

ST. ANN PARISH

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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: January 7, 2024



Saturday, January 6 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioner of St. Ann St. Andre Bessette (M)*

Sunday, January 7 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – All are welcome*

Sunday, January 7 at 6 p.m.

Monday, January 8 at 8 a.m. Mass *Lilia Arles – + for her 40 days St. Raymond of Penyafort (M) The Baptism of the Lord*

Tuesday, January 9 at 8 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 10 at 8 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 11 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass *St Marguete of Bourgeoys (M)*

Saturday, January 13 at 5 p.m. Mass *St. Hilary (M)*

Sunday, January 14 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, January 14 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – All are welcome*

Sunday, January 14 at 6 p.m. Mass

Epiphany of the Lord



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principle episode

that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

St. Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us

to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.” As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

Summary

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Offertory Collection

Weekend of December 23/24

Envelopes (39) \$ 2572.00

Loose \$ 307.20

Christmas Dec 24/25

Envelopes (32+) \$ 2374.00

Loose \$ 802.20

Weekend of Dec 31/01

Envelopes (36) \$ 710.00

Loose \$ 329.45



Pope's Prayer Intention 2024

The Pope's prayer intention for 2024 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. In **January**, let us pray that the Holy Spirit

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helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. – Pope Francis

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

As part of the Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass on **Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Basilica** to honour married couples especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+) in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honored with a special blessing. The mass is open to all but due to reserved seats being limited, you can register early if you wish to attend. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via live stream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live> at 2:45 p.m.

Sunday Missal/Calendar 2024

We want to thank Heritage Funeral Home for donating the Sunday Missal. If you would like to have your personal copy of the 2023-2024 Sunday Missal, it is available for purchase for \$5.00 at the back of the church. Reading the scripture early is one of the best ways to prepare the mass at home. And we would like to thank Rosar Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel for donating us the yearly calendar. There is no charge for the calendars, please pick it up as you leave the church.

Thank You



We thank all of you who participated in our Christmas Ornament raffle ticket. The raffle was held on December 23, after the 5 p.m. mass and congratulations to the winners. We want to thank all the generous hearts and hands which made this season of Advent and Christmas a meaningful one through decoration, arrangements and participation. We want to particularly thank all the choir members for their ongoing commitment and joyful participation. We

also want to express our thanks to all those who were guiding hand in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Your creativity and love for the church add meaning and purpose to our celebration. We also want to thank all the altar servers, lectors, ushers and collection counters who are all needed to do extra service in these days of celebration. A big thank you to the children's liturgy organizers and particularly to all the children who participated in the dramatization of the gospel on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to all those who have brought in flowers or donated flowers. All our generous effort is seen in the church. I always say we are a small but vibrant community.

Happy New Year

I once again want to take this opportunity to wish all a wonderful Happy New Year. As we have begun this New Year, there could be a lot of uncertainties in our



minds and hearts. But we are Christians and men and women of hope. Particularly in the moments of trials and tribulations, we cannot afford to lose hope. Let us continue to strive forward, with faith and hope, that God is ever present to us. May Almighty God who has sent his son to be with us, continue to give you strength and peace. I want to thank all the parishioners who personally sent me greetings and wishes. Fr. Francis Salasiar CSC

Parish Administration: Update your contact information

If you or any member of your household changed address or contact information for 2023, please inform the parish office at 4164662127. The tax receipt for the year 2023 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2023. Thank you for your support and generosity to our parish.

Coffee Sunday



Come together! Please join us this coming Sunday, January 14, 2024, for a coffee and fellowship with our parish community immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass at the back of the church. All are welcome.



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