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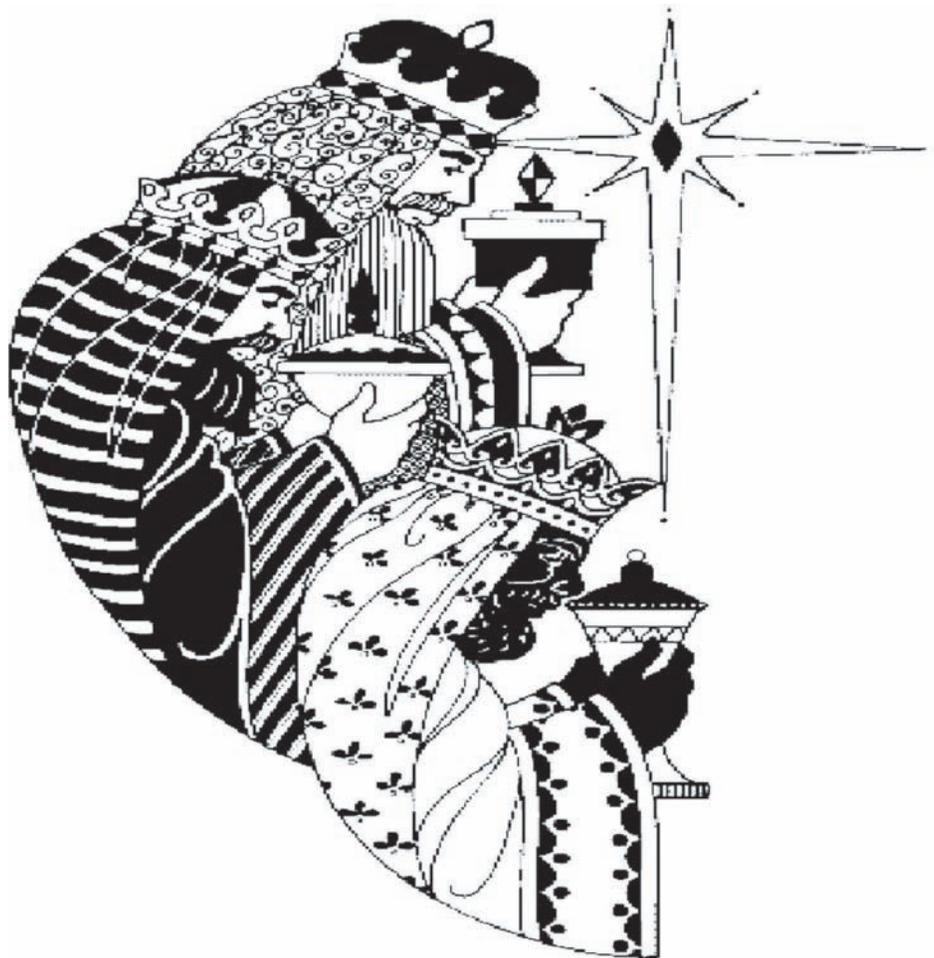
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 2 St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

5:00 Lilly Pettay req. by John & Helen Olsiak
Margaret Nicholson req. by Colin Nicholson

Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Maria Marinelli req. by Kay, Norma, Jean & Helen
Marie Ange & Clarence Adams req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Antonio Pietrobon req. by Ody & Diana Argenta
Mary Zanini req. by Leo & Eda Martin
7:00 Angelo Butera req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family
Chiara & Antonio Marcon req. by Tullio & Giuliana Milani

Monday, January 4

8:00 Giuseppina Montoni req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio
Lori Laffradi req. by Gerry & Jennifer Laffradi

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 Fern Cormier req. by Sam & Chris St. Angelo
Patricia Sheppard req. by JoAnn Bradford

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 Douglas Sherk req. by Theresa Maddalena
Bob Woodruff req. by John MacDonnell

9:15 School Mass

Thursday, January 7 St Andre Bessette

8:00 Isabel Tuck req. by her Friends
Jeannine Vendramin req. by Jackie & Dave Balfour

Friday, January 8 St Raymond of Penyafort

8:00 Charlie Ogilvie req. by Gianni & Lidia Bonaldo
Venera Castronovo req. by Dtr: Jacqueline Bortolussi

Saturday, January 9

5:00 Jozef Brzozowski req. by Komor & Janusz Families
Sara Grant-Weaver req. by Grandma Weaver

Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Stephanie Wasiak req. by John & Helen Olsiak
Antonela & Srecko Covic req. by Finka Covic
9:30 Filippo Stranges req. by Fiorentina Stranges
John & Mary Cahill req. by Les & Peg Potapczyk
11:30 People of the Parish
7:00 Domenic Morabito req. by the Gelato Group
Butch & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Reconciliation

