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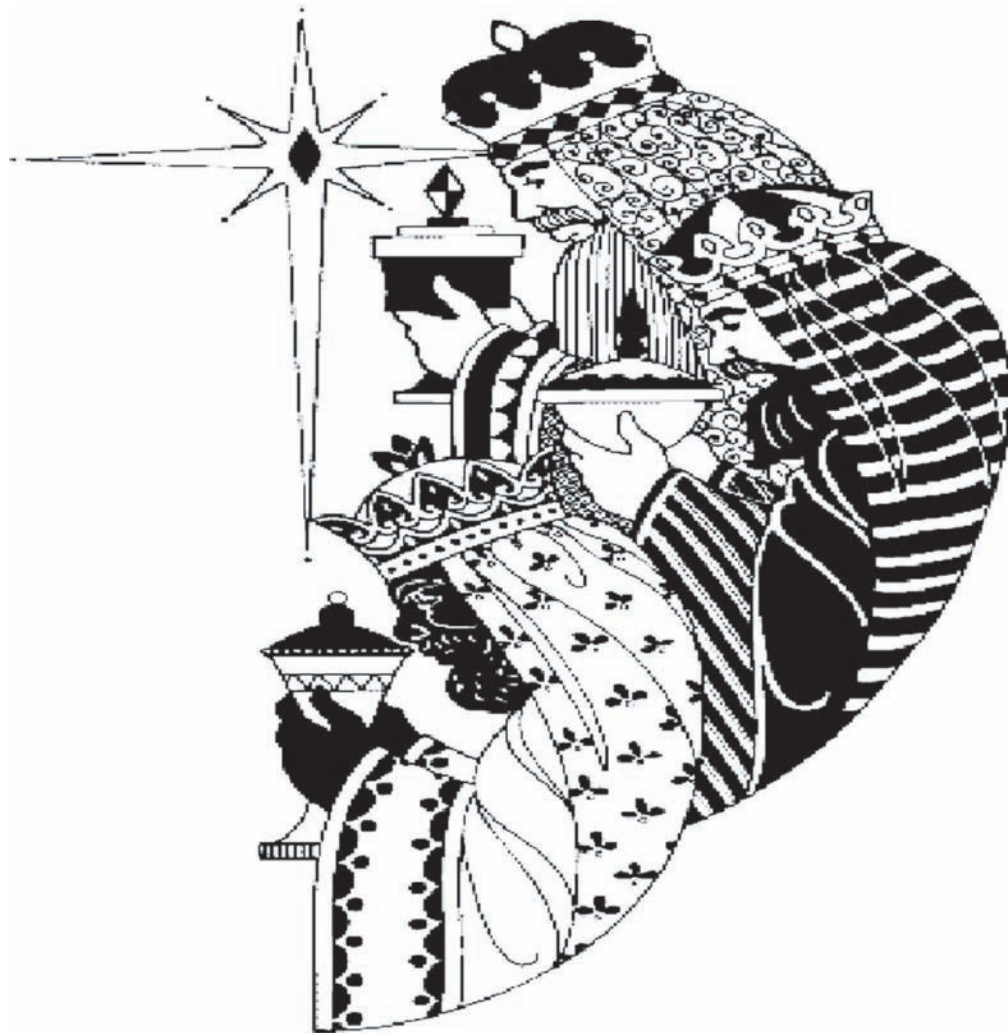
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



Epiphany of the Lord

THE FEAST OF Epiphany teaches us about a “sacred wholeness” (a term Richard Rohr uses in his book *The Universal Christ*). Isaiah, in the first reading, alludes to this wholeness as a light which will rise upon us. In the second reading, Paul refers to it as a mystery which is now revealed. The wise men in the Gospel lived in wholeness as they trusted their dreams to be the voice of God.

If we are to be whole, then we must heed the voice of God within us. God is revealed in our thoughts and in our experiences – but we may have been taught not to trust them. Yet, our Christian community is filled with men and women who heard God speaking to them in their daily lives. They trusted what they heard and showed us what sacred wholeness looks like. Mother Teresa, Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero are just a few who teach us to trust the voice deep within us.

Sacred wholeness teaches us that before we can critique our culture, we must first listen to that voice deep within, face our shortcomings and then offer a better way of living. The best way to change a situation is to offer something better. Let our prayer in this Eucharist be to heed the voice of God calling us to sacred wholeness.

(Reflection of Anthony Chezzi of Living with Christ)

New Sunday Missals

The new St. Joseph Sunday Missals for 2021 – 2022, are available after each Mass, for persons wishing to obtain their own copy. Each Missal costs \$5.00.



Offertory envelopes for 2022 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office.



Monday, January 3, 2022

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Catherina Kim

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Veronica Yuen

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Federico Balagtas

Thursday, January 6, 2022 Multi-intentions

8:30 a.m. + Benjamin Magalindan
+ Jacob Castiel Salas

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Kim Jung Un

Saturday, January 8, 2022 Multi-intentions

9:00 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

4:30 p.m. + Steve Knorr

Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. + Petrus Iskandar Marta
9:30 a.m. + Richard McKenna
11:00 a.m. + Rodolgo Quiros Jr.

Congratulations

The new Executive of the St. Edward’s Catholic Women’s League is:

President	Marie Barry
Vice-President	Geraldine Rebello
Secretary	Nancy Cummings
Treasures	Monica Figueredo
Past President	Elisabeth Quail

Standing Committee Chairs:

Debra LeBleu
Genevieve Gonsalvez
Valentine D’Souza

Children’s Liturgy

Please note that the Children of the parish can access Children’s Liturgy of the Word resources on our website:
<http://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org>

A Prayer Following Christmas

*“When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings are back home,
When the Shepherds are once more with their flocks,
When Simeon and Anna have gone
to their Master in peace,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To release prisoners,
To rebuild nations,
To bring peace to all nations,
To bring peace to all people,
To make music in the Heart.”*
(A Shaker Prayer)

On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Jeremy Zou, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our parish secretaries and Aldrin Fernandes, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a holy and Happy New Year.

Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the church reflect on how we can do God’s will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit:

www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Vocations

“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

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2022
Sunday, January 23, 2022 – 4 p.m.**

**Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church
920 Progress Ave., Scarborough EASTERN REGION**

Join Cardinal Thomas Collins 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. All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch.
For details, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3Gm0CZ>

Letter of Thank You

Dear Members of the Society, St. Edward the Confessor Parishioners and Monsignor Patrick O’Dea – Children are our gift to the future and we want them to be happy and succeed! Your remarkable “Angel Tree Project” offerings make real those wishes for the children in our neighbourhood families. On their behalf, we extend our gratitude for all you have given. We want to thank you for thinking of these children. The people of St. Edward the Confessor Parish did not forget! Please continue to help and pray for the most vulnerable in our society, throughout the coming year. On behalf of our children and the St. Clare Conference,

Serving in Hope,
Heather Kieran, President



I wish to thank all the Volunteers who assisted throughout the year and at the Christmas and New Year Masses, as well as all who serve in the various Ministries of our Parish.

A special thank you to Maria Amodio for the great work in decorating the Church.

Msgr. Pat

Office closed Monday, January 3rd.

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