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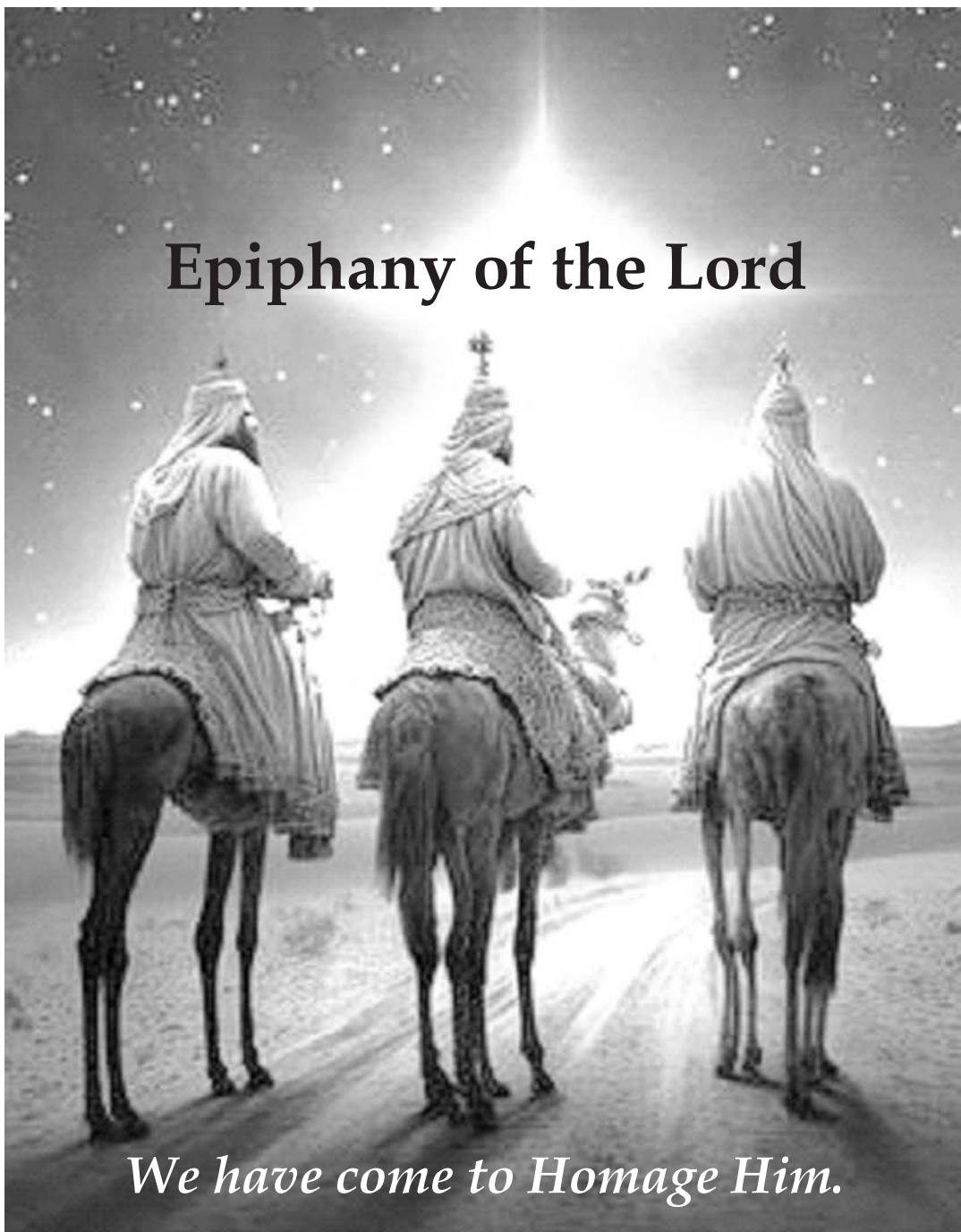
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### Epiphany of the Lord



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## MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 3 - 9, 2026

### Saturday: 3 January

6:00 pm - Pro Populo

### Sunday: 4 January

9:00 am - Pro Populo

10:30 am + Elisa Da Monteiro Loureiro  
+ Maria Rosa Dias, Maria Das Dores Sousa,  
Fernanda e Maria Da Conceição, Manuel Dos  
Santos

12:00 pm - Birthday Blessing for Marily Gamo

### Tuesday: 6 January

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

### Thursday: 8 January

6:00 pm + Jaime Pereira

### Friday: 9 January

6:00 pm + João Amaral

### Pope Leo prayer intention for January

#### For prayer with the Word of God

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.

**MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2026.** The office is booking mass intentions for 2026. Please come in or call the office 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.

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact

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### 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.



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.



### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau 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 Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

### Friars Student Writing Contest 2026

(November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>

Entries can be submitted at:

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

For further information, please contact [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org)

or call 416-934-3400 x. 527

### Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations,

Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026.

