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The Epiphany of our Lord

January 5th, 2025



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 : 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 | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

... Lessons revealed in the Word

Lesson 1

The story of the three Magi "traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation" to see the baby Jesus reveals the important truth "that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him".

Lesson 2

The Magi, "studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming". This knowledge sparked in them a desire to seek the Lord. As in other Bible stories, we see that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Him.

Lesson 3

When "the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child", they "laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration". Their actions provide a perfect example of worship.

Lesson 4

The Magi's gifts reveal that they "acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin". The gift of Gold represents His Kingship; frankincense, used in burnt offerings to God, represents His divinity and myrrh, used for burial preparation, points to the importance of His death. "If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way."

Quotes & Inspirational references from: <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2019/01/05/the-epiphany-of-the-lord-3/>



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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 6 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. CALVIN WEEKS & FAMILY
S.I. FOR CONTINUED RECOVERY FROM
SURGERY OF FR. MARK KOLOSOWSKI
S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS

TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. JOAN IRONSIDE
+ RICKY ESTELLA

WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THOMAS AND
FAMILY
+ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY

9:00 AM + VICTORIA ADVINCULA
+ BERYL MOOKING
+ LITO BAUZA

FRIDAY, 10 JANUARY

7:00 PM S.I. DOREEN, HENRIETTA & SARAH
CLEMENTS
S.I. ALICIA & NEIL CLEMENTS

SATURDAY, 11 JANUARY

9:00 AM **NO MORNING MASS**
5:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY

8:30 AM + BARBARA BODINGTON
+ THAMBU THURASINGHAM
+ CATHERINE DESA
10:15 AM + ZENAIDA NAVAL
+ JOSE ANTONIO & JUSTINA PUIM

12:00 PM S.I. JOJI & CLAIRE FAJARDO
S.I. FOR THE ALEXANDER FAMILY
+ JOE WOODLEY

7:00 PM AVAILABLE



Please note, there will be no 9am Morning Mass on Saturday 11 January due to the celebration of RCIC baptisms.

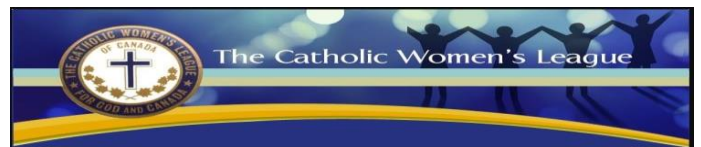


Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever has recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left forsaken. Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins, to you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

REVEREND MANNERS TEN COMMANDMENTS

By Msgr. James Carter

1. Thou shalt be on time for Mass
2. Thou shalt dress properly and modestly
3. Thou shalt respect the Church's worship space
4. Thou shalt be polite to thy fellow parishioner when leaving the parking lot.
5. Thou shalt respect Church signs (Please turn off all cell phones and beepers, and not park in the staff parking lots)
6. Thou shalt observe the 1 hour fast and be reverent in receiving Communion (gum breaks the fast).
7. Thou shalt not steal from the Church
8. Thou shalt participate in voice and song
9. Thou shalt not disturb thy neighbour
10. Thou shalt not depart Mass early



The CWL will have a General Meeting on January 16th at 7pm. All ladies of the parish interested in joining or learning more about this ministry are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 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!



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, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca**

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PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will share eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



MARRIAGE & COMMUNION

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest.

If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.

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



FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

Happy New Year! It has been so nice to see all of the children preparing for their sacraments at Mass throughout the Christmas Season. The children will continue to prepare for their 2 very special sacraments in January. Please see below for the class start dates and please 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 19th. 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 25th 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

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 12th or Monday January 13th. 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 May.

God Bless, Noah Aquino



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