

# St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches

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## Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise  
Still Seek Him.**


**Epiphany of the Lord ~ 4 January 2026**

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 5**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, January 6**

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

5:20pm+ Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+ HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS\*\*

Goretti SILVA, Ann MORGAN

**Wednesday, January 7**

8:00am+Rev Frank KELLY, RIP-Arch TO

10:30am+ Mass at Riverwood Retirement Home

**Thursday, January 8**

8:00am+Leonardo MASTELARZ, RIP- M/M Berberick

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Retirement Home

**Friday, January 9**

(*Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

12:10pm+ (multiple Intentions Mass, Per. Int.)

Members of the Catholic Women's League,

Nancy & Jerome Lennon

**Saturday, January 10**

(*Sat. Daily Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Peter & Carol Vanderpost, Per. Int.

5:00pm+ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, January 11**

9:00am+Michael & Maria Berberick, Per. Int.-M/M Berberick

10:30am+ Gino GISMONDI, RIP-A. Maher

6:00pm+The Antao Family, Per. Int.-N/J Lennon

**Saint of the Week-**

He conquered death, broke the gates of hell, won for Himself a people to be His co-heirs, lifted flesh from corruption up to the glory of eternity.

- *St. Hilary (315-367), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day January 13*

**From the desk of Father Norberto**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany at the beginning of this New Year, the Church invites us to contemplate a beautiful truth: God reveals Himself to all peoples and continues to guide those who sincerely seek Him. The Magi, guided by a star, set out on a journey filled with questions, risks, and uncertainty. They did not have a complete map, yet they trusted the light given to them. Their journey speaks deeply to us today as individuals, as families, and especially as a parish community standing at a significant moment in our history.

This year is particularly meaningful as we begin both a new calendar year and the celebration of our 150th year as a parish. For one hundred and fifty years, this parish has been a place where God's light has been made visible—through prayer, the sacraments, service to the poor, and the faithful witness of countless parishioners. Many came before us with little more than faith and perseverance. They faced hardships, wars, economic struggles, and cultural changes, yet they continued to trust that God was present and active in their lives. Because of their fidelity, we are here today.

Epiphany reminds us that faith is always a journey. The Magi did not stay where they were; they moved. In the same way, our parish is called not simply to celebrate the past, but to move forward with courage and hope. As we honor 150 years of grace, we must also ask: Where is God leading us now? What new paths is the Spirit inviting us to take so that Christ may be revealed more clearly in our time?

As we enter this New Year, we are aware of the challenges before us. Like many parishes, we face changing demographics, fewer active volunteers, financial responsibilities, and the task of engaging younger generations and those who feel distant from the Church. These realities can sometimes feel overwhelming. Yet Epiphany teaches us that God often reveals Himself precisely in moments of uncertainty. The star did not remove Magi's difficulties; it gave them direction. In the same way, God does not promise an easy path, but He does promise His presence.

Alongside these challenges there are many opportunities. This anniversary year invites us to renew our commitment to prayer, deepen our sense of belonging, and rediscover our mission as a parish. It is an opportunity to strengthen our families, to welcome newcomers, to reach out to those who are hurting or forgotten, and to be a visible sign of God's love in our community. It is also a chance to invite new leaders to step forward and to share their gifts, ensuring that our parish remains vibrant and alive.

The Magi, upon finding Christ, offered their gifts and then "returned home by another way." Encountering Christ always changes us. As we celebrate Epiphany and begin this historic year, may we, too, offer our best to the Lord—our time, talents, resources, and hearts. And may we be willing to walk "by another way," allowing God to transform how we live, serve, and love.

As your pastor, I am deeply grateful for your faith, your generosity, and your dedication to this parish. Together, guided by the Light of Christ, let us continue the journey begun 150 years ago, confident that the same God who led our ancestors will lead us forward.

May the Light of Epiphany shine upon our parish throughout this New Year and for generations to come.

With prayers and hope,

Fr. Norberto A. Eyule



**Serra's 'Vocation Seeds'**

**The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026**

'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.

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**LIFE TEEN**

**EDGE**

<b>High School Teens - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 9pm</b>		<b>Grades 6 to 8 - Alternating Mondays 6:45pm - 8:00pm</b>	
Jan 14	L/T Meeting	Jan 7	Edge Meeting- optional for crew
Jan 19	L/T	Jan 12	Edge Night
Jan 23/24	Core Retreat- Scott Mission, Caledon	Jan 23/24	Core Retreat- Scott Mission Caledon

**St. Paul the Apostle Parish Celebrates 150 Years**

Join us for a game of:



In  
 Fr. Bennett Hall  
 Thursday January 29, 2026  
 Doors open at 6:30 pm  
 Games will be played from 7:00 to 8:30 pm  
 Players will move from table to table as the games unfold.  
 A general knowledge of the rules of the game would be beneficial.  
 There will be prizes and light refreshments

**The 150th Anniversary Committee** has organized a pilgrimage to visit shrines in Montreal and Quebec City. This 5-day trip is scheduled for May 11–15, 2026. Registration is now open, but only until 31st January. For more information, please see the 150th Anniversary bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact **Paul Healy at (705) 435-4951** or email: [pfhealy@yahoo.com](mailto:pfhealy@yahoo.com).

**Special Anniversary Mass—Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**

As part of our parish's 150th anniversary celebrations, we invite all couples marking milestone anniversaries in 2026 – 25 or 50 years (in multiples of 5) to join us for a Special Anniversary Mass on **Saturday, February 14th at 10:30 AM**.

Following the Mass, refreshments/cake will be served in Fr. Bennett Hall as we continue the joyful celebration together. To participate, please call or email the parish office to register your anniversary.

If you would like us to apply for optional papal blessing on your behalf, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. We will provide you with full details regarding the application process, including requirements, timelines, and associated costs.

If interested, please contact the office. Applications can be submitted only three months from the anniversary date.

Let us come together in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and celebrate this historic parish occasion with faith, joy, and community!

**UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...**

Before the 2025 tax receipts are issued, we kindly ask all parishioners to update their contact information. Please ensure your name and current address are clearly written on the envelope. This will allow us to prepare and issue your tax receipt accurately and without delay. The tax receipts will be mailed out to the address on file.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.



Thank you from Father Norberto and the Pastoral Staff. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the greetings and gifts we received over Christmas. Your kindness and prayers are a source of encouragement to us.

May the spirit of Christmas—loving, sharing, and caring—remain alive in our hearts throughout the year. Let us always give thanks to God for the greatest gift of all: **His Only Son, Jesus Christ.**

With gratitude

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