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### The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord

JANUARY 8TH, 2023



Adorazione dei Magi - Gentile da Fabriano

### An Epiphany Prayer

*Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,  
 as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
 that we too may be led into your presence  
 and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
 the Word of the Father, the King of nations,  
 the Saviour of mankind;  
 to whom be glory for ever. Amen*

— Frank Colquhoun

**Our mission at St. Francis de Sales** is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

### Parish Hours

#### DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am  
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

#### SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm  
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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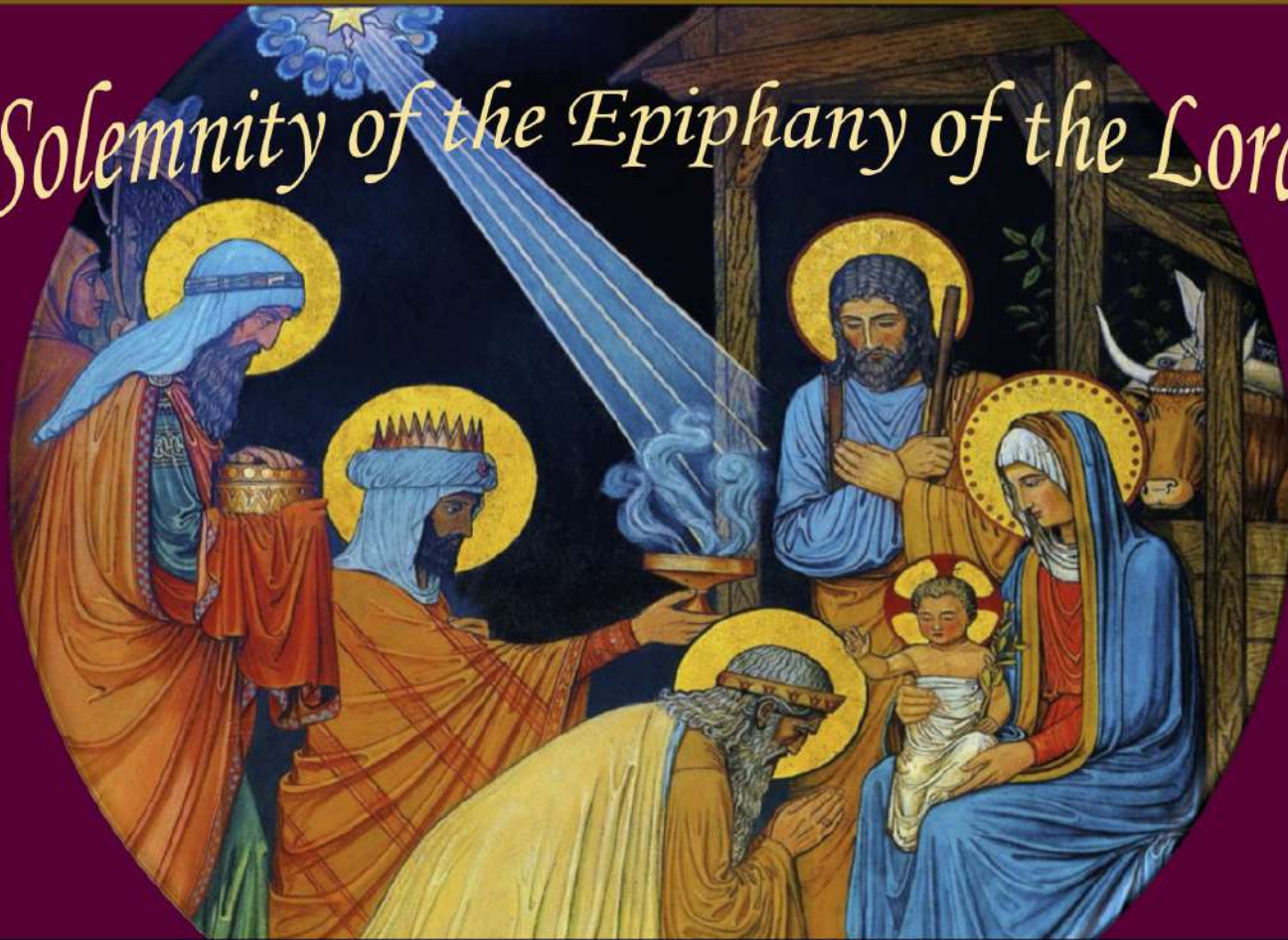
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# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord



[The] Epiphany not only manifests Jesus, the Son of God, but also reveals our hearts. It shows us that the Savior can be welcomed (as happened with the shepherds and the Magi) and rejected (as happened with King Herod). Let's not hide the fact that there are aspects of "the magi" and aspects of "King Herod" in each of us. There's a part of us already ready to set out on the journey, to know and understand, to grow and improve, to surpass ourselves. But there is also a Herod always ready to destroy our dreams and hopes. A Herod, always ready to massacre, lurks behind our desire for what is good, beautiful and right, not wanting us to find "the Child" who can change our lives. The Magi teach us that life is a journey and that we are invited to live it as Jesus did, while the Herods of this world delude and flatter us into believing that success and power are necessary in order to exist.

