

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions

MON, JAN 6 9:15 am	Gloria Costa †; Daniel Cabral Andrade †
TUES, JAN 7 7:00 pm	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Alfonso Nguyen †
WED, JAN 8 9:15 am	Dominic Maida †; Daniel Cabral Andrade †
THUR, JAN 9 7:00 pm	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Salvatore & Mike Mucciaccio †
FRI, JAN 10 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; In thanksgiving - Domenic & Milita Rozario 43rd Wedding Anniversary
SAT, JAN 11 9:15 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †
5:00 pm	For the intentions of Maikel Michricky
SUN, JAN 12 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Daniel Cabral Andrade †; Ivy Pasamonte †
12:30 pm	Joseph Rotondo †; Salvador S'Souza †; Maria Angelica & Ignatius D'Souza †
8:00 pm	For the intentions of Bob & Esther McCalum

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, January 6th
9:00 am - SMDY Retreat
10:00 am - Rosary Apostolate
10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
7:00 pm - Catholic Women's League

Tuesday, January 7th
9:30 am - Frist Reconciliation Retreat
1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club
6:30 pm - RCIA
7:40 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior

Wednesday, January 8th
6:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, January 9th
9:30 am - Frist Reconciliation Retreat
7:30 pm - Prayer Group
7:40 pm - Choir

Friday, January 10th
9:30 am - Frist Reconciliation Retreat
10:00 am - Rosary Makers
5:50 pm - Legion of Mary
7:00 pm - EDGE

Saturday, January 11th
7:00 am - ENDOW
7:00 am - TMIY
12:00 pm - CFC Jr.



“In the time of King Herod...” - Mt. 2: 1

The Bible collectively refers to each one of us as the children of God. The pure of heart is welcomed to share and proclaim the Good News regardless of their personal distinctiveness. In a world where secularism has been increasingly gaining the upper hand, there is always a 'Herod' as an individual or a collective notion. There are those who have felt and those who feel a threat to their positions because of Jesus and His return, just as King Herod was when he realised that a newborn baby was deemed to be king of the Jews by men who do not hail from the same land or even share the same religious identity. Today, the Universal Church is comprised of various denominations who are united through their love for Christ. I have personally experienced this mysterious working of the Holy Spirit as a young girl while in the Middle East. In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, where the authorities do not legally recognise any religion other than Islam, families gathered together under one roof, in secrecy and understanding, for they shared a thirst to revere and worship the Triune God. There may have been neighbours of other faiths who recognised our activities but they were prompted not to report such gatherings to the authority. In the last few weeks, a similar hostility toward Islam has been officiated by the Indian government. Passing a law that technically affects all religious minorities of the Hindu-majority country i.e. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists etc., the authorities have focused on the Muslims, requiring them to prove their ancestry within the land. With such Herods in power on a large scale or small in the world, it is now more than ever that the journey of the magi becomes relevant. Belief in the supernatural God, qualities such as compassion, mercy and love are so universal in nature that they surpass the boundaries of space and time. The magis journeyed far and long to witness the miracle and mystery of the child Jesus; we too are on a journey to the heavenly Kingdom with various obstacles and powers to thwart us from experiencing God in all those we encounter. In their search for and reverence to the child Jesus, we find that the perseverance of the three wise men from the East represent the far-reaching presence and influence of the Good News.

Ann Sairah Mathew

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Memory is the horizon of hope. Many times, in the darkness of wars and conflicts, the remembrance of even a small gesture of solidarity received can lead to courageous and even heroic decisions. It can unleash new energies and kindle new hope in individuals and communities.

Setting out on a journey of peace is a challenge made all the more complex because the interests at stake in relationships between people, communities and nations, are numerous and conflicting. We must first appeal to people's moral conscience and to personal and political will. Peace emerges from the depths of the human heart and political will must always be renewed, so that new ways can be found to reconcile and unite individuals and communities.

The world does not need empty words but convinced witnesses, peacemakers who are open to a dialogue that rejects exclusion or manipulation. In fact, we cannot truly achieve peace without a convinced dialogue between men and women who seek the truth beyond ideologies and differing opinions. Peace must be built up continually; it is a journey made together in constant pursuit of the common good, truthfulness and respect for law. Listening to one another can lead to mutual understanding and esteem, and even to seeing in an enemy the face of a brother or sister.

