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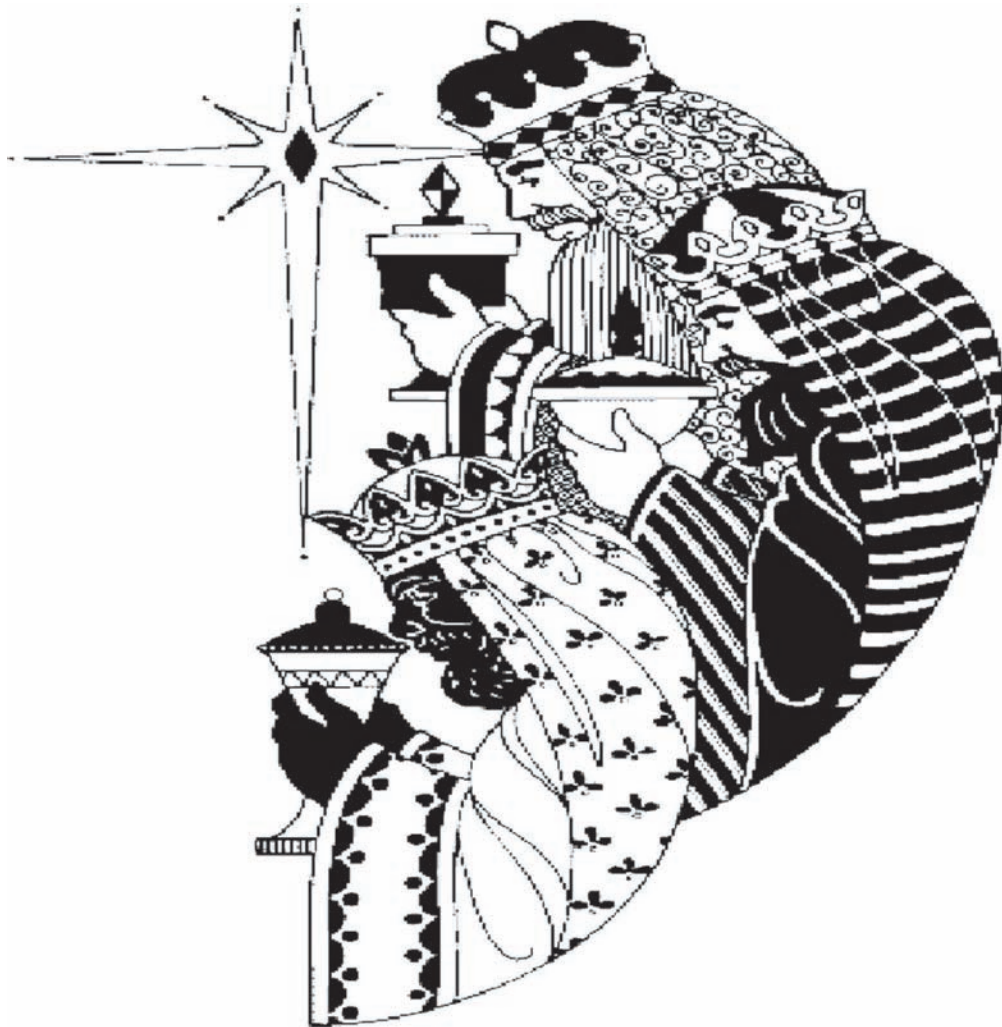
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Sunday, January 2

- 9:00 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
10:30 a.m. - **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VISCONTI FAMILY R.I.P.**
12:00 noon - *(Still available)*

Monday, January 3

- 9:00 a.m. - **ASHLEIGH FERNANDES**
(Birthday Intention)

Tuesday, January 4

- 7:00 p.m. - **RODNEY FERNANDES R.I.P.**

Wednesday, January 5

- 7:00 p.m. - **JOSE DIOMINDA SENRA R.I.P.**

Thursday, January 6

- 7:00 p.m. - **MANUEL MARIA AMARAL R.I.P.**

Friday, January 7

- 9:00 a.m. - **TIBERIO, ELIZABETH & TONY ROPPA R.I.P.**
7:00 p.m. - *(Still available)*

Saturday, January 8

- 9:00 a.m. - **KATHLEEN ROWAN R.I.P.**
5:00 p.m. - **JOE & LUCY FERNANDES R.I.P.**

Sunday, January 9

- 9:00 a.m. - **PAUL & CHANTELE DUGGAN R.I.P.**
10:30 a.m. - **FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
12:00 noon - *(Still available)*

Readings for January 2 -

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2.1-12

FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday, January 7th is the First Friday of the month. There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Holy Hour. There will also be a Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

If you are interested in a pre-authorized giving plan, please call the office to set this up. You can also find a fillable form on our website. Tax receipts for all offertory gifts will be issued through the Archdiocese of Toronto.



BLESSING OF HOMES

Epiphany is often associated with the blessing of homes. The tradition includes inscribing the door frame with the Cross of salvation, with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C.M.B for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, their legendary names in the West since the 7th century). It expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charities and missionaries.

How wonderful a transformation,
how mysterious a design,
how inconceivable a blessing!
The wickedness of the many
is covered up in the holy One,
and the holiness of One
sanctifies many sinners.

Letter to Diognetus

(Excerpt from CCB)



St. André Bessette 1845-1937

Born Alfred Bessette to a poor family in Mont-Saint Grégoire, Québec, and orphaned at the age of 12, Brother André entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross and was called to spend his days receiving guests and visiting the sick and afflicted. He was credited with many miraculous healings and cures, but Brother André insisted that these graces were received through the intercession of St. Joseph. This devotion led him to found St. Joseph's Oratory, the world's largest shrine dedicated to the Patron of the Universal Church.

He was canonized on October 17, 2010. We celebrate his memorial in Canada on January 7.

**Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-23
school year begins January 10**

Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools will take place January 10-14, 2022. The DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville. Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2022.

For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the DPCDSB website at dpcdsb.org, or call DPCDSB's Admissions Department at 905-890-1221.

Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org.

**GOOD SHEPHERD
PREPARE A MEAL PROGRAM**

The next drop off date for frozen prepared meals and non-perishable food items is on Saturday, January 8 from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Drive around to the back of the church for contactless drop-off. Help is especially needed for the homeless during the cold winter months. Thank you to all who participated in this program during the past year.



It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 13-19 are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay for the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated from January 18 to 25, 2022.

This year, the theme and the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022 have been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon. The theme of the contest is: **"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt. 2:2).**

The deadline for the writing contest is Monday, February 14, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Please see the poster for more contest details: <https://bit.ly/FriarsStudentWritingContest2022>

**CATECHISM OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



EPIPHANY

528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. 212 In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. 213 Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. 214 The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas 215 (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

212 Mt 2:1; cf. LH, Epiphany, Evening Prayer II, Antiphon at the Cantic of Mary.

213 Cf Mt 2:2; Num 24:17-19; Rev 22:16.

214 Cf Jn 4:22; Mt 2:4-6.

215 St. Leo the Great, Sermo 3 in epiphania Domini 1-3, 5: PL 54, 242; LH, Epiphany, OR; Roman Missal, Easter Vigil 26, Prayer after the third reading.

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Envelopes for the new year are available in the Sacristy upon request. Please **do not** start using these until **January 1, 2022.**

Please destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years. Since donations are posted by envelope number, this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

Tax receipts will be issued by the Archdiocese of Toronto in the new year.

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