(All Grade 2 Students)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Other Grade 2 Parishioners

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

The Diocesan Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday 7 - 9pm, at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 Meetings resume on January 11, 2016

The next St. Patrick's Day Dance is Saturday March 12, 2016

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. **Wanted a co-chairperson** to help oversee the dance, to assist with phone calls prior to dance and to help co-ordinate Prizes, Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance. Interested persons please contact Colleen 905-374-4025 /colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Lucy Atkinson, Hugh Maloney, Mary Davey, Irene Roberto and Mary St. Angelo. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

Please pray for those who are ill

Deacon Patrick O'Brien, Edward Power, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Msgr Vincent Ferrando, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Wanda Winslow, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence

Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 19 & 20: \$7,186.20

December 25 & 27: \$26,535.25

Refugee Sponsorship: \$62,900.10

Christmas Flowers: \$1,665.00

Carmelite Missions: \$10,556.70

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Jan 24, Feb 28 (infants only), no Mar Baptisms, April 17**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Jan 12, Feb 16, **Monday Apr 4 at 7:00 pm.**

CWL NEWS... Ladies of the Parish, come and join us in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on January 10, 2016 for our monthly CWL meeting. All returning members & new ones, come see what we do.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Fr. Gerard is leading a 10-Day Pilgrimage to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: **Churches and Shrines of Ireland.** There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry,

Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!!

Catholic Marriage Tribunal... If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com

Dear Friends:

It seems odd writing this letter on December 28, 2015 for the January 3, 2016 Bulletin! But that's the way our publication company works! So we do the best we can. I want to wish you many blessings for this New Year! As I write, we are bracing ourselves for a storm, which is supposed to hit tonight. Our prayers go out to the families and victims of the storms and tornadoes across the Mid-Western U.S.. God's healing and comfort to all.

It was great to see so many people out for Christmas Masses! There was a wonderful spirit in the church! Many thanks for your generosity to the parish. Also, Fr. Marc and I would like to say a big thank you for the many personal cards and gifts. They are much appreciated! God bless.

By now I am sure most of you are packing away your Christmas decorations. I usually keep the tree up until the Baptism of the Lord! One year I actually took it down just before Ash Wednesday! The Christmas season may be over this week, but our call, our challenge, is to keep the spirit of Christmas alive all year!

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever received, **the very presence of our God as one of us**. This presence is manifested to the world at the Epiphany. Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**, the manifestation of Jesus to the rest of the world! These three wise men (magi), representing all nations, followed the star and



came to God! They are really our symbolic pioneers. **Epiphany** can be seen as the feast of the pilgrim who seeks God on the journey. The call for us is to make our lives a continuous movement *toward* God, putting our lives in tune with God, bringing **Christ's light** to others. Dispelling all darkness! And may we never forget, that through the Christ Child, there is a light for our darkness! No matter what we face or what we go through, the Lord truly shines! Happy Epiphany! Have a blessed week, and a blessed New Year!

Fr. Gerard



"May we allow the miracle of Christmas to continue long after the holiday trappings have been packed away; May we welcome the adult Messiah and his challenging Gospel to recreate our lives, making the peace, justice and hope of this holy season a reality in every season of the new year."

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for many important notices and events

THANK YOU

I want to express a big **thank you** to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful. To our parishioners who came out to decorate the church, thanks for such a beautiful display! To those who donated toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones, many thanks for your kindness. To our **lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers and altar servers**, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community. To our many **children** who participated in the Children's Pageant.... Many thanks for adding so much joy to our 4 PM Mass! To big Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus, **Tania, Michael and Leo Girardo**, many, many thanks! To two talented young girls who shared their spectacular voices with solos on Christmas Eve, **Nadine Bongers and Charlotte Johnstone!** To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies! To **Carol and Sandra, and our Adult Choir and Children's Choir**, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! To **Tim, Anthony, Ashley and Robert**, thanks so much! **MANY THANKS** to our hundreds of parishioners who donated so generously to the Christmas Gift Campaign, and to those who helped sort and distribute them! You helped so many people this year! Many little faces lit up with joy on Christmas morning because of you! To Tim Atkinson for helping set up the sound system in the gym, thanks so much! And finally, to you, our **faithful parishioners**, many thanks for your generosity to me, Fr. Marc and to your parish at Christmas. May God bless you all!



Carmelite Spirituality Group ...You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm Presenter Fr. Michael Wastag, O.Carm.

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

Is God calling You? If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will have provide training sessions.

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