The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

Registration and info [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)

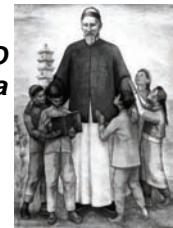


January 2026

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

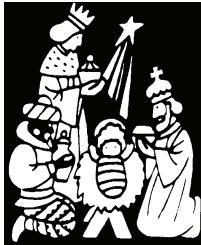


**29 - St. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD**  
**First SVD Missionary to China**



**31 - St. John Bosco**  
**Patron Saint of the Parish**

**EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE**



Oggi è il giorno della "manifestazione" del Signore a tutte le genti. Il Bambino contemplato dai Magi è il compimento delle promesse dei profeti e la risposta alle preghiere degli umili; è la luce del mondo, il Principe della pace, la via per il Regno, la vita di chi rinasce in Dio, la verità di chi brama la vera sapienza.



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

**GLI OFFRIRORO ORO, INCENSO E MIRRA**

Cristo è venuto per la redenzione di tutti gli uomini: nessuno, per motivo di lingua, di stirpe o di colore, è escluso dalla sua salvezza (*I Lettura*). Questa universalità salvifica è rappresentata dalla stella che ha guidato i Magi, primi rappresentanti dei popoli pagani, desiderosi di incontrare colui che secondo le scritture doveva nascere a Betlemme. Trovatolo con sua madre lo adorarono e, aperti i loro scrigni, gli offrirono oro, incenso e mirra (*Vangelo*).

Apriamo anche noi i cuori al bambino di Betlemme per offrirgli la nostra umile fede. Non entriamo nel numero di coloro che, come Erode, lo rifiutano. Siamo, invece, quelli che lo accolgono con fede viva e ricevono il potere di diventare figli di Dio.

- don Donato Allegretti

**PER ME VIVERE È CRISTO** ...Non è stato per caso che il Signore, volendosi dare tutto a noi, ha scelto la forma del pasto in famiglia. Il convito eucaristico diventa così segno espressivo di comunione, di perdono, di amore.

- San Giovanni Paolo II

**Scintille...** La stella guidò i Magi, ma fu la fede a condurli oltre Erode. La ricerca di Dio inizia con gli occhi, ma si compie con il cuore. – San Bernardo di Chiaravalle

**Preghiera Mensile Gennaio 2026**

**Del Papa:** Preghiamo affinché la preghiera con la Parola di Dio sia nutrimento nelle nostre vite e fonte di speranza nelle nostre comunità, aiutandoci a costruire una Chiesa più fraterna e missionaria.

**Per la famiglia:** Perché ogni famiglia viva nella pace, superando i conflitti con amore e costruendo relazioni basate sul rispetto e sul perdono.

**Mariana:** Perché Maria Madre e discepolo di Cristo, ci guidi a vivere con autenticità il Vangelo.

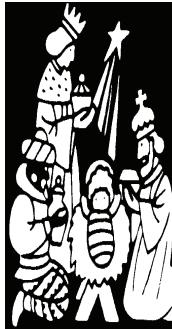
**Consider Blood Donation** - 1 in 2 people in Canada are eligible to donate blood and plasma. Only 1 in 81 does. A small group of donors is meeting the needs of the entire country, so we're asking everyone who is eligible across Canada to join Canada's Lifeline and donate. To find a location: [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283

Next Sunday January 11, there will be a **second collection to help with** the maintenance of the building.  
Thank you for any support you are able to offer

Once again, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many people who have helped us in our celebration of the Birth of Christ: those who come every Monday to keep our church clean; wash the altar linens; to the people who helped us put up Christmas decorations; to those who brought food to the party as well as those who donated; to all who donated money to pay for our flowers; to all our Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Collectors and Choir Members: to all of you who have helped us make the celebration of the Birth of Christ a memorable one. **THANK YOU! HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Fr. Joseph Miras

**Solenidade da Epifania do Senhor**



No **Evangelho**, vemos a concretização dessa promessa: ao encontro de Jesus vêm uns "magos" do oriente, que representam todos os povos da terra... Atentos aos sinais da chegada do Messias, esses "magos" procuram-n'O com esperança até O encontrar, reconhecem n'Ele a "salvação de Deus" e aceitam-n'O como "o Senhor". A salvação rejeitada pelos habitantes de Jerusalém torna-se agora um dom que Deus oferece a todos os homens, sem exceção.



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

Pe. Joseph

Utilizzare solo buste per **l'ANNO 2026**. In caso contrario, la tua donazione può essere accreditato sul conto di un'altra persona.

**Intenção de oração do Papa Leão para Janeiro...** Pela oração com a Palavra de Deus Oremos para que a oração com a Palavra de Deus seja alimento para as nossas vidas e fonte de esperança nas nossas comunidades, ajudando-nos a construir uma Igreja mais fraterna e missionária.

**LIVRO DAS INTENÇÕES DAS MISSAS PARA 2026**

Poderá fazer a marcação das missas, no escritório paroquial das 9am-12pm, 1-5:00pm. A oferta da Missa é de \$20.00, dê do seu coração, seja generoso com a sua igreja.

**Chuckles from the pew...** Having just passed his driver's test, a teenage boy broaches the topic of use of the family car with his father. Sensing an opportunity influence the boy to become more responsible, the father gives the lad three things he must do to gain access to the car. He must (1) bring his grades up, (2) keep his room clean, and (3) get a haircut. A couple of months go by and the kid does a great a job with items 1 and 2. Again, he raises the subject of use of the car with his father, who points out that he still hasn't had his hair cut. The son replies, "Dad, have you ever noticed that in any picture of Jesus and the disciples that they all have long hair?" Replies the father, "Son, have you ever noticed that they walked everywhere they went."



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