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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

Epiphany of the Lord: January 5, 2025



Saturday, January 4 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, January 5 at 12:30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, January 6 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 7 at 8 a.m. Mass *St. Andre Bessette (M)*

Wednesday, January 8 at 8 a.m. Mass *Saint Raymond of Penyafort (M)*

Thursday, January 9 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, January 11 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 12 at 10.30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann St Margarete of Bourgeoys (M)*

Sunday, January 12 at 12.30 p.m. *Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Epiphany of the Lord



As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means "to make manifest" or "to make

known." So on this feast day, we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth.

The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says "We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!" We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus.

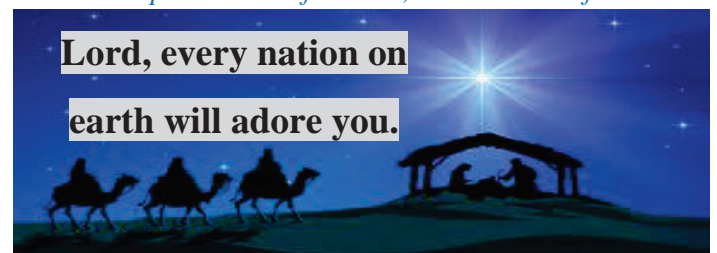
One way we can evangelize others is by simply living

as visible Catholic disciples in our world. In today's secular culture, any act of religiosity is seen as a radical witness of our faith. For example, whenever we are eating in public, we can begin with the sign of the cross and our grace before meals. Moreover, St. John Paul II said that we should not be "ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport." Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world.

Summary

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying "God bless you" when someone sneezes or we say goodbye. 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 21/22

Envelopes (53)	\$ 1,775.00
Loose	\$ 340.00
PAG	\$ 419.25

Christmas Dec 24/25

Envelopes (13)	\$ 420.00
Loose	\$ 640.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 2,271.85

Weekend of Dec 28/29

Envelopes (38)	\$ 755.00
Loose	\$ 248.00
PAG	\$ 419.25
Christmas Offering	\$ 200.00



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Year of Jubilee

The Jubilee officially began on December 24, 2024, at 7 PM when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.



Here in our diocese, Cardinal Francis Leo has inaugurated the jubilee with a special mass on Dec 29, 2024, and will end on Dec 28th 2025. The logo for the 2025 Jubilee features an anchor,

a symbol of hope, and the motto Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in Hope).

Pope's Prayer Intention 2025

The Pope's prayer intention for 2025 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. These intentions serve as principles guiding our lives and mission. In **January**, let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. – **Pope Francis**

Parish Important Update for 2024 Tax Receipts

If you or anyone in your household has recently changed your address or contact information, please notify the parish office at 4164662127 to ensure our records are up to date. This will help avoid any issues with receiving your 2024 tax receipts. Please note that tax receipts for 2024 will only be issued for the donations received by December 31, 2024. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Sunday Missal/Calendar 2025

Thank you to Heritage Funeral Home for generously donating the 2024-2025 Sunday Missal. If you'd like a personal copy, it is available for purchase at the back of the church for \$5.00. Exploring the scripture in advance is a great way to prepare for Mass at home. We also extend our gratitude to Rosar Morrison Funeral Home & Chapel for donating this year's calendar. These are available free of charge, so please feel free to pick one up as you leave the church.

A Heartfelt Thank You to our St Ann Parish Community



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated in our Christmas Ornament raffle draw,

held on December 22, after the 12:30 p.m. mass. Congratulations to the winners!

This advent and Christmas season has been a profound reflection of our faith, love and togetherness, thanks to the countless acts of generosity and service within our St. Ann Parish. To all who dedicated their time and talents to decorate the church so beautifully – you have transformed our sacred space into a place of wonder and joy, inspiring our hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

We are deeply grateful to our amazing choir for your steadfast commitment and the gift of music that lifted our spirits. To the altar servers, lectors, ushers, collection counters, and volunteers, your selfless service is a true testament to living the Gospel.

A heartfelt thank you to the children's liturgy organizers and the children who brought the Christmas story to life with such innocence and joy. To all who donated baked goods/treats for the family gathering, donated flowers or shared in their arrangement, your kindness has filled our church with beauty and reverence.

As a vibrant parish, we are truly blessed to be part of this loving community. Together, we bring faith to life, and for that, we are profoundly thankful for making this season truly special!

A New Year's Message of Hope and Gratitude



As we begin this New Year, I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a truly wonderful and blessed Happy New Year.

While the year ahead may bring uncertainties to our hearts and minds, let us remember that we are Christians – men and women of unwavering hope. Even in moments of trials and tribulations, we cannot afford to lose sight of the light that guides us. With faith and trust in God's ever-present love, we can continue to move forward, strengthened by the assurance that He is with us always. May almighty God, who sent His Son to dwell among us, grant you peace, courage, and joy in the days to come. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who so kindly sent me their greetings and warm wishes. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are deeply appreciated. Let us face this year together with hope, faith, and love. -- **Fr. Francis Salasiar CSC**



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