Pope Francis, Message for World Day of Peace, 2020

At the beginning of this new year and its marking of the passing of time, let us follow the example of the Magi and look, listen and discern the signs of our times. The cited quote by Pope Francis is but one part of a lengthier address. In his plea for peace, Pope Francis draws upon a memory from his 2019 year – his visit to Japan and meeting with those who still hold the traumatic memories of the atomic bomb. The Holy Father then insists that as deadlock as two groups or people may be in disagreement, the outcome of an all out deadly assault can never be the truly desired solution. While acknowledging that most of our world's conflicts are seemingly irresolvable and impossibly complex, the gospel challenges us to see in our enemy an opportunity for a personal and humane encounter...someone else equally loved by God and made in His image and likeness.

Fr. Robert

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 2020



TAX DEADLINE

Our Tax deadline was December 31st, 2019, any donations processed after December 31st will count towards your 2020 donations and will not be included in your 2019 tax receipt. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2020 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your **own** box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE IN NUMERICAL ORDER.** Please DO NOT use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2020.**



THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

January 9th (7:30 PM – 8:30 PM)

The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group would like to invite all parishioners to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on the First Thursday of every month. We will start with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel, right after the 7:00 PM mass. During the hour, we will have group prayers, as well as periods of silence for personal prayers, hymns, Scripture readings and reflection (optional), and intercessions. We will end the hour with Benediction.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2019-2020

If you missed the information sessions and are interested in receiving the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation/Communion or Confirmation** please call the office for more information. All forms are available at the parish office or download available at <https://stmargueritedyouville.archtoronto.org/> If you have any questions or concerns regarding these Sacraments email: dyouvilleparish@gmail.com or call 905-792-7497.



MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Winter Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for four consecutive Saturday's February 22, 29, March 7 & 14 from 12:30am-5:00pm. \$200.00 per couple. To sign up please contact the parish office.

BIRTHRIGHT BRAMPTON

Birthright Brampton treats each woman as an individual who deserves love and respect, as well as personal attention to her unique situation. We offer information and referrals to help clients meet their emotional and material needs. **Please remember to return your baby bottles.** Thank you for your support!

SINULOG FESTIVAL

On Sunday, January 19, following the 12:30 pm. mass, we invite you to join us in celebrating a taste of the Philippines. During these cold days of January, come warm up with us and learn and participate in knowing how the country of the Philippines became Catholic - otherwise known as the Santo Nino/Sinulog Festival. Rooted in the 16th century encounter between Portuguese/Spanish explorers and their landing on the of Island of Cebu, this feast highlights all the faith, vibrancy, joy that marks the legacy and fruits of that first civilization exchange. Tickets of \$10 for adults and children, only 50 tickets are left so get them while they are available. For further questions, come and see us in the Narthex.



TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

“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, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org

55 PLUS CLUB

The 55+ club will resume on Tuesday January 7th from 1 to 4PM. For information please contact Sandy Robin at 905-791-7315 or email sandyrobin22@gmail.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU

Join us every Saturday from 7:00am to 9:00 am. Given that we all struggle as men to persevere in the responsibilities and commitments we face, I am inviting you to participate in an effective and strategic program to help us win both at home and at work. This men's group is proving successful in parishes across North America and having participated in such groups in the past, I can vouch for their beneficial impact. I encourage each of you to join us. If you would like more information please email Jess at smdy.tmiy@gmail.com.



ENDOW

Educating on the Nature & Dignity of Women
Endow was created to build communities of strong women who take every opportunity to learn how to better live out their feminine genius. Join us for our next session *on Saturday, January 11th, 2020 from 7:00am – 9:00am and continue every other week.* To add your name to our list of participants email Maura at smdy.endow@gmail.com



STITCHES FROM THE HEART

We resume on Monday January 6th and meet every Monday at 10 am, everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information, please contact Mary Abela at 905-793-4502. *Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.*

FAITH IN ACTION

Religious Articles and Olive Wood designs will be available for sale next weekend December 14/15 after all Masses.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? Join the Rosary Apostolate. Training and supplies will be provided. For more information please call Joseph Farrugia at 905- 497-1925

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 7:40 PM; every Friday Children 5:50 PM. Parents are welcome. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

PRAYER GROUP

The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group meets on Thursday nights in the chapel after the 7:00 PM mass. All are welcome!