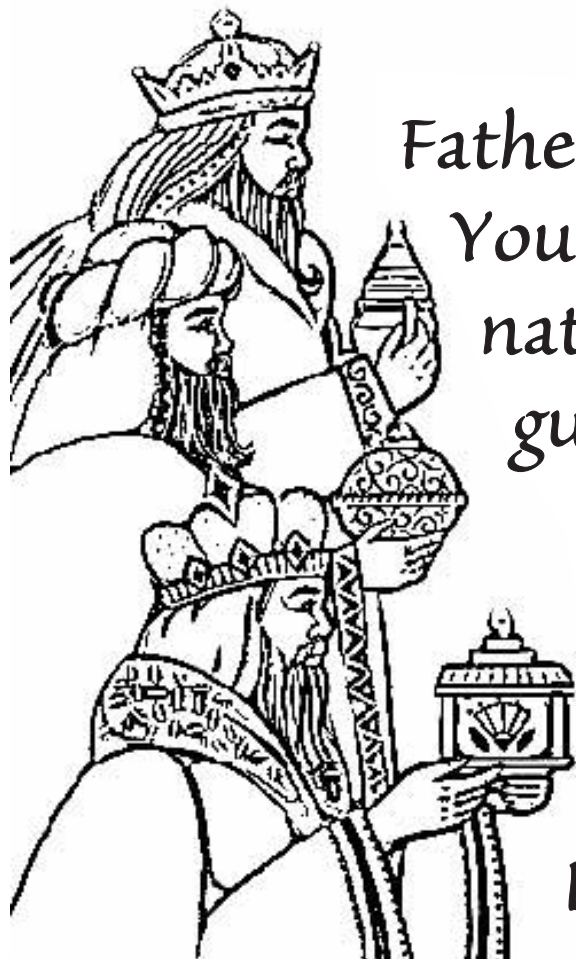


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*Father, You revealed  
Your Son to the  
nations by the  
guidance of a star.*

*Lead us to Your  
Glory in Heaven  
by the  
Light of Faith.*

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*"The Kingdom of Heaven has come near."*

**STAR OF WONDER  
STAR OF NIGHT**



Today, we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany** that brings the Christmas season to a close. Scripture testifies that God set a star in the sky to proclaim the birth of his Son. The Wise Men or Kings who followed that star to the stable of Bethlehem represent all the nations of the world. With them, we come to worship Jesus, our new-born King!

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, guiding us to the perfect Light!*

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR  
THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

**Universal:** ~ Peace ~ That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

**Evangelization:** ~ Consecrated Life ~ That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

**PRAY WITH THE SAINTS**

**Wednesday, 07 January** is the Feast of St. André Besette, religious.

**Thursday, 08 January** is the Feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest.

Join us in prayer in communion with these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM and 12:30PM Daily Mass on weekdays and 9:00AM on Saturday.

**'COME AND SEE' WEEKEND**

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

January 30 to February 1, 2015

St. Augustine's Seminary

This will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years and older to spend a weekend with time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

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 God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

**FINAL REMINDER:  
STUDENT WRITING AWARD**

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Student aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2015.

The theme for this coming year is, "*Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink' (John 4:7).*" Students should read the Scripture passage John 4:1-42 and answer the following question in the essay:

*If Jesus was able to reach out beyond his own Jewish community, and to a woman with a questionable reputation, what does that tell Catholics about the value of Christian Unity?*

First prize is an iPad Air (16 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, and third to sixth prizes are a one year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 9, 2015**. Email your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or fax it to 416-934-3409. Please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay. For further information call 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404 or 1-855-441-4077. Don't miss this opportunity!

**INSIDE**  
**Annunciation Church:**

**WITH MANY THANKS!**

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas and New Year's celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Musicians & Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Parish Staff, Maintenance Staff, and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and dedication!

*Thank you!*

**UNCLAIMED 2015 SUNDAY ENVELOPES**

There are still a number of unclaimed 2015 Sunday Envelope boxes in the parish office. If yours is among them, please visit us during office hours or from the Welcome Desk before or after Sunday Masses. Unclaimed boxes will be recycled and numbers will be reassigned. Thank you for your continuing support. (If you are not an envelope user and wish to have your own box, visit the parish office during office hours or from the Welcome Desk before or after Sunday Masses.)

**NEWS FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

*"We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love." - St. Vincent de Paul*

Members of the Annunciation Conference provide year round assistance to our local 'neighbours-in-need'. With your on-going support, we are able to provide food, clothing and basic furniture to about two-hundred and fifty adults and children in our community. During the holiday, your generous donations will help support families not just at Christmas-New Year, but year-round.

For security reasons, be sure to make your donation following masses when ushers are nearby handing out church bulletins or at the Parish Office. Thank you for helping turn concern into action through your continuing generosity.

**CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEING**

A reminder to confirmation candidates: the first Confirmation session beings this week.

**Monday's First Session:**

January 5th at 7:00PM

**Tuesday's First Session:**

January 6th at 7:00PM

Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.

Please attend on the day you have chosen only (Monday or Tuesday).

**IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES**

**Altar Server Committee:** Monday, 05 January at 7:00PM in St. Pius X room.

**CWL Executive:** Thursday, 08 January at 1:15PM in St. Pius X room.

**Sunday School:** resumes on Sunday, 11 January at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.

**Pastoral Council:** Monday, 12 January at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

**Altar Servers' Training:** Saturday, 17 January at 11:00AM in the Church/St. Pius X.

**First Holy Communion:** Parents please mark on your calendar to attend the mandatory meeting on Monday, 19 January at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

**Property Committee:** Tuesday, 20 January at 7:30PM (meeting room TBA).

**Finance Committee:** Monday, 26 January at 7:00PM in St. Pius X room.



**Memorial Lamps  
& Special Intention**

January 4th—January 10th

*Our lamps are lit:*

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Marta and Antoine Pietrzak.*

*So deeply loved and missed.*

*Rest in peace.*

*Requested by daughter, Alina.*



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