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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.*



Epiphany of the Lord ~ 5 January 2020

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 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.

*Matt 2:10-11*

**First Reading + Isaiah 60:1-6**  
**Second Reading + Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**  
**Gospel + Matthew 2:1-12**

Mass  for the  
 Intentions  Week

**Monday, January 6**  
 NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, January 7**  
 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle  
 6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Charles DONNELLY, RIP – K of C

**Wednesday, January 8**

8:00am+Allison/Sam LEE, Pers Int – J/C Orr

**Thursday, January 9**

8:00am+Rita CRUMP, RIP – Family

**Friday, January 10**

*(Fri. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

12:10pm+Joseph MRAZEK, RIP – J Behl

**Saturday, January 11**

*(Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)*

9:00am+Michael SWARTZ, RIP – R/D Pellegrini

5:00pm+Elton/Leta HALL, RIP – Laciak Family

**Sunday, December 12**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Michael O'LEARY, RIP – P Campbell & Family

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:**

*Novo anno ineunte — at the beginning of a new year.*

The Holy Spirit is the cause of holiness in the Church. The renewal of the Church will only come about if we embrace this great truth.

At the beginning of the year 2001, Pope John Paul II issued the encyclical, *Novo Millennio Ineunte*, in which he presented a roadmap for the renewal of the Church. This document continues to be the point of reference for evaluating our current situation. Pope John Paul insisted on the necessity of prayer and the vital importance of the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist. Above all, however, the Pope emphasized that the 'essential principle of the Christian life' is the 'primacy of grace':

I have no hesitation in saying that all pastoral initiatives must be set in relation to holiness. There is a temptation which perennially besets every spiritual journey and pastoral work: that of thinking that the results depend on our ability to act and to plan. God of course asks us really to cooperate with his grace, and therefore invites us to invest all our resources of intelligence and energy in serving the cause of the Kingdom. But it is fatal to forget that 'without Christ we can do nothing.'

It is prayer which roots us in this truth. It constantly reminds us of the primacy of Christ and, in union with him, the primacy of the interior life and of holiness. When this principle is not respected, is it any wonder that pastoral plans come to nothing and leave us with a disheartening sense of frustration?

Forty days after his resurrection, before he ascended into heaven, Jesus entrusted to his disciples the 'great commission' to go and make disciples of all nations. They did not set up a committee, draw up a five-year plan or vote on policies and procedures. Instead they waited and prayed. On the feast of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon them. Then, in the power of the Spirit, they began to boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Jerusalem and then to the whole world.

We also are entrusted with the great commission to live and proclaim the Gospel. We do not have to wait for somebody else to get started on this. The renewal of the Church begins today with each of us individually. We are indeed living in troubled times. But as St. Augustine said: "Let us live good lives, and the times are good. We ourselves are the times."

Pope John Paul II wrote that we do not have to invent a new program:

The program already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition, it is the same as ever. It has its center in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated. This is a program which does not change with shifts of times and cultures. This program for all times is our program for the Third Millennium.

**Saint of the Week:** It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures. - *St. Andre Bessette (1845-1936), Brother, Feast Day January 6*



**Mark your Calendars!**

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Squires are hosting their annual **Parish Breakfast on January 19 at**



**10:00am** for all parishioners in both N. Adjala and Alliston to attend. The menu will consist of, sausages, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bread and beverage. Donations gratefully accepted. The Knights will be acknowledging the Altar Servers at the breakfast with merit certificates for their dedicated service.

**2020 Offertory Envelopes**

*Offertory Envelopes* are still available at the Entrances of both Churches. **Please look for your name before taking a new box.** The boxes will be in **Alphabetical order.** Thank you.

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\*For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (*including your 911 number and Conc/Side Road numbers*) on the front of the envelope.

\*\*We are still looking for the owners of Envelope Numbers 160 and 305 if you wish a tax receipt.

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 9:00 a.m.  
(*Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

**Parish Solemnity**

*The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle* Patron Saint of our Parish



**Calendar of Parish Events**

- Jan 8** – 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 9**- CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Jan 9** – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 13** – Edge (Youth Grade 6-8) Night at 7:00pm
- Jan 14** – Cemetery Board Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 15** – First Communion Class Grp. A at 6:00pm
- Jan 15** – 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 16** – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00pm
- Jan 16** – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 17** – First Communion Class Grp. B at 6:00pm
- Jan 18** – Life Teen(Gr 9-12)Snow Tubing 6:00pm
- Jan 21** – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 22** – FIRST Confessions Groups A/B - 6:00pm
- Jan 23** – Blood Donor Clinic 2:20-7:30pm
- Jan 24** – Edge(Gr 6-8) Snow Tubing 6:00pm

They Showed Us Unusual Kindness (cf. Acts 28:2)



Come and join us in an Ecumenical Prayer Service to celebrate Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday, January 26, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge Street, Toronto ON M4T 1Z9  
info@yorkminsterpark.com 416-922-1167

His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Catholic Archbishop of Toronto, will be sharing the Word of God with other leaders

For more information, please contact ecumenical@archtoronto.org or 416-934-3400, ext. 527



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

**STEUBENVILLE TORONTO Register NOW!**



"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved." -Psalm 80:3

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