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Epiphany of the Lord



**The Wise
Still Seek Him.**



Epiphany of the Lord

IMAGINE BEING SO full of wisdom that you see something before others do. Or having such a close relationship with God that you receive insights that transform your life. Revelations from God are a curious thing in our scientific age, as it respects the laws of reason (often working within them) but is not limited by them.

Often the stars in the sky will strike us as wonderful examples of the beauty of creation. For some of us these stars provide information (such as for those who use them as a means of navigation). Consider for a moment seeing in those stars a message that will change all of human history. This is what happened to the wise men in today's Gospel.

If the stars can provide an external source of information, perhaps our dreams and reflection can be an internal source, if we take care that they are not misunderstood. Revelation should always lead us to acts of faith, mercy and love.

Let us be grateful today for the gifts of our Saviour and Lord who willingly accepted suffering to liberate us from our difficulties. May we pray today that God will reveal to us insights into our own lives that will change us, just as the wise men were transformed by the message hidden in the stars.

(Reflection of John O'Brien of Living with Christ)

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 5, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Kelly Mawhinney

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Jakub Bizub
Special Intention for Sr. Theresina

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary for
Nanette & Johnny Cruz

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:30 a.m. For Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

Friday, January 9, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Saturday, January 10, 2026 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Vettivelu Veerasuntharam
The Family of Trish Oneil
Jack and Addie's "Tita"

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Nam Chul Kim
9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for Erlando & Elisa's
45th Wedding Anniversary
11:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Pereira Family

COR PROGRAM

A NEW SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH

The men of the parish are invited to attend a new spiritual program designed to assist men to grow in faith and fellowship. The program is called "COR" (from the Latin, meaning "Heart"). The meeting time is early on a Saturday morning, to allow less disruption of family life. There is no need to sign up or to feel obligated to attend all the meetings. The program will run in the parish hall on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The next meeting is **Saturday, January 17th**

Schedule as follows:

7:00 a.m. - Hall Doors Open;
Gathering time for social/coffee/refreshments
7:30 a.m. - Themed Talk and Spiritual Discussion
8:30 a.m. - Concludes with Prayer

55+ Club

All men and women, 55+ and up, are welcome to join our meetings, every Wednesday, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the parish hall. New members always welcome



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.

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 parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas. A more detailed report will be presented once all deliveries have been made.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4 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.

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)*

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



Those who have not yet picked up the offertory envelopes for 2026 and wish to pick them up, please call the office to reserve a time to come. If you don't plan on using them, please advise the office and we can re-assign them to other parishioners. Thank you.
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.

\$25,000 ShareLife Grant Awarded to St Edwards SSVP

ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and two generous anonymous donors have granted \$25,000 to St. Edward's Society of St. Vincent de Paul and its partner NeighbourLink North York as part of an ongoing effort to address the hunger crisis in Toronto. Please give generously and wholeheartedly through sharelife.org/donate or our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel.



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