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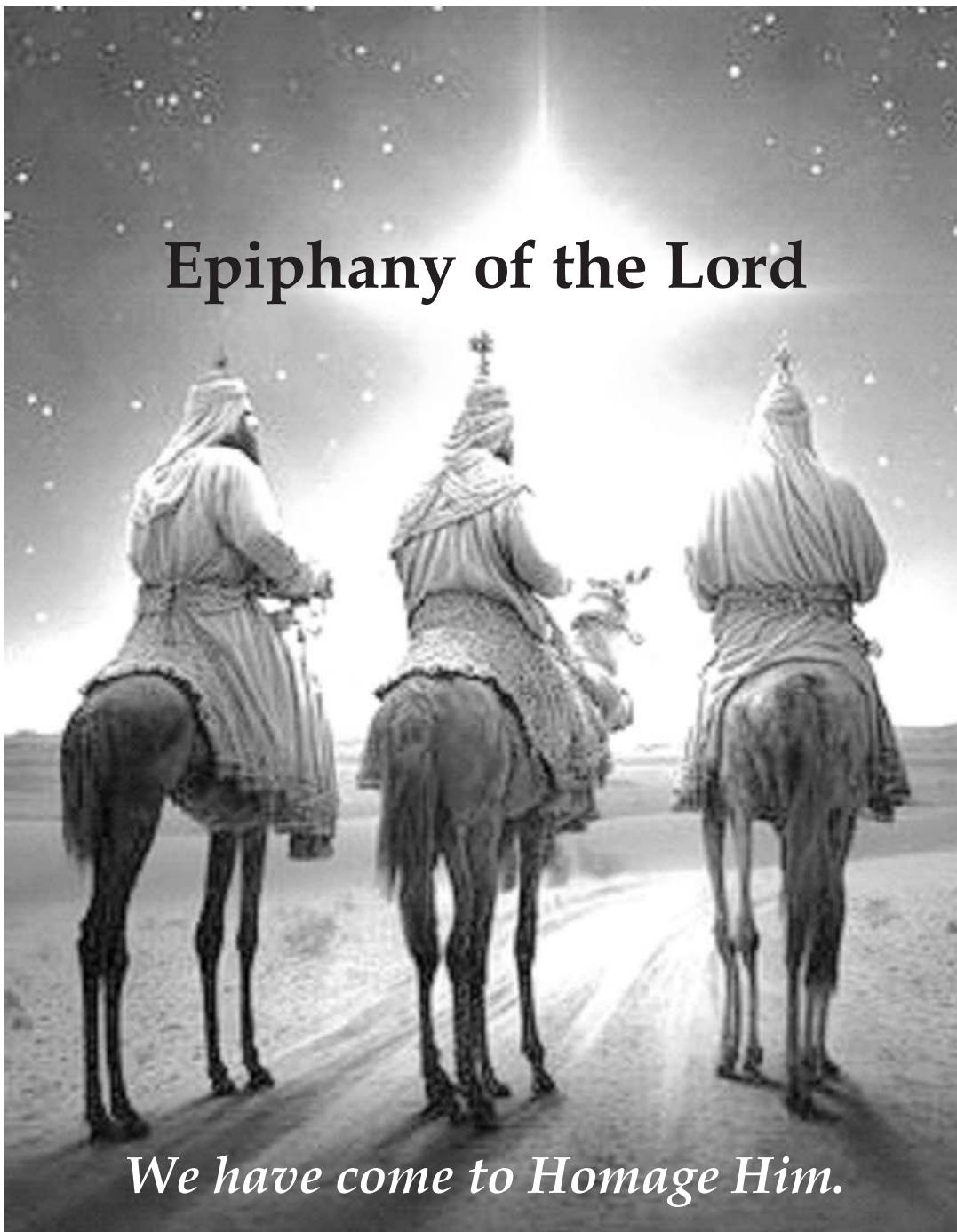
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Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MON, JAN 5 9:15 am	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
TUES, JAN 6 7:00 pm	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
WED, JAN 7 9:15 am	Gerardo Compierchio †; Alfonzo Caputo †; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
THUR, JAN 8 7:00 pm	Lorenza Ferriggi †; For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
FRI, JAN 9 9:15 am	For previous 42 generations of Chandy & Margaret Family
SAT, JAN 10 9:15 am	For the health and intentions of Irma Escobedo
5:00 pm	In thanksgiving for the 25th anniversary of Antonio Fernandes & Alice Fonseca
SUN, JAN 11 9:00 am	P. C. John & Annamma John †; Connie Mello †
10:30 am	Gerardo Compierchio †; In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Veronica & Cyprian
12:30 pm	Angelito Olindan †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Sixto Viduya †; In thanksgiving for the 30th Anniversary of Ruth & Ronald Ramos
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK AT SMDY

Monday, January 5th

10:00 am - Stiches from the heart
7:00 pm - CWL Exec meeting

Tuesday, January 6th

1:00 pm - 55 Plus club
5:30 pm - Legion of Mary - English
7:00 pm - RCIA

Wednesday, January 7th

7:00 pm - Confirmation Class

7:30 pm - 9am Choir practice

Thursday, January 8th

7:30 pm - 10:30am Choir practice

Friday, January 9th

Saturday, January 10th

10:00 am - SGFM

10:00 am - Confirmation Classes

3:30 pm - Children's Choir practice

Sunday, January 11th

8:00 am - Legion of Mary - Vietnamese

6:30 pm - YAG

St. Genevieve, from the time of infancy whose whole life was vowed to God, pray for us.

