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### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 7th, 2024



### 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 :** We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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

#### HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm  
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

#### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU



[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.

Source: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/solemnity-of-the-epiphany-of-the-lord.html>



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## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, 8 JANUARY** *The Baptism of our Lord*

**9:00 AM** + FALECIANO DACUYA  
+ DARWIN BONDAD

**TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY**

**9:00 AM** + BERYL MOOKING  
+ ARTURO AIELLO

**WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY**

**9:00 AM** S.I. FLORENCE DEABREU

**THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY**

**9:00 AM** + TAGUMPAY DIOLATA  
+ DAPHNE IRANI

**FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY** *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

**9:00 AM** + GEROLIMA PAOLETTA  
+ BARBARA BODINGTON  
+ NATALE & ELISABETTA RENDA

**SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY** *St. Hilary*

**9:00 AM** AVAILABLE

**5:00 PM** + WINSTON MITCHELL  
+ DENTON JULIEN  
+ CORRADO TROMBATORE

**SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY**

**8:30 AM** + MARIA CLOTILDE BORROS ABREA  
+ FRANCISCO JESUS MOURA & FAMILY  
+ MARVIS MURRAY

**10:15 AM** S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS  
S.I. NEETA GOMES  
+ JULIETA PAGSISIHAN

**12:00 PM** AVAILABLE

**7:00 PM** FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



The CWL is hosting the Senior's Lunch on Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mass at 11:30am followed by lunch and fellowship. All are welcome! To confirm your attendance, please contact Mary Ellen at 905-666-3752 or email [mellen.stinson@gmail.com](mailto:mellen.stinson@gmail.com)



Calling all CWL members and ladies of the parish! On Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> we will have our first general meeting of 2024. Mass will be at 7pm followed by the installation of our new Spiritual Advisor and the incoming new Executive for the years 2024-2026. We welcome all ladies to come and share in the CWL sisterhood of fellowship.

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO

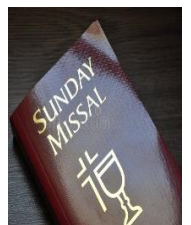
**"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"**

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, *"Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"*. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### 2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home. May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



### 2024 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Please do not use the 2024 envelopes until January.**

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



We are in need of ministers of hospitality to greet and assist parishioners with practical details so that the Sunday Mass can be celebrated with ease and grace. If this is something you would like to do to help fellow parishioners, please contact Fr Joe, Fr Derek or Beryl Lowe.

**Visit our NEW website:**

[www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org](http://www.stfrancisdesales.archtoronto.org)

## REFLECTION ON THE EPIPHANY

The celebration of the feast of the Epiphany signals for us a beginning, a beginning that has no end; it celebrates "the manifestation of the Messiah of Israel, the Son of God, and the Saviour of the world." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 528).

What does this really mean? It means that God is faithful: all that was promised to Israel, as we read in the Old Testament, has found fulfilment in the birth of Jesus Christ. He is the answer to Israel's anticipation of the Messiah. It also means that God is loving and merciful: God's Son is made manifest not only for Israel, but for all nations and religions, as is represented by the magi.

As we reflect on the meaning of the feast of the Epiphany, let us look to the One who is the answer to our searching, and the fulfillment of God's promise. Let us pray for the grace to recognize that which leads us to the personal encounter with Christ, as did the magi when they followed the star:

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,  
always and everywhere,  
that we may perceive with clear sight  
and revere with true affection  
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

(Prayer after Communion, Solemnity of Epiphany, Roman Missal). Provided by the Office for Formation for Discipleship, Archdiocese of Toronto.



## CONFIRMATION

To all of our students in the parish, welcome back to school! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all again a blessed, safe, and healthy New Year!

**Our Confirmation classes will begin next week Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> or Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please keep note of the class day which your child has been assigned.** If you did not pick up your confirmation book, your child will receive it on the first day of class. These books are yours to keep. Remember to bring your own pencil or pen as we unfortunately don't have a sufficient supply to provide our confirmandi.

Even though you may be picking up your child "quickly" and leaving right away, **please DO NOT use the accessible parking** unless you are parking for Mass or going to the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation.

We look forward to learning and growing in our faith together as we journey to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in April.

God Bless,  
Noah Aquino

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! The children will continue to prepare for their 2 very special sacraments in January. Please see below for the class start dates and review the sacramental schedule on the back of your child's passport for their upcoming First Reconciliation date and 2nd passport review.

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

These classes will begin the week of January 16th. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children in our 6 Parish schools in class.

RCIC Classes at the Parish:

Classes will resume on Saturday January 27th at the Parish, for all of the children attending Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Selda



We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers to distribute Holy Communion at our Sunday 12:00 p.m. Mass. If you feel the call to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Fr Joe or Fr Derek for more information.

## PARKING – FIRE ROUTES



We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do **not** park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply especially during the holiday season.



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