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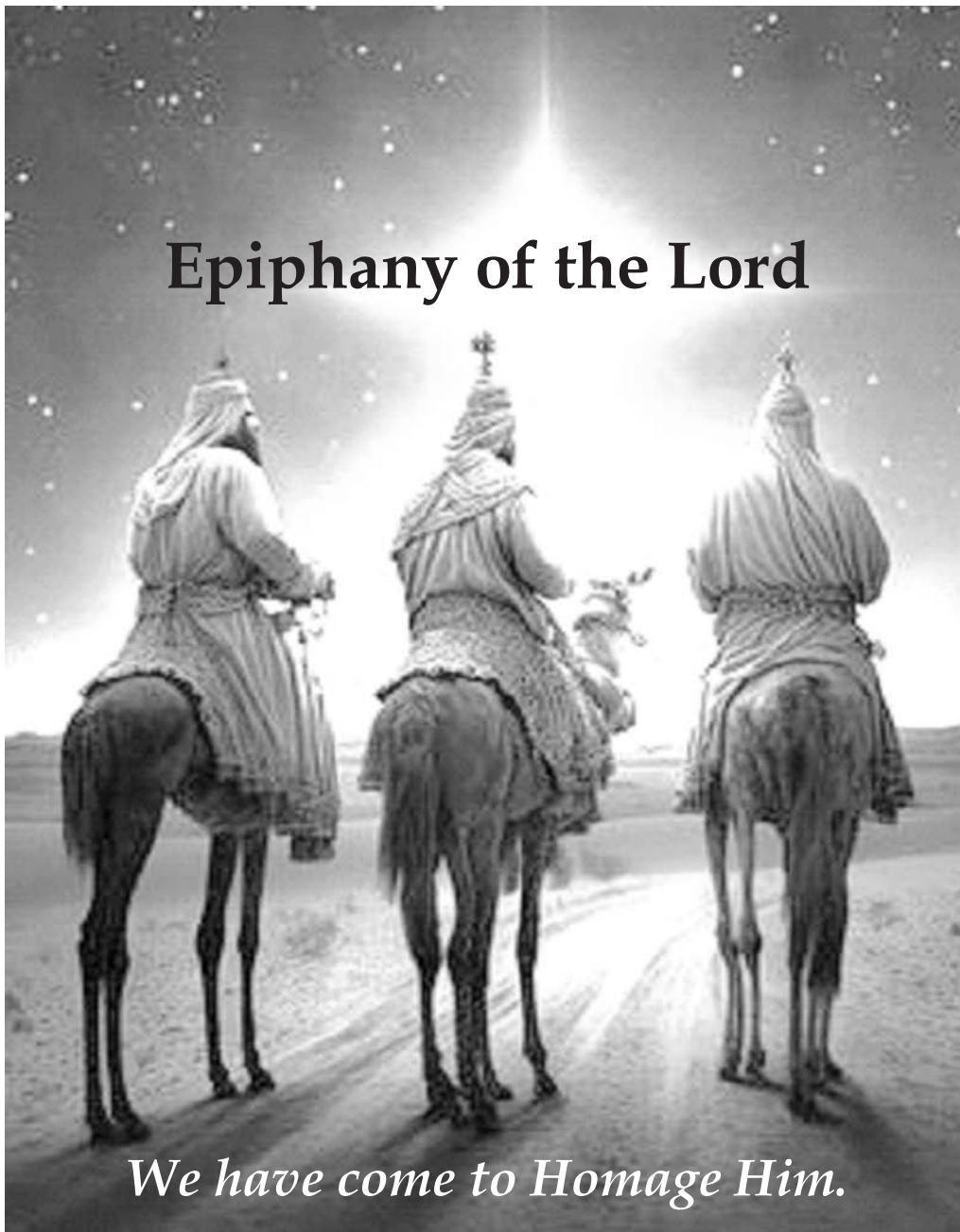
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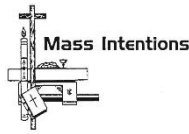
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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### Saturday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

