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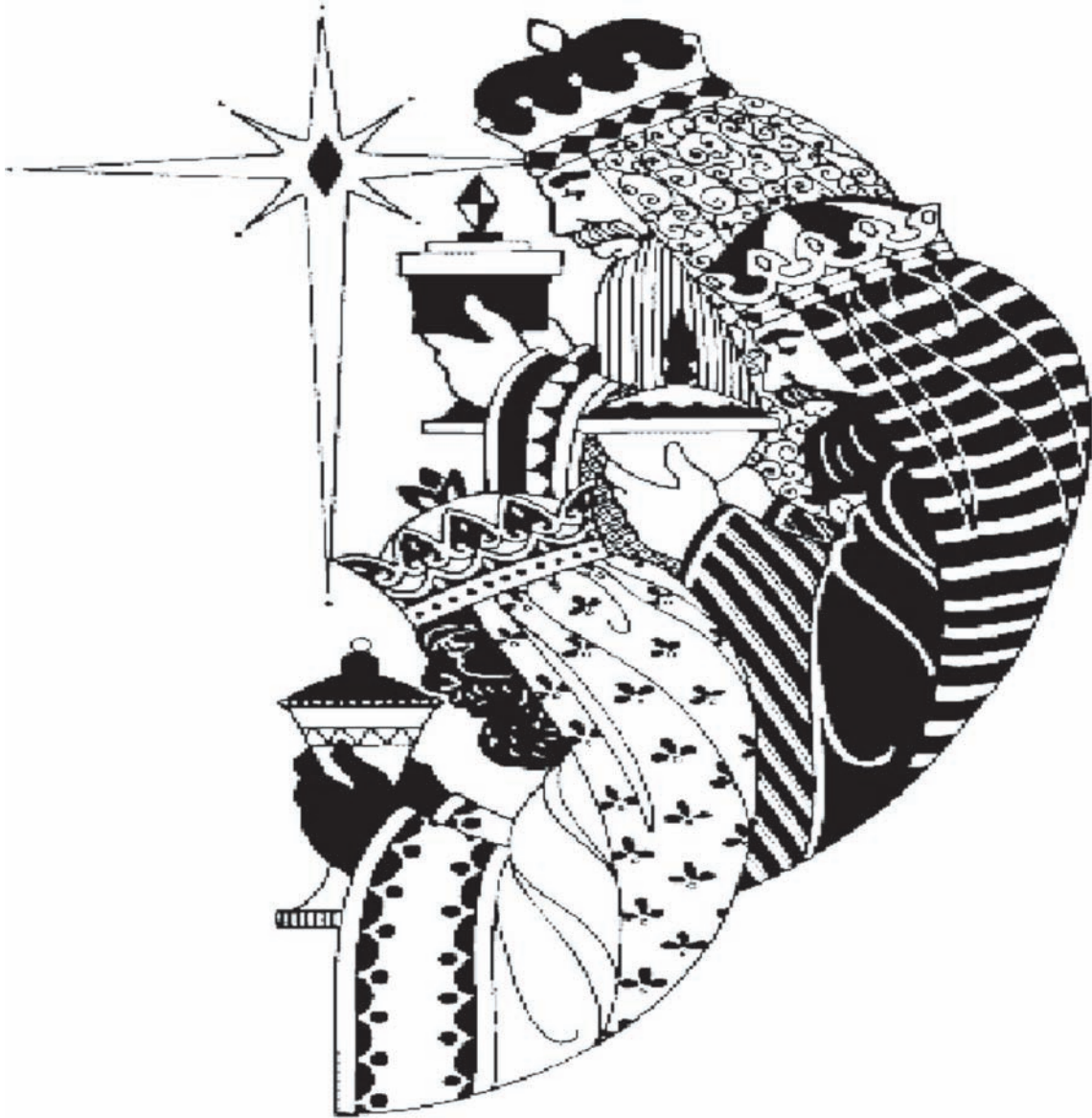


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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sunday's Gospel Reflection (Mt 2:1-12)



It is not by chance that the first to pay homage to Jesus were Gentiles, the Magi from the East. In these wise men is fulfilled a promise: “**Many will come from East and West and sit at the table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven**” (Mt 8:11). Strangers and outsiders give homage to Jesus because they recognize God’s presence in a helpless baby.

For God there are no outsiders. All are welcome – the saints and the sinners. Never is it too late to look for our star and begin following it from the place where we find ourselves today.

Fr. Jamroz

WELCOME HOME TO ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Welcome, we are really glad you’re here! Whether exploring, struggling or looking for a new Church Home - we extend a warm welcome to our parish and pray that you feel at home. Please introduce yourself and consider becoming a member of our Family of Faith. *For details on our parish life, registration, offering envelopes, pre-authorized or online giving, as well as to find out about ways of connecting, check out our website: www.stmichaelw.ca*



Tuesday, January 4, 2022

7:00 pm + Special Intentions of Arlene Kenrick
+ Erika Joseph – Doug & Gai Brown & Family
7:30 pm Holy Hour with Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

12:15 pm + Philomena & Camillus Fernandopulle
- Rohini & Terence

Thursday, January 6, 2022

12:15 pm + Anne Eppich – Marianne Hoegler

Friday, January 7, 2022

8:00 am + Special Intentions of Mary Katherine Long
- Denise Dolf

Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:00 pm + George Chrysler, Jr. – The Family
+ Special Intentions of Matthew Duarte & Family
- Parish Friends
+ Nicola & Teresina De Leo & Rosetta Zefferino
- Tony De Leo & Family

Public Masses have resumed

We may welcome the number of people we can accommodate with two metres of social distance between individuals/households. All who participate in the liturgy are to wear masks.

Sunday Homilies Online

Sunday homilies are available weekly online in audio version through our parish website – just click on the button ‘LISTEN TO HOMILY’.

Sunday Missals

Sunday and Children’s Sunday missals are now available for the new liturgical year. They are \$5 for the Sunday Missal and \$10 for the Children’s Missal and are available at the main doors of the church. In order to limit contact, please have exact change. Missals can also be purchased at the parish office Monday-Friday 9 am – 4:30 pm.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will closed on January 3.



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St. Michael Harambee Child Sponsorship Program:

Thank you to all of the sponsors and donors who, once again, supported this program. Your generosity and caring means so much. Just over \$80,000 was raised in support of the Notre Dame Children Outreach program in Nyalieng'a Kenya. The costs to support the children increased significantly because of the pandemic and many sponsors met this challenge and increased their donation - a special "Asante" to all of you who did so. It is never too late to make a contribution - call Diane at 519-616-227.

Refugee Program Update: The Syrian family, who recently arrived from Lebanon, continues to do well. All the children are in school, their house feels like a home, they have the amazing feeling of living in peace and they are so grateful for all of the support they are receiving. Our Iraqi refugee is still in Turkey anxiously awaiting her notice to travel to Canada. The Rohingya family in India is also awaiting their notice to travel. St. Michael's is submitting a new application for a young Syrian man living as a refugee in Iraq. Please keep our families in your prayers as well as the estimated 80 million refugees and displaced persons around the world who are living very precarious lives.

First Friday Mass at 8 am, January 7

Everyone is welcome to join us.

What are the "promises" connected to this devotion?

Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, *"In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive communion on the First Fridays."* Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary, *"for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."* (alteia.org, 5 Things Catholics Should Know About First Fridays.)



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YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES -

The kick off to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church.. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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