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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

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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, TORONTO, ONTARIO

“We have come from the East
to pay homage to the King.”

STAR OF WONDER

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

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Monday, January 7th is the *Feast of St. Andre Bessette*, religious.

Tuesday, January 8th is the *Feast of St. Raymond of Penyafort*, priest.

Saturday, January 12th is the *Feast of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*, virgin.

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

A NEW YEAR'S FAMILY BLESSING

God in heaven, look upon our family and keep us close to you. Grant that we may be like Jesus and support, comfort and help one another. Give us love like Mary's that we may nurture the presence of Jesus in each other and in all your people. Give us faith like Joseph's that we may care for one another and help those in need. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!



Catholic Family Services of Toronto

NEW BEGINNINGS:

**FOR THOSE SUFFERING THE LOSS OF
A LOVED ONE THROUGH DEATH, SEPARATION, OR
DIVORCE**

Come and join us for an informative evening

Guest Speakers: Greg Badcock, MSW., RSW.
& Henny DeLange MSW., RSW

Topic: “Demystifying Anger”

Tuesday January 8th, 2013

7:30PM—9:00PM

Location: Archdiocese of Toronto

Pastoral Centre

1155 Yonge Street

Fourth Floor Meeting Plan

Pre-registration is not necessary

Enquiries: Deacon James Shaughnessy MSW.,
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“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.

February 1st– 3rd, 2013

St. Augustine's Seminary

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

Win Great Prizes!

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2013. The theme for this coming year is “*What does God require of us?*” (cf. Micah 6:6-8). First prize is an iPad mini (16GB), second prize is a Kobo Arc and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 18, 2013**. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404. Don't miss this opportunity!

INSIDE Annunciation Church:

GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES' CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN

The First Confirmation session begins next week.

Monday's First Session:

January 7th at 7:00PM

Thursday's First Session:

January 10th at 7:00PM



Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.

Please attend the day you have chosen ONLY (Monday or Thursday)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE WINTER 2013

The Marriage Preparation Course will take place on

Wednesday evenings,

January 9th to March 6th, 2013

from 7:30PM - 9:00PM

In Annunciation Parish Hall.

The completion of this course is a necessity for all couples who wish to be married at a Catholic Church. Please call or visit the Parish Office to register.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING



As parents are the first teachers of their children in matters of faith, the parents of children making their First Holy Communion in Annunciation Parish are expected to attend two preparatory meetings. A reminder that the first preparatory meeting to be held in Parish Hall on **Monday, January 14th at 7:00PM.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Our Children's Liturgy program will resume on Sunday, January 13th 2013 at the 9:30AM Mass.

The Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 4 to join us in the St. Cecilia Room at the beginning of the 9:30AM Mass for their own Liturgy of the Word. (An announcement to parents will be made at the beginning of Mass).

WITH MANY THANKS

A gracious vote of thanks to all who helped make our celebrations of Christmas and New Year's so beautiful:

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Musicians and Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Maintenance Supervisors, Parish Staffs and so many others. May God Bless you all for your generosity and kindness.

A WARM WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARIANS



We welcome Seminarians Dryden Buote and Ben Lazarus, students of St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto, who will be staying in residence at Annunciation for the month of January. Let's give them a warm welcome!

UNCLAIMED 2013 SUNDAY ENVELOPES

There are still a number of unclaimed boxes of 2013 Sunday Envelopes in the parish office. If yours is among them, we encourage you to visit us during regular office hours. Unclaimed boxes will be recycled and the box numbers will be reassigned. Thank you for your continuing support.



Memorial Lamps & Special Intention

January 6th—January 12th

Our lamps are lit:

*In loving memory of our grandparents,
Mr. and Mrs. George S.F. Tsang,
our uncle Arthur Y. W. Tsang,
our aunt Ms. Anna Tsang
and her best friend Wong Wong.
Requested by Alan and Agnes Tsang.*

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