



Weekly Bulletin

Parish Mission Statement:

We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.

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Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am, 12 noon &

7:00 pm (English)

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

Sacrament of Penance: Please contact the parish office.

Schools

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"Please remember us in your will"

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE EPIPHANY

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means "to manifest," "appear," or "make known." The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world.

"The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation." CCC 528

"Jesus is the Savior of the world. He comes not just for one group of people but for all. The magi, or kings, or astrologers, or seekers from the East, stand in for all the peoples of the earth," says Bishop Robert Deeley. "They represent all the people, including ourselves, who have found their way to Christ, who have found in him the meaning of their lives, and the light which guides them. They also represent the inner hope of the human spirit showing that it strives for the meaning that Jesus brings to life." (Diocese of Portland).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W. in Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4 p.m.** This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. **The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12th** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). The All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join via livestream at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2023

Envelopes for the year 2023 are still available in the parish hall and are in numerical order. If you don't know your envelope number, please refer to the binder with names listed in alphabetical order.

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The bank has informed us that their business policy will be enforced regarding the name on the checks we deposit. Going forward all donation checks must be made payable to – SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for your ongoing support.

CHOIR MEMBERS

If you are looking to participate more actively in our liturgy every weekend, we welcome you to join our English adult choir, which will be providing the music for the Saturday 5:30 pm mass. We welcome parishioners of all musical backgrounds. Anyone who is interested in joining, please speak with Dustin, our organist, after mass, or leave your name and email address with the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL 2023 Membership Drive is currently ongoing. Membership Fees are \$35.00. Cheques can be made payable to Transfiguration Catholic Women's League & left in the parish office. Please include your name, address, phone number & email address.

New hats scarves, mitts, gloves & socks are being collected. Please bring them in the reception area of the parish office and they will be given to The Good Shepherd & the Ernestine's Shelter. All parishioners are invited to contribute.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for January 1st was \$11, 007.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G). Thank you to all.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand. • Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email development@archtoronto.org



FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO

Please join us for a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño of Cebu to be held on Saturday, January 14th (Rosary at 11 am and Mass at 11:30 am). A pot-luck lunch will be held in the parish hall after Mass and procession. Everyone is invited.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, e.g. chips/cookies/granola bars, juices & bottled water, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, men's new underwear, socks, jeans warm gloves, winter hats & scarves, towels. Items can be placed in the blue bin located at the reception area of the parish office.

L'AMORE DI DIO NON CONOSCE CONFINI

Matteo ci sta dicendo che non importa da dove parti, da vicino o da lontano. Conta quanto cammini, quanto ti fidi della stella, di quel segno, quanto ti affidi alla sua Parola che interpella e inquieta.

La Befana ci ha inculcato l'idea che i doni sono per i buoni. Invece oggi è festa per tutti: per i buoni e per i cattivi, per chi se lo merita e per chi non se lo merita. A tutti è data la possibilità di fare l'esperienza di Dio. Se fosse solo per i buoni che Vangelo sarebbe?

Matteo è abilissimo nel descrivere il contrasto tra la ricerca dei maghi, e la chiusura di Erode, dei sacerdoti e degli scribi. Loro così vicini non hanno visto nulla, non hanno capito niente. L'avevano lì il Messia, a due passi, bastava solo aprire gli occhi. Tra l'altro scribi e sacerdoti erano uomini di chiesa, sempre a pregare, a leggere la Bibbia. Troppo intenti a pregare Dio in cielo non si sono resi conto...che era a pochi metri.

I maghi, invece, da lontano hanno visto quella luce. Hanno visto e sono partiti. Carichi di dubbi e perplessità, si sono messi in cammino senza sapere verso dove. Sono partiti e basta, proprio come Abramo padre della fede. Perché il cammino di fede non ha una meta. E' il cammino la meta! Ecco perché al mattino amo augurare: Buon cammino! (Polo De Martino).

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 1 Gennaio e' stata 11,007.00. Grazie ancora per il vostro contributo per aiutare con le spese della chiesa. Ultimamente abbiamo fatto dei lavoretti di manutenzione che richiedono delle spese...Dio vi benedirà.

MASS INTENTIONS INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE

Sunday January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:45 am Pro Populo
9:00 am † Francesco Lenoci, † Michele Di Leo, † Ida Turco,
† Nicola & Maria Colomba Mongelli
† Giuseppe & Angela Abbattista
10:30 am † Mr. Fernandez, † Carolo Borrelli, † Eugenio Borrelli
12:00 pm † Natale D'Urzo
7:00 pm

Monday January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 am Special Blessings for Liliana Arsenault and
Thanksgiving Mass for all Donors

Tuesday January 10 First Week in Ordinary Time

9:30 am

Wednesday January 11

9:30 am † Richelieu Longronio, † Neil Carreon

Thursday January 12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys (OBL)

9:30 am † Neil Carreon
Thanksgiving Mass for Angelo, Marsha, Rowan,
Declan, Naya Dias & Families,
John & Maureen Dias and the living & deceased
members of the Dias & Coutinho Families

Friday January 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:30 am

Saturday January 14 BVM

9:30 am
11:00 am Rosary for Santo Niño
11:30 am Mass for Santo Niño
2:00 pm Baptism
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
4:30 pm Confession
5:30 pm † Mary & John Simard
† Tony, Nicola & Carmela Picchiello
† Giovanni, Nicolina Scioli and Family
† Luigi, Tullia Peccia and Family

Sunday January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:45 am Pro Populo
9:00 am † Giacomo Giorgio, † Giuseppe Ballarin,
† Carmine Viresi

10:30 am

12:00 pm

1:30 pm

7:00 pm

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Sonja Schryer, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas,
Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco,
Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica,
Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone,
Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale,
Walter Ryan, Karen Radecky

"SPIRITUAL WALK-IN CLINIC"

Our parish is honoured with an opportunity to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours/day, 7 days/week exposed in our chapel for the last 20 years. If you would like to commit one hour a week or be a "backup" to fill in for the hour that adorns on a regular basis cannot do, please leave your name and contact number in the parish office. All are welcome to come and pray.

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