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A Sign of God's Love

Don't tell me you love me, show me! Give me a sign.

When we fall in love with someone, we look for signs that they love us too. We want to show them our love. We shower them with gifts as tokens of our love. We also want it to be reciprocal, a two-way street. That is human nature.

The ancient world placed a lot of emphasis on signs. Sometimes they trusted signs more than the written or spoken word. The scriptures contain many passages about signs. Today's Gospel is full of signs and tokens of love. It is also a love story.

In the Gospel we see King Herod and astrologers, people whose function is to interpret signs, looking for signs in the stars of the promised Messiah. Herod sends the astrologers to follow a star and when they do, they find the baby Jesus. Recognizing the fulfillment of God's promise, they are filled with love and shower Jesus with signs of that love in the form of precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Yet the greatest love story is in the baby the wise men found. This child is none other than God's only son, the promised Messiah, the light to guide all of humankind out of darkness. What greater sign of love could God give to the world? Salvation through his own son!

Patrick M. Doyle, Carleton Place, ON Excerpted from <u>Living With Christ</u>

Ostundari	- 11, 2020	
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Marina David,
0	0.00	requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Maureen Strachan,
	10.00	requested by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Mary Cataudellla,
	11.00	requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish
	0.00	community
	8:00 p.m.	+Mariendra A.
		Bastianpillai, requested
Monday	7.20 a m	by the family
	7:30 a.m.	+Edith Carta, requested
Tuesday	7.20 a m	by V. Carta
	7:30 a.m.	+Kenneth Ahong,
	7:00 p m	requested by E. Ahong Intentions of Evelyn
	7:00 p.m.	Rosario
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Monica Carvin,
	7.50 a.m.	requested by M. Carola
	7:00 p.m.	+Maria Rodrigues,
	7.00 p.m.	requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Patria
	7.50 a.m.	Hernandez
	7:00 p.m.	+Adoracion & Eliseo
	7.00 p.m.	Madulid, requested by
		the family
		+Bernice Emig,
		requested by K. Emig
		+Catherine Hosang &
		deceased members of
		the Lawrence family
		Intentions of Magdalen
		Trotman
		+Mary J. Aseervatham
		requested by the family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of
		the Mababangloob
		family, requested by the
		family
	7:00 p.m.	+Thavamary Arokiam,
		requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Peter &
-		Lina Corsano and famil

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Graeme Caulfield, Lee Cummings, Geraldine Balarajah, Maurice Archer, Mikayla Haswell, Bashir McDoom, Phyllis & Anthony Cogliano and Tom Shaw. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

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Blessings for the New Year 2020!



Fathers Aegi, Martin and Antonio along with the office staff wish each and every one of you abundant blessings in the New Year 2020!

Making Christ Known

On this feast day we celebrate the visit of the foreign Magi which represents all the nations coming to know Christ. Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. We cannot keep the gift of the Gospel to ourselves, but we must use our God-given time and talents to go out into the world and proclaim it to others.

EnCourage

Do you or does a loved one experience samesex attraction? Courage & EnCourage provide spiritual support and pastoral guidance in full accordance with authentic Catholic teaching on homosexuality and chastity. For more information and events, contact either:

• EnCourage: spiritual support for family and friends of those who experience same-sex attraction; faithful to Church teaching on chastity. Chaplain: Fr. Eric Rodrigues (contact: 416-928-5094 or

encouragetoronto@yahoo.com)

· Courage: spiritual support for adults who experience same-sex attraction and who desire to develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ. Chaplain: Fr. Kevin Belgrave (contact: 416-928-5094 or couragetoronto@yahoo.ca)

Marriage Sunday Mass

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries which will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish. For registration and information, please contact 416-934-3400 ext. 523 or

www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

Sacramental Prep News

CONFIRMATION

Jan. 5 - classes resume as scheduled

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PUBLIC SCHOOL and baptismal prep students only

Jan. 4 - class as scheduled

Students attending Catholic Schools – parents' meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11 in the church hall at 6:15 p.m. after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Jan. 3 – classes resume

<u>ECFL – Early Catholic Family Life Program</u> Celebrate the gift of family and grow in the faith.



Grandparents, parents and children are invited on Sunday, February 2 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass to visit the ECFL family-friendly showcase:

- Information table
- **Display booth**
- Meet and greet our catechists and volunteers
- Hands-on fun activities for children with the help of their grandparents or parents.

For details, call 647-299-2189 or contact the ECFL Team at askstmp2016@gmail.com

Is Jesus calling you? Would you give your life for him?



The Church is blessed with a rich diversity of vocations: all of them are born from God as He calls us to participate in his work of redemption. If you are thinking about God's call and trying to find purpose for your life, we are here to help you. Maybe

He is inviting you to be a priest, a religious brother or sister, to serve the church with love and generosity. Come and talk to us!

We will help you discern your vocation.

Contact: Fr. Willyans Prado Rapozo, SCJ (Priests of the Sacred Heart Vocation director)



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