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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



The Epiphany of the Lord ~ 5 January 2025

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 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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 7

10:30am+Mass at Good Samaritan

5:20pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS****

7:00pm+ *(Multiple Intentions Mass RIP)*

William & Anne Marie BENNETT, Lou BIFFIS, Sylvia EJNESMAN, Chiprian ILIE & Jack ELLIOTT

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am+Leonarda MASTELARZ, RIP – M/M Berberick

Thursday, January 9

8:00am+Ann Morgan, Per. Int. – M/M Berberick

Friday, January 10

(Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

12:10pm+Rev. Christopher BENNETT, RIP- Estate of

Saturday, January 11

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception Church)

9:00am+Charles O'REILLY, RIP-O'Reilly

****4:00pm - 4:45pm+CONFESSIONS**

5:00pm+Jaime DANIEL, RIP – N. Daniel

Sunday January 12

9:00am+Wayne MUNDY, RIP – M & J McGibbon

10:30pm+Carmelo LOMBARDI, RIP-B. Baumfeld

6:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

When you say to God, Our Father, he has his ear right next to your lips.

- *St. Andre Bessette (1845-1937), Patron Saint of Hurting Hearts, Feast Day January 6*

From the desk of Father Norberto

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we reflect on the journey of the Magi, who followed the star to find the newborn King. This beautiful feast reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World, revealed not only to Israel but to all nations and peoples. The word Epiphany means “*manifestation*” or “*revelation*,” and it signifies the moment when Jesus was made known to the Gentiles, represented by the Wise Men.

The Magi, often depicted as kings or wise men from the East, teach us profound lessons about faith, perseverance, and worship. They undertook a long and difficult journey, guided only by the light of a star, in search of something greater than themselves. They show us what it means to seek God with humble and open hearts.

When they arrived at the manger, the Magi encountered not a mighty king in a palace but a humble child in the arms of his mother. Yet, they recognized His divine kingship and offered Him gifts that symbolized His mission: *gold for His kingship, frankincense for His divinity, and myrrh for His sacrifice and death*. Their response was *worship, gratitude, and generosity* - an example for all of us as we encounter Christ in our own lives.

The Feast of the Epiphany also marks the conclusion of the Christmas season, a season that may feel all too short but is filled with profound meaning. Over these weeks, we have celebrated the coming of Emmanuel - God with us - who entered into our humanity to bring light, hope, and salvation to the world. The Nativity, the Holy Family, and now the Epiphany remind us of the joy and wonder of God's love, revealed to us through His Son.

As we prepare to transition back into Ordinary Time, we are invited to carry the light of Christ with us into our daily lives. The Christmas season does not simply end - it leaves us with a renewed sense of purpose and mission. Just as the Magi returned to their homes “*by another way*”, we too are called to live differently because of our encounter with Christ.

The feast of the Epiphany challenges us to continue to seek Christ daily. Like the Magi, we must be willing to search for Him in prayer, in Scripture, in the Sacraments, and in one another. God reveals Himself to those who seek Him with sincere hearts. We are encouraged to share the light of Christ with others. The Epiphany reminds us that Christ came for all people, and we are called to be witnesses of His love. This can be as simple as acts of kindness, offering a listening ear, or reaching out to those who are lonely or in need. And finally, we are being asked to bring our own “*gifts*” to Christ. The Magi brought gifts of great value, but the greatest gift we can offer is our hearts. As we enter a new year, let us commit to giving Christ our time, talents, and love, using these gifts to build His kingdom here in our parish and beyond.

Even as we wrap up the Christmas season, the light of Christ does not fade. It continues to shine brightly, calling us to follow Him more closely and to bring His hope to a world that still longs for light in the midst of darkness.

May this Feast of the Epiphany inspire us to seek, worship, and share Christ more deeply. And as we move into the weeks ahead, let us carry the joy of Christmas with us, knowing that God is with us always.

Wishing you and your families a blessed Epiphany and a grace-filled year ahead.

In Christ,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule

Income and Expenditure for December 2024 - Will be published in next week's bulletin.

Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025

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

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Save the date...

Knights of Columbus Valentines Day Dance –
February 8th - Father Bennett Hall.

Tickets will go on sale soon.

Plan early as it is usually a sold-out event

Toonie for the Lord

We have an ongoing second collection after every weekend mass. The amount collected will go towards 150th anniversary celebrations for St Paul's. Till take we have collected over **\$2700**. Your generous donations are most appreciated.

Every toonie counts....

Brain Trust: Share Your Talents with Our Parish!

Our parish is blessed with the many hidden talents among you and your families, and we invite you to help build and strengthen our community. Whether your skills lie in construction, marketing, fundraising, legal expertise, entertainment, or other areas, your God-given abilities can make a meaningful difference in our parish projects.

If you can spare some time, please reach out!

Contact our parish office (705-435-6325) or via email at StPaultheApostleAL@archtoronto.org You can also fill out the inventory form at the narthex and drop it in the collection basket.

Let's work together to create something beautiful for our community!



With gratitude and thank you...from Father Norberto and the office staff...

Thank you for all your wishes and gifts during the Christmas and New year.

Most importantly – thank you for you for the gift of your prayers.

May God bless you all abundantly.

God Bless and thank you once again!

2025 Calendars

The 2025 calendars are in the narthex. The Knights of Columbus are accepting donations to offset the cost.

2025 Offertory Envelopes

The 2025 envelopes are placed in alphabetic order in the narthex at St Paul's and at the back of the church at Immaculate Conception.

If you do not see your envelope and would like one, please take a box marked '**NEW 2025**'. Could you please fill out the registration form enclosed in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or hand it to the office or to one of the ushers. New registration form will assist the office to mark your donations to your envelope number. For the next couple of weeks, please write your complete address and phone number on the envelope to verify in the system so that correct tax receipts may be issued.

Thank you for your assistance.

We are still looking for contact information for envelope holders **149, 249, 311**. **Your donations are NOT being accounted towards your names.**

NEW to PARISH? Have you registered yet? New Address?

It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. Please fill in the registration form below and place it in the collection basket or hand it in to the office. Offertory Envelopes marked '**New 2025**' can be picked up in the narthex.

Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!

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**First Name:**

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**Spouse's Name:**

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