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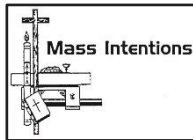
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 6 - St. André Bessette

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY

5:00 p.m. - JAMES BELVEDERE R.I.P.

Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - DIMITRA SINAJ R.I.P.

10:30 a.m. - JERRY PYJOR R.I.P.

12:00 noon - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, January 8 - Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - FLORIAN LEGER R.I.P.

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 p.m. - GIOVANNI CAPURSO R.I.P.

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 p.m. - INT. OF ARANI BAPTISTA
& ALLAN HENRIQUES

Thursday, January 11

7:00 p.m. - MARIA TEIXEIRA R.I.P.

Friday, January 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:00 a.m. - ROBERT LEMIEUX R.I.P.

Saturday, January 13 - St. Hilary

9:00 a.m. - TONY EDWARD ATKINSON R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - BILL MCLOUGHLIN R.I.P.

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. - FRANK & CARMEN SPITERI R.I.P.

10:30 a.m. - DON ANTHONY NIMAL LEANAGE R.I.P.

12:00 noon - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Readings for January 7

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

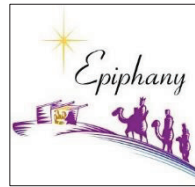
CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT



Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin February 6th.

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS - January 12th

Marguerite Bourgeoys died on January 12th, 1700, and was acclaimed as the "Mother of the Colony". She was canonized on October 31, 1982, by St. John Paul II as Canada's first woman saint.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw

his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. When they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them "fishers of men." He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

(Excerpt from mycatholic.life)



The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If

you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

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Update Regarding the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

On December 12, 2023, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.

Recipients include the **Indigenous Spirit Fund**, a branch of Native Child and Family Services of Toronto, Ontario that will receive \$400,000 over four years to enrich their *On the Land* culture camp program curriculum.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land.
www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024- Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

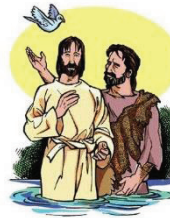


Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2)

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo 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 Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 8TH



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

The Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. It has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.
(Excerpt from mycatholic.life)

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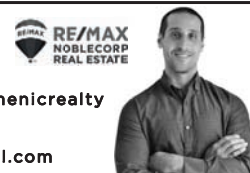
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