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We saw his star in the East and have come to worship Him



Monday January 6 12:05 pm

Tuesday January 7 5 pm

Wednesday January 8 10 am

Thursday January 9 12:05 pm

Friday January 10

12:05 pm For the intentions of Fatima Cabral

requested by Shelia White

Saturday January 11

9 am **†** For the Suffering Souls in Purgatory

requested by Arthur Tanaka of F.O.S.S.

5 pm † Hubert Pereira

requested by the Pereira family

Sunday January 12
Baptism of the Lord

9 am Caroline Colaris

requested by the Colaris family

11 am For the People of the Parish



Jesus is the Savior born for all.

Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus's coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully

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by all – as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others – that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an *epiphany*.

Gift Store

Please support our newly of open gift store for statues, medals, rosary, necklaces & many more items.

Open 7 days a week after all Masses!



REGISTRATION

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Registration for the 2020 Sacrament programs has already begun. Registration has already taken place at the school this year.

Anyone still interested in registering can pick up a form at the back of the church. All completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office along with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate and registration fee.

Deadline for registration is January 11, 2020. Any registration submitted after this time will not be accepted.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Tips & notes for 2020

- 1. Discard all prior year **unused** envelopes
- 2. New address or telephone:
 Indicate the change on the envelope and write
 'New' OR contact the Parish Office
- 3. Use **Visitor's** envelopes which can be found in the literature rack in the foyer of the church if:
 - You forgot your envelopes
 - You are visiting
 - You are new in the community. Also, pick up a registration for if you would like to use church envelopes
- 4. Use appropriate envelopes for specific type of donations with separate donation for each type.

 Note: Please avoid putting a total of one amount to be divided into several types of donations.
- 5. If your envelope # is in the 8XX series, please pick up a box of envelopes which can be found in the 'EXTRA ENVELOPE' section.

We thank you for your Contribution & Co-operation!

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 24th 5:00 pm 234	December 28th 5:00 pm 84
9:30 pm 114	December 29th 9:00 am 95
December 25th 10:00 am 125	11:00 am 124
Offertory: \$4,055.90	Offertory: \$2,341.40



Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Making Christ Manifest to all the World

7his Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek



epiphainen, a verb that means "to manifest" or "to make known." This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship** says that "God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense." The USCCB also says that the "practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization."

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

Summary

On this feast day, we celebrate the visit of the foreign Magi which represents all the nations coming to know Christ. Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. We cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must use our God-given time and talents to go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

From Atheist to Priest

Date: Monday, January 6 - 7 to 9 p.m. **Place**: Le Spot Billiard Lounge

4531 Sheppard Ave. E., 2nd Floor # 200, Scarborough

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap, an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics with munchies provided. Come and learn how God can change the heart of individuals in a secular world and lead them to spread the love, joy and truth of Christ and the

Church. Come and bring a friend. CONTACT: Office of Catholic Youth

PHONE: 416-599-7676

EMAIL: youngadult@ocytoronto.org

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto

The Importance of the Word of God

Date: Tuesday, January 14 – 7 to 9 p.m.Place: Blessed Trinity Parish Hall 3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto

Pope Francis will inaugurate "Word of God Sunday" on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020. This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Scriptures. Accordingly, Cardinal Collins will speak about the importance of the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer. Cardinal Collins has a PhD in Sacred Scripture with a focus on the Book of Revelation. He regularly broadcasts "Lectio Divina" sessions on the Bible. His



engaging style and love for Jesus and the Church will be evident as he shares his thoughtful insights on the central place the Bible has for Catholics today. All are welcome.

CONTACT: Fellowship of St. Joseph of the Association for Hebrew Catholics **EMAIL:** ahctoronto@gmail.com

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Do you or does a loved one experience same-sex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information on our meetings and events, see contact info below:

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Email: encouragetoronto@yahoo.com

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