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Epiphany of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass for the Intentions } Week

MON, JAN 8 9:30 am	In thanksgiving for the 30th wedding anniversary of Julius & Lourdes Baile; Thomas Francis †; Annie Thomas †; Joseph Lyttle †
TUES, JAN 9 7:00 pm	
WED, JAN 10 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Dominic & Dorothy Rozario; Nina & Edna Soliven †; Joseph Lyttle †
THUR, JAN 11 7:00 pm	
FRI, JAN 12 9:15 am	Nada Naysun †
SAT, JAN 13 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Ambrose Lewis †; Emilia Fernandez †; Angelo Rosario †
SUN, JAN 14 9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:30 am	Peter Magboo †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Donald Martins †; Michael Angelo Facciponte †
8:00 pm	

“My eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.”

Canticle of Simeon, Lk 2.30-32,34-35

As part of the Christmas narrative, the prophecy of Simeon at the time of the Presentation is equally fitting for the Feast of the Epiphany. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, the magi are representatives of the neighboring pagan religions and they too are welcomed to receive the revelation of salvation from the Christ Child. The King of the Nations, through the lineage of the Jewish people, is to be confessed and worshiped by all through the succeeding generations - baptized and those to be baptized. All are plunged into the dramatic conflict of accepting God's best and final gift of redemption. Then, as now, the implications of this revelation could not be higher. The birth of the Messiah invites all to conversion and faith; the self-identified Christian, Muslim, Jew, Hindu, Sikh, atheist... must each recognize that no self-justification or rationalization is sufficient when all of humanity is mired in the grip of sin. When presenting Jesus as the sole mediator between God and man, we know all too well all the politically incorrect concerns of coercion and proselytism. And so, how important it is to remember and celebrate the joy of the likes of the Magi, the Shepherds, Simeon and Anna, Zacharia and Elizabeth, Joachim and Ann, and Mary and Joseph in seeing the long-desired fulfillment of the Saviour's coming. In a world broken by war and confusion, the faithful are called to give testimony to the truth of the Prince of Peace.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Greetings!

We have rolled surreptitiously into the New Year without too much fuss and bother, what lies before us we are not quite sure. The unfolding of a new year is probably ninety percent imagination. Since very little actually changes. But imagination has its value as well. It is a place where we dream and scheme.


It was a dream that propelled the wise men to visit Jesus and it was a dream that took them on a different path on their return journey. As the cycle of a new year begins let us not return the way we came. The familiar, while tried and true will not afford us different vistas. It will not lift your spirit sufficiently.

We need to strike out along different ways. It is why we visit different places. Each new place stirs our soul and engages our spirit differently. A new year can only be a new year if we boldly set out along new paths, allowing whim and fancy to seize our soul and carry us for a bit. This is not only true in the cultural realm but in the spiritual as well. Our God is the ultimate craftsman-Behold I make all things new(Rev.21.5)

As the new year unfolds let him refresh your spirit so that the mundane may become magnificent and the ordinary extraordinary. Happy New Year .

Fr. Roger

YOUTH MINISTRY




LEADING TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST

KICK OFF EVENT FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024
7:00PM - 9:00PM

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 9 - 12

LIFE NIGHTS every **OTHER** Friday in the Parish basement
7 - 9 pm

RELATIONAL MINISTRY WHERE TEENS ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS
AND GROW IN FAITH



*For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD
plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you
hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11*

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PARISH

THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to send our thanks and appreciation to all for their participation in the Christmas and New Years celebrations. Thank you to all our Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choirs, Lectors, Collection Counters, and all who assisted in any way during this Christmas season.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2024 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 **DO NOT** use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2024**. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



THAT MAN IS YOU

Saturday, January 13th at 7:00 a.m. St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish will host the our 14th session of **"That Man is You"** for the men of the parish with the theme, **"Our Father"**. Our Guest speaker will be Dr. Scott Hahn who will be sharing insights about our understanding of our awareness of God as Our Father. **Come and See!** Here is an



opportunity to start your New Year with a journey of discovery and of learning the meaning of the words, **"Our Father"**.

MARRIAGE PREP COURSE

The Winter Session dates for the Marriage Preparation Course have now been set. The Course will be held for five consecutive Saturday's April 6, 13, 20, 27 & May 4th from 12:00pm - 5pm. \$250.00 per couple. To sign up, please contact the parish office.



SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM. For more details, email Olivia Saqui at screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vincetdepaulsmdy@gmail.com



SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997**. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New members are always welcome. For more information please contact Alvin at 416-856-2842.

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We resume our regular meetings on Tuesday January 9th in the Parish Hall. Wishing you all a New Year filled with God's blessings. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group will resume on Monday January 8, 2024. Everyone is welcome to join us whether you knit or would like to learn. For further information contact Mary at 905-915-8765. Any donation of yarn would be greatly appreciated.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Saturdays at 5pm for the Vietnamese Legion. 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.

CONFESSION

The schedule of Confessions is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm, Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:45pm and by appointment only. **Please be respectful of these times as Father needs time to prepare for Mass. Thank you!**



NEXT EDGE NIGHT !!!



We will begin again in the new year on **Friday, January 19th, 2024**

Anyone wishing to register their child from grades 6 - 8 please pickup a registration form in the church or visit our website.

For more information email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

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