St. Genevieve, docile to the Holy Spirit, pray for us.

St. Genevieve, whose fasting and prayer saved the city of Paris, pray for us.

St. Genevieve, who had a fond affection for the noble King, pray for us.

St. Genevieve, discreet helper of the clergy, pray for us.

St. Genevieve, whose prudence counseled civil leaders, pray for us.

excerpt from the Litany of St. Genevieve (422-500), found at her sarcophagus in the church of St. Etienne du Mont, Paris, Feast day, January 3

Amid the myriad of tourist attractions in the city of Paris, no top ten travel adviser ever lists St. Genevieve, patron of Paris, as a must see. While she has been overlooked in modern times, her legacy is well stamped on the lore of the famed city.

History records that a missionary bishop, (St. Germaine l' Auxerrois) took note of the young Genevieve and her interest in what he had to say. He prophesied that she would go on to be a tremendous gift to the Church and the city. (Just behind the Louvre gallery, along the northern bank of Seine, is a basilica honouring his memory.) Through her life of prayer and penance, Genevieve became a contemporary version of Queen Esther. She averted the pillaging of marauding invaders (Attila and Vandals), her devotion to St. Denis (beheaded saint of Montmartre) was the impetus to having a basilica constructed over his tomb, and her formidable witness helped inspire the baptism of France's first Christian King, Clovis. After her death, her much visited tomb and relics became the pilgrimage destination of the faithful where healings and miracles were all attributed to her powerful mediation. An abbey in Paris' Latin Quarter under her patronage encouraged other women to dedicate themselves to study, liturgy, prayer and intercession; eventually, the Sorbonne University emerged from the shared space. In post French Revolutionary hostility, St. Genevieve's memory and relics were attacked sacrilegiously by those looking to erase the influence of the Catholic faith upon the citizenry. The new regime looked to eclipse the popularity of St. Genevieve by repurposing the Church building hosting her tomb (now Paris' Pantheon) and using it as a mausoleum be the final place of rest of the Enlightenment heroes. With St. Genevieve's relics scattered and lost, the sarcophagus that once held her remains is now to be found in a smaller but beautifully eloquent church, St. Etienne du Mont. And so, while the Eiffel tower, l'Arc de Triomphe, les champs d'Elysees, Lafayette Gallery, Jardin du Luxembourg all command greater tourist attention, stepping into this lesser known gem preserves the legacy of one of Paris' most impressive champions.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The visit of the wise men, the Magi, occurs only in Matthew's gospel. It is much shorter and simpler than most readers likely remember. Over the years they have been given different names and historical appendages, probably because the story has a certain cultural appeal.



In these short lines there is magic (a moving star), intrigue (Herod's questioning) and a surprise ending (they fell down and did him homage.) They are often portrayed as visiting Jesus in the manger, but this is highly unlikely. The holy family must have found more comfortable accommodations by then. Jesus would have been about two and living in Bethlehem.

The gifts they gave Jesus are rather strange and not at all age appropriate. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Here there is no sentimentality, no little Lord Jesus who lay down his sweet head. Rather these gifts point to his kingship, his holiness and his death and suffering.

In a sense we are all Magi. We are all searching, chasing and calculating our way through this world. The question is whether we will allow God to do something new in our lives. Whether we trust God enough to lead us and guide us.

May our search for God be as single-minded and resolute as the wise men. Amen.

Fr. Roger



THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to extend 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.

2026 PARISH ENVELOPES

2026 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!**



TAX DEADLINE

 Our Tax deadline is December 31st, 2025, any donations processed after December 31st will count towards your 2026 donations and will not be included in your 2025 tax receipt. Thank you for your financial commitment to our parish.

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 meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information, email Olivia Saqui at SGFM.smdy@gmail.com



LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Sundays at 8am 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.

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 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



BILL C-9

“As Catholics, we must always firmly reject all forms of hatred and discrimination, and we stand in solidarity with those who suffer from violence, intimidation, or prejudice. Our faith calls us to uphold the dignity of every human person and to contribute to a society marked by justice, peace, and respect for all.” While Parliament is on recess until the New Year, Catholics are still encouraged to reach out to their Member of Parliament regarding Bill C-9. For more details refer to Cardinal Leo’s Dec. 5 statement: <https://bit.ly/CardinalLeoBillC9>. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

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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: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Stitches from the Heart group meet Mondays after the 9:15am 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.



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



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.



Next night:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH FROM 7-8:30PM

Meet new friends, get connected, and discover what’s ahead in our bi-weekly Friday sessions.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and Parish office for Grades 6-8.

For more information email dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com



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