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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

Mass for the Intentions } Week

MON, JAN 6 9:15 am	
TUES, JAN 7 7:00 pm	Richard D'Souza †; Alphonso Nguyen †
WED, JAN 8 9:15 am	Valentina & Bernardo Lacaba Sr. †
THUR, JAN 9 7:00 pm	Lorenza Ferriggi †
FRI, JAN 10 9:15 am	Amado & Armando Lacaba Sr. †
SAT, JAN 11 9:15 am	For the intentions of Helen Grima
5:00 PM	Maria De Lourdes Ramalho †
SUN, JAN 12 9:00 am	Manuel Paul †; Agnes Gomes †
10:30 am	Olga Medeiros †; For the birthday of Agnes Gomes & Maria Angelica D'Souza
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

After midnight, a group of armed Muslim rioters stormed the monastery. Terrified, the Christians tried to flee or hide. The assassins who found Francis told him: "The Governor, Sheikh Abdallah, sent us to save you, your brothers, your families, and all who depend on you, provided you renounce your faith and convert to Islam." Francis courageously replied: "Sheikh Abdallah can take the money I lent him; he can also take my life, but no one can make me renounce my faith. I am a Maronite Christian, and I will die in the faith of Christ. As our Lord Jesus commanded, we do not fear those who can kill the body."

*account of the martyrdom of the Massabki brothers:
Francis, Abde-el Mooti, Rouphaël,*

An essential story within the season of Christmas is the legendary star-led pilgrimage of the magi and their homage to the newborn King. Their deeply-rooted Messianic hopes inspired them to offer their most lucrative of gifts to the One who would was long-prophesied to usher in a redemption that the world and all its wealth could never fulfill. In the cited quote, the testimony of 3 other wise men illustrate the far reaching impact of what the Infant Redeemer grants to those seeking his heavenly truth. In the year 1860, in the city of Damascus, a Franciscan monastery was attacked by Islamic militants. The community of priests and monks, seven Spaniards and one Austrian, also engaged the contribution of lay people. The 3 Massabki brothers, (Francis – a father of 7 and a successful merchant, Abde-el Mooti – a school teacher and father of 5, and the youngest brother, Rouphaël - unmarried and serving as sacristan) were of the Maronite rite – Eastern Rite Catholics with their 4th century roots in their founder hermit, St. Maron of Lebanon. As indicated by the quoted testimony, the brothers refused to renounce their faith and apostatize. These noble magi were all recently canonized, October 20, 2024. In the devastated region of Syria/Lebanon, source for nightly updates of combatant and civilian casualties resulting from an ongoing war of which no one is absolute sure who is most culpable and who the aggressor, the heroic and eternal witness of these martyrs reminds us all of the importance of a Saviour born for us, to convert hardened hearts, and to lead us to peace.

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, January 6th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart

Tuesday, January 7th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus Club

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary - Senior

7:30 pm - TMIY

7:30 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, January 8th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, January 9th

7:30 pm - 1030am Choir practice

Friday, January 10th

Saturday, January 11th

10:00 am - Confirmation Class

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

5:00 pm - Vietnamese Legion of Mary

6:15 pm - Bible Study

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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 divergent ways. It is why we visit distinct places. Each new place stirs our soul and engages our spirit differently. A new year can only be new if we boldly set out along 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.

Fr. Roger

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.



The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

TAX DEADLINE



Our Tax deadline is December 31st, 2024, any donations received after January 1st, 2025 will count towards your 2025 donations and will not be included in your 2024 tax receipt. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish.

2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

2025 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. **Reminder: DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS



"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 you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We have a prayer binder in the chapel area where you can write your particular prayer intentions. Our morning prayer devotee's will pray for these intentions. You are welcome to join these prayer warriors Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:15am.

"And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of him." 1 John 5:15"

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.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and require support, please contact the Bereavement Ministry by email at Bereavement.smdy@gmail.com

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrob-in22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 915am Mass. 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.

ROSARY APOSTOLATE

Would you like to pray, Mother Mary's most favourable prayer, the Holy Rosary with the children at our schools? The Rosary Apostolate is going back to in person. JOIN US! Training and supplies will be provided. For more information leave a message for Paula at the office.

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.

PARISH BOOK STORE

The Parish bookstore is open on the first and third weekend of every month after all Masses. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org.

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: vincentdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

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.





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