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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

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 6 - 12, 2023

Saturday: 6 January

6:00 pm + Almas do purgatorio (Carminda)

Sunday: 7 January

9:00 am + Aldo Pullano

+ Maria Tedesco e Onofrio Tedesco

10:30 am + Antonio Pacheco e Ana Pacheco

+ José Carvalho, Alice Menezes, Mateus Carvalho e Familiares

12:00 pm + Concepcion Valenzona

Tuesday 9 January

6:00 pm + Almas do purgatorio (Legião de Maria)

+ Joaquim Fragoso

+ Antonio Barros (1 mês)

Thursday: 11 January

6:00 pm +

Friday: 12 January

6:00 pm + Helder Aguiar (3 ano falecimento)

Next **Sunday January 14**, there will be a **second collection** for the maintenance of the building. Thank you for any support you are able to offer

Pope's Prayer Intention for January

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

**FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024
NOVEMBER 8, 2023 TO JANUARY 15, 2024**

Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27), High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster

@ <http://surl.li/mlfkw>

and submit their entries at

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more info or questions.

We do not only give thanks to God for all the blessings that we continue to receive but we must also share them with our brothers and sisters who are in need. We invite our parishioners to bring non-perishable food to the church which we will be collecting for **GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE**. Please **no clothes just food**. Thank you.



On the Feast of the Epiphany, we remember the Magi who guided by the star shining in the heavens, came to the house where Jesus rested in the arms of Mary, His Mother. They were blessed as they brought their gifts to that holy place. O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. Amen.

May we bring him the gifts of our faith and trust and hope. May we recognize him as our savior who gave his own life to set us free from the power of sin and death. Come, let us adore him. My gifts are small, and often filled with fear. They are my trust and my hope. Please accept them and heal me and let me be free enough to rejoice that you are the Beloved Son and that you have come for me.



The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. **If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy** Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

CATECHETICAL PREPARATION

NEXT SESSION:

SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2024 AT 1:30 PM - CONFIRMATION
SATURDAY JANUARY 27 AT 10:00 AM - FIRST COMMUNION

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2024. The office is booking mass intentions for 2024. Please come in or call the office hours to make your request. The proposed offering for Mass is \$20.00. Please use envelope provided at the entrance of the church marked **mass intention** for the offering (not Sunday Offertory envelope) Thank you.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024
Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral - 455 Ferrier St., Markham
Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS:

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.



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EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE



Sull'esempio dei Magi, nella loro ricerca amorosa del Messia, celebriamo l'Epifania certi di un incontro rinnovato e rinnovatore con Cristo, luce vera e via sicura per l'edificazione di un mondo riconciliato e giusto.



AUGURIAMO A TUTTI VOI ASSIEME ALLE VOSTRE FAMIGLIE UN FELICE E SANTO ANNO NUOVO PIENO DELLE BENEDIZIONI DI DIO!
PADRE JOSEPH

Preghiera Mensile Gennaio 2024

Del Papa: Preghiamo perché lo Spirito aiuti a riconoscere il dono dei diversi carismi dentro le comunità Cristiane e a scoprire la ricchezza delle differenti tradizioni rituali in seno alla Chiesa Cattolica.

Per la famiglia: Perché si affermi, si celebri e si difenda la famiglia quale unità fondamentale della società, come voluta da Dio.

Mariana: Perché comprendiamo e riconosciamo la funzione materna di Maria nello sviluppo della vera spiritualità dei discepoli di Gesù.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.



January 2023

15 - St. Arnold Janssen, SVD
Founder, Society of the Divine Word (SVD)

29 - St. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD
First SVD Missionary to China

31 - St. John Bosco
Patron Saint of the Parish



Solenidade da Epifania do Senhor



A liturgia deste domingo celebra a manifestação de Jesus a todos os homens... Ele é uma "luz" que se acende na noite do mundo e atrai a si todos os povos da terra. Cumprindo o projecto libertador que o Pai nos queria oferecer, essa "luz" incarnou na nossa história, iluminou os caminhos dos homens, conduziu-os ao encontro da salvação, da vida definitiva.



Feliz Ano Novo! Que o próximo ano distribua muita paz, amor e felicidade a todos nós!
Pe. Joseph

«Amor e gratidão ao amor divino que levou Deus a fazer-se criança pobre e humilde, a suportar uma vida dura, para mostrar à humanidade o seu afeto por ela e para conquistar o seu amor!»
(Padre Leão Dehon)

Santo e Feliz Natal
Feliz Ano Novo de 2024



Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.



St. John Bosco is looking for volunteers: Cleaning the Church on Monday's, Lectors, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you are available for any mass. Please speak with Fr. Joey after mass.



PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Most holy and loving God, you called and challenged St. Arnold Janssen to proclaim your Gospel to peoples everywhere. To your Spirit's prompting, St. Arnold responded with generous devotion to form three communities of religious missionaries. Watch over, bless and guide the communities of Sisters, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, and the Brothers and Priests committed to the Divine Word.

All caring God, invite by name more young men and women to be missionaries in our day. Embrace them with your grace; inflame them with your youthful zeal. In faith, we make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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