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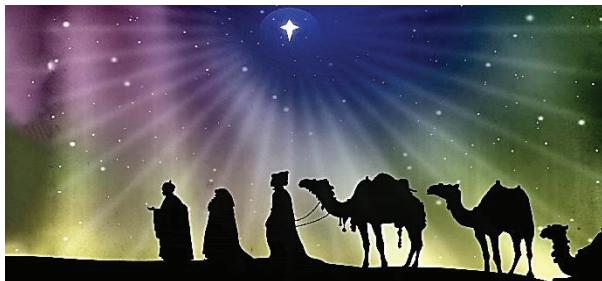
Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise
Still Seek Him.**

Making Christ Manifest to all the World

This 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.”

~ *Stewardship Bulletin Reflection – Archdiocese of Toronto ~*

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 5th

12:05 pm † Jan McLeod
requested by Libby Tillo

Tuesday, January 6th

12:05 pm

Wednesday, January 7th

12:05 pm

Thursday, January 8th

12:05 pm † Michael Roque on his 2nd yr. death anniversary
requested by Myla Carlos

Friday, January 9th

12:05 pm For the healing & intentions of Venilde Ferreira
requested by Angela Cabral

Saturday, January 10th

9:00 am † Ross McMillan
requested by Evangeline McMillan

5:00 pm † Maggie D’Souza on her 6th month death anniversary
requested by Sandra D’Cunha & family

Sunday, January 11th

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00 am For the Protection of Unborn Children
requested by Masses for Life Project

TIPS BEFORE USING YOUR 2026 ENVELOPES

To ensure accurate processing of all donations received, kindly adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Ensure that the box of 2026 offertory envelopes, which you have picked up, has your name on it.
2. Discard all OLD envelopes including 2025 offertory envelopes before using your 2026 offertory envelopes.
3. If you have not picked up your 2026 offertory envelopes, kindly use the VISITOR envelopes which are available in the foyer of the church in the literature rack, behind the back pew inside the church or at the side entrance, ALL information on the envelope MUST be filled out and CLEARLY written.
4. **Note:** Your 2026 offertory envelopes can also be picked up at the parish office. Kindly call the parish office ahead of time.

Thank you for your co-operation!



DISCERNMENT WEEKEND RETREAT

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat on *Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.)*. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary.

Registration must be done online at:

www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

For more information, please email:

vocations@archtoronto.org

FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2026

November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026

Theme: *"The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."* (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>.

Entries can be submitted at:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

For further information, please contact:

ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org or

call 416-934-3400 x. 527

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS with Bishop John Boissonneau

February 8, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026. The Mass

will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. 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

A DAY WITH MARY

Mark your calendars: Building on the success of last Spring's inaugural effort, the Archdiocese of Toronto will be celebrating a "Day With Mary" on Saturday, May 30, 2026. This family-friendly day will consist of Holy Mass with His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, praying of the Rosary, Confessions, a keynote address for adults and children's catechesis for the little ones. There will be music, fellowship and more.



More details including individual and parish/group registration, scheduling, busing and parking will be made available in the New Year.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY FORMATION AND TRAINING

Registration Now Open

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for bereavement ministry will be offered online on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1st, 2026, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited.

REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026> by February 23, 2026.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org or 437-900-4287

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2026

Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)*

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau 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 Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.



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