

# ST. ANN PARISH

## & Native Peoples' Mission

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## Epiphany of the Lord



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**The Wise  
Still Seek Him.**

# Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord: January 4, 2026



Saturday, January 3 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, January 4 at 12:30 p.m.

**Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome**

Monday, January 5 at 8 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, January 6 at 8 a.m. Mass

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

Thursday, January 8 at 8 a.m. No Mass  
**Saint Raymond of Peñafort (M)**

Friday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour,  
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, January 10 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

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## Epiphany of the Lord

**This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.** The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means “to manifest” or “to make known.” This is what God did in the Incarnation. He

made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*\* says that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” The USCCB also says that the “practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization.”

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

*Reflection*  
*of the week*

How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take the dismissal seriously at the end of Mass to “go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

### Summary

On this feast day, we celebrate the visit of the foreign Magi, which represents all the nations coming to know Christ. Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth, and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. We cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must use our God-given time and talents to go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



## Offertory Collection

### Weekend of December 20/21

Envelopes (49)	\$ 1,795.00
Loose	\$ 346.00
PAG	\$ 525.25

### Christmas Dec 24/25

Envelopes (26)	\$ 1,180.00
Loose	\$ 771.10
Christmas Offering	\$ 3,743.00

### Weekend of Dec 27/28

Envelopes (40)	\$ 730.00
Loose	\$ 207.00
PAG	\$ 525.25
Christmas Offering	\$ 430.00



## Pope's Prayer Intention 2026

The Pope's prayer intention for 2026 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 that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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## 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

## 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 21, at the 10:30 a.m. mass. Congratulations to the winners, Nikita Layne, Maria Broekhof and Shibu Kannampuzha.

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 decorating 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 the 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!

## Parish Important Update for 2025 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 2025 tax receipts. Please note that tax receipts for 2025 will only be issued for the donations received by December 31, 2025. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## Sunday Missal/Calendar 2026

Thank you to **Heritage Funeral Home** for generously donating the **2025-2026 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.

## Men's Silent Retreat: Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by The Past, Inspired by the Future

**Men Ignatian Retreat:** As people of faith, we journey together as pilgrims—rooted in God's faithfulness, strengthened by hope, and called to witness in love. This year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope: Guided by the Past, Inspired by the Future," invites us to reflect on where we have come from, where God is leading us, and how we are called to live today. Through three moments of reflection, we will: Remember the Past: Celebrating God's enduring faithfulness throughout history. Walk in Hope: Entrusting our future into God's hands with courage and confidence. Live the Present: Bearing witness through love, compassion, and service in our world today.

Come and journey with us as we discover anew what it means to be pilgrims of hope—grateful for the past, trusting for the future, and faithful in the present. This SILENT retreat begins on Friday, January 23, 2026, 6:30 pm and runs to Sunday, January 25, 2026, 1:30 pm. The suggested offering is \$270 per person. Facilitated by: Fr. Dexter Gray, SJ. Register at 905-8392684 or [manresaregistration@outlook.com](mailto:manresaregistration@outlook.com)



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