5:00 p.m. - † MARINA DAVID

### Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - † GIUSEPPE MAIO

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

12:00 noon-†FR. ANTONI MENDRELA & DECEASED FAMILY

### Monday, January 5 – St. John Neumann

9:00 a.m. - † ANTUN BALABAN

### Tuesday, January 6

7:00 p.m. - † MAURA SHAW

### Wednesday, January 7 – St. André Bessette

7:00 p.m. – PAUL & SHYBI - 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### Thursday, January 8

7:00 p.m. - † CARMINE FALA

### Friday, January 9

9:00 a.m. - INT. FOR THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED

### Saturday, January 10

9:00 a.m. - † NIMFA PAREDES

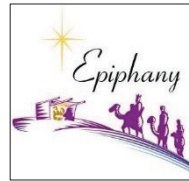
5:00 p.m. - † ANTUN BALABAN

### Sunday, January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - † CAROLINA & DELBERTO MANALO

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

12:00 noon- † PATRICK & JENNY PENA



### 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." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Matthew 2:1-3*

This star was not just a celestial phenomenon; it symbolized the light of Christ breaking into the world, guiding all nations—Jew and Gentile alike—toward the Saviour. Just as God drew humble Jewish shepherds to the newborn King, He also drew representatives of the Gentiles to adore Him, for Jesus came to save all of humanity.

Because of this universal call to holiness, we who believe in Christ and live our Catholic faith must avoid becoming isolated or insular, creating a small, self-contained world. Instead, we are called to live our faith in a way that is welcoming to all and engaged with the broader world, reflecting the universal mission of the Church. Being Catholic is not merely a cultural heritage; it is the spiritual means of eternal salvation that everyone needs. The word "epiphany" means "manifestation," and Christ must be made manifest to all, becoming the King of every soul.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, be open to the ways God might want to use you to share the light of faith with those who are not yet faithful Catholics. We must be like the star of Bethlehem, drawing others to Christ in ways they can understand and accept. This is best accomplished when we place ourselves at God's service, ready to be used as instruments of His grace. God alone knows how to draw all people to Himself, and when we offer ourselves to His service, He will inspire us and use us to be that shining light, guiding others out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

*(From mycatholic.life)*

### Readings for January 4

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

### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### Prayer Service

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 p.m.**

**Venue:** Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8



**Theme:** "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

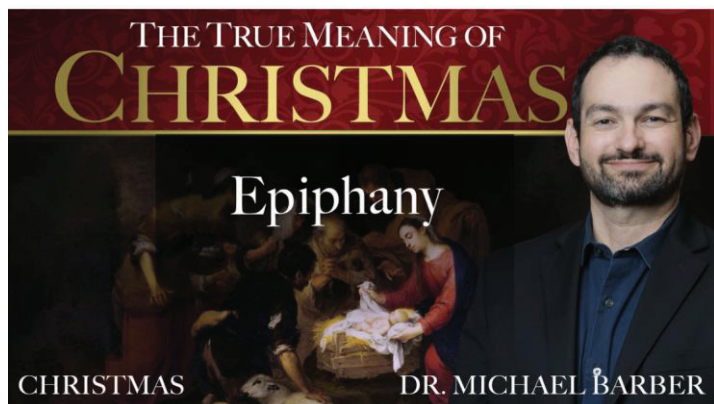
Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.



Offertory envelopes for 2026 are available downstairs (follow the signs). If you used envelopes in 2025, you will find a box with your name. If you would like to begin using envelopes in 2026, Unlabelled boxes are available in the sacristy.

### PLEASE DISCARD ALL OLD ENVELOPES

Tax receipts for 2025 will be issued by the beginning of February. All 2025 envelopes that were received by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** will be included in the 2025 tax year. Donations with **2026 envelopes** will be included in the 2026 tax year.



## Epiphany | The True Meaning of Christmas

Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out what the Epiphany is.

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## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).



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 4<sup>th</sup> 2026**.



## COME & SEE DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2026

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older, at St. Augustine's Seminary on *Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.)*. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at:

[www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](https://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

For more information, please email:

[vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

"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, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

## Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

For further information, please contact [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 x. 527.

## ST. ANDRE BESSETTE – JANUARY 7TH

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(From [mycatholic.life](https://mycatholic.life))





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