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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

TODAY'S GOSPEL TELLS of the wise men journeying to meet the infant king. We are told they were following a star and when they found Jesus, they rejoiced and responded with worship and gifts. We can do the same in our lives today.

We must notice the star – the call from God that beckons us – and respond as they did. These wise men no doubt had busy and demanding lives, but they dropped everything and followed a star to something, to someone, beyond their imagining. At the beginning, they could not have known what the journey would hold for them, only that they should follow wholeheartedly. They must have made space in their hearts, to respond so fully. In the season of Advent, we were called to make space for Jesus to come. Not that Jesus was not already present, but to brush away the clutter and make space again for what – for who – is most important.

Once Jesus has arrived in the space we have made in our hearts, how do we respond to His arrival? To this new awareness? Are we overwhelmed with joy as the wise men were? Can we too respond by sharing our time, our attentive presence and our gifts? What is God calling us to do and to share? Can we respond as the wise men did, with hope and without reservation?

(Reflection of Kelly Bourke of Living with Christ)



Monday, January 8. 2024	
8:30 a.m. +	- Bernadette Carvalho
8:30 a.m.	<u>9, 2024 Multi-intention</u> Blessings & Good Health for Andrew Kim - Philomena Le Bleu Special Intention of Fiona & Keith Kim
Wednesday, January 10, 2024	
8:30 a.m.	Special Intentions for the Blackier Family
<u>Thursday, January</u> 8:30 a.m.	<u>7 11, 2024 Multi-intention</u> + Debra Le Bleu
Friday, January 12, 2024	
8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving – Pereira Family
Saturday, January 13, 2024 Multi-intention 9:00 a.m. + Zully Rujano	
4:30 p.m.	+ Dolores Medina
Sunday, January 14, 2024	
8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	+ Nam Chul Kim
9:30 a.m.	+ Cyril Anthony Cutinha
11:00 a.m.	+ Mary Mullin

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the poor and needy with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul <u>Poor Box</u> located in the church lobby each and every weekend. This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful!

Angel Tree

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, and St. Clare's council, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards were distributed. A report of what was raised will be provided in the next couple of weeks, as donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection are still coming in. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas.



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



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

A reminder that the casseroles for Good Shepherd Ministries are due the second weekend of the month. Thank you for providing a hot nourishing meal for the homeless people at Good Shepherd Centre.

Good Shepherd Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve meals to the needy at the Good Shepherd Refuge on the 2^{nd} Thursday and/or 4^{th} Wednesday each month from 2 - 4 PM. If you are interested, please contact Margaret at 416-226-1449 for more details.

LITTLE LAMBS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Little Lambs or Children's Liturgy classes resumes this Sunday January 7, 2024.

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, deacon, brother of sister contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, at 416-968-0997.**

Email vocations@archtoronto.org

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us A mighty flame So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

Senior Residence Mass – January 2024

Friday, January 12th– Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 29th – AMICA – 10:30 a.m.



Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available in the foyer of the church. The boxes are in alphabetical order. Please check your name and address on the box. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish

office. Note: If you are donating through PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) a box is still assigned to you and we ask that you pick it up.





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