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## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>MONDAY, 9 JANUARY</b> <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	
9:00 AM	S.I. BERYL MOOKING S.I. MICHAEL ARBOUR + ALFRED SINGH
<b>TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY</b>	
9:00 AM	S.I. JOSEPH & JULIE GALEA S.I. MARTIN CALLISTE S.I. VALENTINE ST LOUIS
<b>WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY</b>	
9:00 AM	+ JOAN LOVERY + EMILIANO ESPIRITU CUTHBERT PHILLIPS
<b>THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY</b> <i>St Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>	
9:00 AM	+ BARBARA BODINGTON
<b>FRIDAY, 13 JANUARY</b> <i>St Hilary – Bishop &amp; Doctor of the church</i>	
7:00 PM	+ ISABEL ALONSO + BENNY SIDELINO
<b>SATURDAY, 14 JANUARY</b>	
9:00 AM	<b>NO MORNING MASS</b>
5:00 PM	+ WINSTON MITCHELL + MANUEL & MARIA CHAVES AND FAMILY + EDUARDO BERNARDO JR. & WILMA RANIN BERNARDO
<b>SUNDAY, 15 JANUARY</b>	
8:30 AM	+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PIAMONTE & LEGARDO FAMILIES
10:15 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 PM	AVAILABLE
7:00 PM	+ JACKSON ARAGON + CLARENCE & MARGARET THOMAS

*Just a friendly reminder...*

Please note, there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday 14 January due to our RCIC Baptisms. Please keep these children in your prayers.

### A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Here's a little chuckle for all those going back to school...

What time is it when little white flakes fall outside the classroom window?

- *Snow & Tell!*



*Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.*

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### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please be sure to pick up your 2023 Sunday Offertory envelopes. **If you still have 2020 – 2022 envelopes, we ask that you get discard them.** If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP



We are looking for volunteers to assist our priests and deacon with Baptism. Baptisms occur two Sundays a month. If you would like to assist with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.



Calling all women of the parish. Please come and join your sisters of the CWL at our first monthly meeting of 2023 on Thursday 12 January beginning with Mass at 7 PM, followed by a meeting.

We wish you a very Happy New Year and thank-you for your support in 2022 and we look forward to working together in 2023 for God and Canada.



### Fun for Seniors

The Catholic Women's League cordially invites all seniors to their monthly Seniors' Luncheon. Join us following a celebration of Mass at 11:30 am on January 18, 2023, at St Francis de Sales for a meal and some activities as we celebrate the New Year. **Contact Elizabeth P. Joseph at 905-427-6244 for further information.**

### VOCATIONS

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down 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, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

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**REFLECTION**

On this weekend, when the Church in Canada celebrates Epiphany, we continue to look at this Christmas connection with Easter. Epiphany, believe it or not, is an older celebration that Christmas Day in the liturgical history of the Church. Epiphany is still part of the Christmas season.

We read in St. Matthew’s Gospel of the visit of the Gentile Magi to the Baby Jesus. When these mysterious visitors arrived at King Herod’s court, they ask, “*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?*” (Mt 2:2).

Jewish people would not style their leader as King of the Jews but as King of Israel. King of the Jews is something only a Gentile would say.

Towards the end of this life, Jesus would have a sign placed above His head on the Cross entitled: “King of the Jews” as the Gentile Pontius Pilate commanded it to be written. Jesus was even mocked by the Gentile soldiers as King of the Jews when they placed a crown of thorns on His head.

Back to Epiphany. After the Magi visited the Holy Family in Bethlehem, these Gentile visitors were advised in a dream not to return to King Herod.

In Jerusalem, when Jesus was tried by Pontius Pilate, it was his own Gentile wife, who was warned in a dream not to do anything with Jesus; “*Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him*” (Mt 27:19). (Pontius Pilate’s wife, Claudia Procla is considered a saint in the Church as she was the only one to stand up for Christ during His trial).

And, of course, the gift of Myrrh given to the Baby Jesus, was also used in those days as an embalming spice at burial.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2022**

	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SUNDAY OFFERTORY	\$60,000	\$58,193
MORTGAGE FUND	\$10,000	\$9,843
BUILDING FUND	\$5,000	\$6,786
DEBT OUTSTANDING		\$2,052,556
SHARELIFE	\$69,000	\$68,414
CHRISTMAS		\$23,165

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Happy New Year! It has been so beautiful to see all the children preparing for their sacraments at Mass throughout the Christmas season. The children will continue to prepare for their two very special Sacraments in January. Please see below for the class starts dates and please review the Sacramental schedule on the back of your child’s passport for the upcoming First Reconciliation date and second passport review.

**First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation classes at our 6 Parish schools:**

These classes will begin the week of January 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children from our 6 Parish schools in class.

**RCIC Classes at the Parish:**

Classes will resume on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Parish, for all the children attending Public/Private schools, Other Catholic schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless.

**CONFIRMATION**

I hope all of our Confirmation families had a blessed and safe Christmas break. **Classes will begin either on Sunday, Jan 15 from 4pm – 6pm or Monday, Jan 16 from 7pm – 9pm, depending on which day your child has been assigned.** All classes will be in person at the church. Please review the class expectations documents prior to your arrival. If you did not pick up your Confirmation class book after confession, they will be waiting for you on your first day of class in the church. If you have any questions, please email Noah Aquino. Wishing all our sacramental families a very safe, healthy and joyous New Year!

God Bless.



Happy New Year to all of the youth of our parish! May this year bring you continued growth in our faith, many blessings and good health. High School

students are invited to attend a collaboration night with St. Isaac Jogues on January 21 for our first Life Teen of 2023! Additional registration is required to attend this life night. Please visit @sfdsyouth on Instagram for more information. The night is free, dinner will be provided and we will have spectacular guest speakers! Edge will start up again on Fri. Jan 27.

God Bless!





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