the divine, virginal and salvific motherhood of her whose 'inviolable virginity brought the Saviour into the world.'" on the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ the Church both adores the Savior and venerates His glorious Mother. On the Epiphany, when we celebrate the universal call to salvation, the Church contemplates the Blessed Virgin, the true Seat of Wisdom and true Mother of the King, who presents to the Wise Men, for their adoration, the Redeemer of all peoples.

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com>

CHAPEL ADORATION

Our parish has been blessed with Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in our chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the past 23 years. We are looking for more volunteer adorers so that someone is in the chapel 24 hours a day. If you can commit to one hour of prayer each week, or serve as a substitute adorer, please leave your name and contact number at the parish office. All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION

Everyone is joyfully invited to a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 17, 2026!



The celebration will begin with the Rosary at 11:00 am, followed by Mass at 11:30 am in honour of the Holy Child Jesus. A procession will follow, and a potluck lunch will be shared in the Parish Hall afterward. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow parishioners.

Please note that a nine-day Rosary and Novena to Santo Niño will begin on January 8th. All are welcome to participate as we prepare our hearts for this beautiful feast.

EUCHRE CLUB

Come along for euchre every Tuesday at 1:00 pm starting January 6th in the parish hall and connect with people who share the same interests. Share a fun-filled afternoon & a little friendly competition.

EXERCISE CLASS (55 PLUS)

Our 55 Plus Exercise Class meets twice a week in the parish hall and will resume on Monday, January 12th and Wednesday, January 14th. Join us to stay active, improve strength and balance, boost energy, and enjoy good company in a fun and supportive setting.

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

2026 contribution envelopes are available in the parish hall and are arranged numerically. If you have not picked up your envelope as of yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.

A white binder, organized alphabetically by last name, is available near the envelopes to assist you in locating your number. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

If you are a registered parishioner and have recently changed your address, please let the parish office know so that we may keep our records up to date. Thank you for your consideration.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Tony Elia Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Ines, Roman Zakrajse, Teresa Pirrello, William Bennett, Emily Williams, Margaret Speciale, Mark Ramjattan, John Benjamin, Jane Delgado, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Gary Cullum, Manuel Uy, Luisa Spinato, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr., Domenica Fantini, Ivy D'Souza, Luca, Naz, Bert, Mary Sue Snow, Neveah, Patricia

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for parents and godparents of the children being baptized in January or later in the new year. Please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 to register.

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026 NOVEMBER 3, 2025, TO JANUARY 12, 2026

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450 - 500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>. For further information, please contact: ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, M6S 2Y8
Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. 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.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

On the weekend of February 27 - March 1, 2026, St. Augustine's Seminary is offering a Discernment Retreat at their seminary for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30 PM and will end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Meals & Accommodations will be provided. A suggested donation of \$100.00 is appreciated.

Register now or for more information, please contact:

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Matthew 2:2



Guided by a star, the Magi step beyond familiarity and comfort, trusting that God is revealing something new and life-changing. Their journey reminds us that Epiphany is about attentiveness: noticing God's signs and having the courage to follow them.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Pina Locicero, †Francesco Leanoca, †Michelle Gianta
10:30 am †Edward Coleman, †Ivan Laporte, Special Blessings for the RCIC Catechists, the Candidates and their families
12:00 pm †Walter Ryan, †Marco, Antonia & John Mastrandrea, Special Blessings for Eric & Leila Fernandez for the 50th Wedding Anniversary, A Thanksgiving Mass from Karen & Carlyle Laurie
7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday January 5 Christmas Weekday

9:30 am †Domenico Cancian, †Robert Pereira, Special Intention of Teresa Silva, A Special Intention of Ann Zamida

Tuesday January 6 Christmas Weekday/Saint André Bessette, Religious

9:30 am †Thanksgiving for blessings received

Wednesday January 7 Christmas Weekday/St. Raymond Penyafort, Priest

9:30 am †Maria Carolina Valador
7:30 pm Memorial Mass (English & Italian): Nicola Rigo

Thursday January 8 Christmas Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Gianluigi Lijoi, †Eric Patrao, †Eufrocina Eugenio, Special Blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi

Friday January 9 Christmas Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Lilianna Arsenault, In Thanksgiving for organ donor

Saturday January 10 Christmas Weekday

8:45 am Rosary & Novena: Santo Niño
9:30 am †Bishop M.P. Lacey
2:00 pm Baptism
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm †Merina Patricia Abeyasinghe & †Peter Vincent Silva

Sunday January 11 The Baptism of the Lord

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Giacomo Giorgio
10:30 am †Richlieu & Francis Logronio, †James & Tennyson Laporte Special Blessings for Rowan, Maureen & John Dias & Family
12:00 pm †Francesco & Domenico D'Urzo, †Maria & Natale D'Urzo Thanksgiving Mass for Karen & Carlyle Laurie
3:00 pm Rosary & Novena for Santo Niño
7:00 pm †Manny Poulo †Fr. Frank Kelly
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FORMATION AND TRAINING – REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for bereavement ministry will be offered online on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2026, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs.

Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026> by February 23, 2026

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 437-900-4287

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