

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.



Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 7th, 2024

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Matthew 2:11)

In your high school English class, you might have learned that an "epiphany" is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one. That's one way to think about the feast we're celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything.

There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew's Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews (2:11). They are the first of the "nations" whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord's light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be "coheirs . . . in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6).

Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us that God's love is far more expansive than anyone had ever thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to everyone who comes to him, Jew or Gentile.

That includes you! And your annoying cousin. And the notorious criminal on death row. And the atheist on that



YouTube channel. The invitation to come to Jesus extends to everyone. Because God's loving desire to draw all people to himself cannot be contained; no one is excluded from it. And that's a life-changing realization!

Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he

opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

"Lord God, your revelation to the Gentiles has changed the course of history! Thank you for your love that reaches out to everyone!"

(Excerpt from The **WORD** Among Us)

COINS FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank our parishioners for the contributions in support of Campaign Life Coalition with the Coins for Life boxes we raised \$3,000.00. We thank you for your generosity and support!

MASS INTENTIONS January 8th to January 13th Mon., January 8th, Baptism of the Lord

In Thanksgiving: Lisa & Frank Maccarone & Family Augustina Konings Giuseppe & Luisa Leone

Tue., January 10th, St. William of Bourges,

St. Eulogius of Cordoba

Maria Pina & Fernando Carinci Michael Muscat Steve & Katica Cicvaric & Family

Wed., January 11th, St. Paulinus

Maria Ferro Francesco Roti Corinne & Harper Tom Chelsea & Erica

Thur., January 12th, St. Hyginius

Manny Poulo Jimmy Chetcuti Maria Ferreira

Fri., January 13th, St. Margarite Bourgeoys

Mary & Frank Rajtek Domenic Mesiano Aurelio Di Rocco

Sat., January 14th, St. Hilary, St. Kentigern

Bancic & Belaj Families In Thanksgiving: Nick Mossa & Mariangela Artuso Carmi Salih Sr. & Weldon Baker



A Celebration of Marriage

in the Archdiocese of Toronto MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO Sunday, February 11, 2024, 3 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto

Celebration of Marriage

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Special recognition and reserved seating available for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. For more information and registration visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.



COFFEE SUNDAY:

Our next coffee Sunday will be held this Sunday January 7th. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass in the Hall. All are welcome!

NEW ENVELOPES FOR 2024 The new donation envelopes for 2024 are now available in the parish hall.

Please pick up your box of envelopes as soon as possible. Thanks!



Little Saints - for students in Grades 2 – 4 Date: Friday January 19, 2024 @ 6:45 - 8 PM - Hall Title: Following in His Footsteps

EDGE – Raising Saints - for students in Grades 5 – 8 Date: Friday January 12, 2024 @ 7 – 8:30 pm. Title: For the Love of God

New

MUSIC MINISTRY: Call for Choir Members

We are seeking volunteers to join our **Choir Members** choir (especially male voices). You don't Welcome! need to be able to read music, just be willing to participate in the joy of singing and giving praise to our Lord through the gift of music. It was St Augustine who said, "the one who sings prays twice."

We practice every Thursday evening at 7:30 for an hour to prepare the hymns for the following Sundays at 11:30 Mass.

If you feel like you cannot commit for the whole year, please consider joining us to sing just for Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing you! Please contact Brian at 416-522-5205 for more details or just come to a rehearsal.



Forgiveness and A New **Start in 2024** on <u>radiomaria.ca</u> please click On Air / 3^{rd} option Every Thursday 9 pm and Saturday 2 pm for the month

Join parishioners Mariangela and Nick as they discuss the importance of Forgiveness. When we affirm to Let Go and Let God, the healing begins and we are transformed. Through many reflections, bible passages, prayers and affirmations and with Jesus at the center, we will have a New Attitude for 2024.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024 Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. 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. Poster: https://bit.ly/3T5tdMm.

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 or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

This Tuesday January 9, 2024, we will have our Parish Council Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE AT ALL SAINTS' PARISH: Our marriage preparation course for 2024 will be held in February on the following dates: Saturday, February 3, 10,

17 and 24, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Engaged couples can register for the course at the parish office. The fee is \$150.00 per couple. Payment can be made in cash or cheque payable to All Saints' Parish.

2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The receipts for 2023 donations made to the Parish will be mailed directly by the Archdiocese of Toronto at the end of February. Please update your change of address or contact information by contacting the Parish Office.

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024) Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at https://rb.gy/wajo9 to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT and submit their entries at https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.

CONTACT: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

