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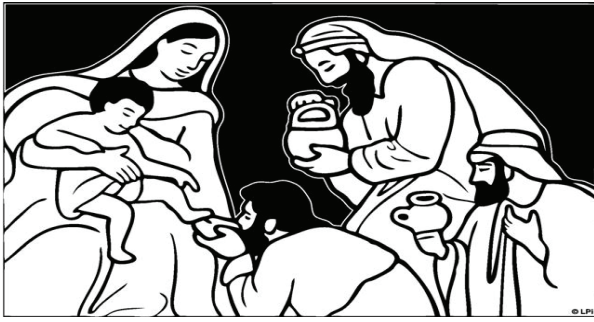
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to  
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



## Epiphany of the Lord ~ 7 January 2024

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.

*Mt. 2:10-11*

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, January 8**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, January 9**

(Multiple Intentions Mass-RIP)

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Gino GISMONDI, Rev. John SZKODZINSKI,

Linda ROSSETTI, Edna O'DONNELL,

Leonarda MASTELARZ

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:00AM+Rev. Christopher BENNETT-A. Kokelj & family

**Thursday, January 11**

8:00am+Aurel CLAIRMONT, RIP – T. O'Reilly

**Friday, January 12**

(Multiple Intentions Mass-PIO at Immaculate Conception)

12:10pm+Keira Tan, Stephanie Bruce, Annabel Arthur,

Tim O'Reilly, Boleslaw Bozek

**Saturday, January 13**

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Rev. Patrick FITZPATRICK, RIP – Arch.TO

5:00pm+Jim VANDERVOORT, RIP – T/J Riengueutte

**Sunday, January 14**

9:00am+ Maria GERONIMO, RIP – D. Geronimo

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### **Saint of the Week:**

Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness he suffered, and at the hands of those who were his own and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!), give thanks to the Lord, the giver of all blessings.

- Saint Raymond of Penyafort (1175-1275), Patron of Lawyers, Feast Day January 7

## Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~[Matthew 2:10-11](#)

All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You. Source:MyCatholicLife*



### Collections for – Dec 31, 2023

(This does not include PAG collection)

Sunday offering	\$ 3202.00
Other collection	\$ 1035.00
<b>Total -</b>	<b>\$4237.00</b>



645-9pm Mondays.  
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Jan 18-Gr 8 & 9 Drop- in 330-5pm  
Jan 22-Sliding into the DMs



Grades 6 - 8. Mondays  
645 - 830pm  
Bi-weekly. Check schedule.

Jan 18-Gr 8 & 9 Drop -in 330-5pm  
Jan 29-Social Access

### Muffin Sunday

Muffins are back! Mark your calendar for Jan 14 following the 10:30 mass. Join us in the Fr Bennett Hall for muffins and hot/cold beverages and most importantly catch up with your fellow parishioners after the busy Christmas and New Year season. If winter arrives it will be nice to have something in your tummy prior to facing the cold. Donations to defray costs gratefully accepted. Hope to see you on the 14th.



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or visit [torontoretrouvaille.com](http://torontoretrouvaille.com)  
or [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)

### 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.

### Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo – February 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo 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 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. 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](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). For questions, please email [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.

**Under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Norberto Eyule**, there is a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Croatia, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland from **June 9-22, 2024**. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

For more information, you may contact the Tour Coordinator -**Lucila Oanes on 647-205-5270**.

### Do you love God? Do you love youth?

Are you willing to help youth know they are loved unconditionally? That they matter.

Volunteer info is available on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Come out to one of our nights to see where you could help?

Let's talk. Dave - [dmckendrick@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmckendrick@archtoronto.org). 647-237-1348.

EDGE (grade 6-8) and Life Teen (high school)

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### Time Sensitive. Deadline Jan. 10th to sign up.

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens journeying from **Toronto to Steubenville, OHIO**, for the Illuminate Conference **June 28-30th** to be illuminated in the light of Christ. All high school teens are invited to attend this retreat with our group.

Non-refundable deposit of **\$60/participant** (including leaders) by **Jan. 22**. Remainder due in **May**. **Total Cost \$440 Canadian** due in **May**. We will be doing fundraising to offset the cost.

Learn more at:-

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>, and

contact Dave McKendrick at [dmckendrick@archtoronto.org](mailto:dmckendrick@archtoronto.org) or text/call 647-237-1348 if you are interested in attending.

Franciscan conference promo video

[https://youtu.be/pqKdkLvSmPA?si=MXSTH9\\_FdKZGvUpr](https://youtu.be/pqKdkLvSmPA?si=MXSTH9_FdKZGvUpr)



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