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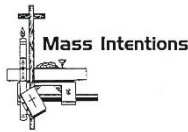
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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 a.m. - EMIL MARIANAYAGAM R.I.P.

5:00 p.m. - BRENDA MURRAY R.I.P.

Sunday, January 5 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - LEON LIBAWSKI R.I.P.

10:30 a.m.- PEDRO FURTADO R.I.P.

12:00 noon- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Monday, January 6

9:00 a.m. - SOULS IN PURGATORY

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. OF CIELITO DRAPEZA

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 p.m. - DAN NOLAN R.I.P.

Thursday, January 9

7:00 p.m. - NOBBY D'SOUZA R.I.P.

Friday, January 10

9:00 a.m. - ZACARIAS FERNANDES R.I.P.

Saturday, January 11

9:00 a.m. - GUISEPPE & GIOVANNI MAIO R.I.P.

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

Sunday, January 12

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

10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon- IRENE & LOPE VIDAD R.I.P.

Readings for January 5

Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2.1-12

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service 2025

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m. EST

Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.)

377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, L4L 2V7

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.



SOLEMNITY OF THE 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. So 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.

(From mycatholic.life)



Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available downstairs. If you used envelopes in 2024, you will find a box with your name. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2025, unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy. Please do not use envelopes from previous years.

ENTRY PLANNING INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's (DPCDSB) Special Education and Learning Services Department will host an in-person and virtual information session to support the entry planning and transition for students with differing abilities who will be new to the DPCDSB for September 2025.

The in-person session will provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to meet with board staff and learn about the entry planning and transition process for students with differing abilities. The same information will be shared at the virtual session for families who prefer to attend online.

In-Person Session: Thursday, January 16, 2025
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

St. Marcellinus Catholic Secondary School,
730 Courtneypark Dr. W. Mississauga

Virtual Session: Monday, January 20, 2025
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Virtual Presentation via Microsoft TEAMS

Parents/guardians can register online for these events. <https://www.dpcdsb.org/>. The deadline for registering is Thursday, January 16, 2025.



YEAR OF JUBILEE INFORMATION

The following churches will serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. Further information will be forthcoming regarding pilgrimage opportunities in 2025 as well as information relating to plenary indulgences as part of pilgrimages during the Jubilee Year.

Pilgrimage Churches

Archdiocesan:	St. Michael's Cathedral
Shrines	Martyrs' Shrine, Midland
Central Region:	St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto St. Mary's Parish, Toronto St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York
Western Region:	Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke St. Mary's Parish, Brampton
Eastern Region:	St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa
Northern Region:	St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN

Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org.

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, 2025.



The Knights of Columbus will be having their General Meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY MISSALS

There are still Sunday Missals available in the foyer for the 2024/25 year. The cost is \$7.00 each.

Confirmation Enrollment forms for students **not** attending one of our seven parish schools are available on our website or contact the parish office. Please return the form, along with a copy of the student's Roman Catholic baptism certificate. Classes will begin on February 19th, 2025.

Regional Masses & Celebrations

Western Region:	St. Mary's Parish, Brampton Wed., Jan. 29, 2025 - 7:00 pm
Norther Region:	St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg Tues, Feb. 4, 2025 - 7:00 pm
Eastern Region:	St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough Wed., Feb. 19, 2025 - 7:00 pm
Central Region:	St. Edward the Confessor, North York Tues., Feb. 25, 2025 - 7:00 pm

YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast, with 60 per cent of our 100 spots already taken! The pilgrimage to Rome will take place from July 23 to August 5. Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there's still time to secure a spot.

Register: <https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253>

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