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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.*

THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY

Jesus' circumcision, on the eighth day after His birth, is the sign of His incorporation into Abraham's descendants, into the people of the covenant. It is the sign of His submission to the Law and His deputation to Israel's worship, in which He will participate throughout His life. This sign prefigures that "circumcision of Christ" which is Baptism.

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship Him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #527-528.

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan. 7th, St. Andre Bessette, Religious. Known to millions simply as Brother Andre, Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec in 1845 and orphaned by the age of 12. In 1870, he joined the congregation of the Holy Cross and in 30 years gained a reputation throughout the city as the "Miracle Man of Montreal." During his life, Brother Andre devoted his efforts to building the Oratory, which was to become the world's greatest sanctuary dedicated to St. Joseph.

Sat., Jan. 12, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Religious. St. Marguerite was born in Troyes, France, on Good Friday, April 17, 1620. Marguerite arrived in Montreal in 1653 and is rightly considered co-foundress of Montreal. In 1658, she opened the first school in Montreal and also organized an extern Congregation, an innovation at that time. She died in Montreal on January 12, 1700. Her last generous act was to offer herself as a sacrifice of prayer for the return to health of a young Sister. On October 31, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized her and gives the Canadian Church its first woman saint.

PARISH HYMNALS The readings for Sunday Mass are found in these books. **Please note that these have been dedicated to the service and glory of God in the Sacred Liturgy. They should not be given to children as toys. Some books have been defaced; used as scribblers by little children. This is highly disrespectful to the memory of the person(s) to whom these books were dedicated.**

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:

+Rev. Fr. Thomas Gordon Elliott

2013 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. For the parishioners who put their donations in previous year's envelopes, plain envelope and/or use loose cheques week after week, please help us record your donation in our accounting system by getting a box of envelopes which will be your envelope number to use. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please call the Parish Office. Please do not use your old envelopes as they may have been reassigned. Please note that those who have envelopes 1701 and above have been reassigned. You can find out your new number by looking at the sheet on the wall. **Church support is a precept of the Church undertaken with gratitude to God for His countless blessings.**

PHILIPPINE TYPHOON RELIEF the Archdiocese is accepting funds to support the work taking place in the affected areas. The human toll has been catastrophic and continues to rise. In total, more than 5 million people have been affected by the situation. There is an urgent need to distribute food, shelter, and medicine to the affected population. Those wishing to help through a financial contribution may do so through the parish, making cheques payable to: SMI - Philippines Typhoon Relief.

CWL Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th. Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. Meeting to follow in the Church Hall. All women parishioners are invited to join & discern if this ministry is for you. **TEA & SOCIAL** on Sunday, Jan. 20th from 1:30 - 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and join us and get to know more about the CWL mission and goals of our council.

TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP invites everyone to pray the 4 mysteries of the Rosary on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

OUR LADY'S PSALTER: The Rosary of the Mystery of Christ, A More Ancient Way of Praying the Rosary by Fr. Marco Testa is available at the Parish Office. This is reminiscent of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, contains the oldest rosary clausulae in Latin and their English counterparts. This ancient form of the Rosary is eminently suited to the observance of the Year of Faith.

GUIDED TOURS OF ST. MICHAEL CATHEDRAL When was the last time you were at the Cathedral? Have you ever taken a guided tour with one of our volunteers to learn more about the Cathedral's history and architecture? Join us on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 pm, after the noon Mass, for 30 minutes (maximum 20 people per tour.) School groups and other parish-related groups are invited to call and book a time for a tour during the week. All grades are welcome and the tour will be suited to your age and interests. For more information or to book a tour, contact Larkin Timney at 416-364-0234 x 221 or cathedral@st-mc.com

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE Worldwide Marriage Encounter has launched a search for the "LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE" provincially and across Canada! Nominations can be sent to or LMC ON, 725 College St. P.O. Box 31005, College Square, Toronto ON M6G 4A7 with names of husband and wife, wedding date, current residence, and contact address of person nominating them. For Toronto, further information regarding the search can be obtained at 416-964-8694 (English), 905-503-0177 (Spanish), 416-226-2848 (Korean). Submissions are due by Jan.10, with winner celebration to coincide with Marriage Sunday on February 10, 2013.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD Students aged 14 - 18 are invited to write a 500-word essay on the theme "*What does God require of us?*" (cf. *Micah 6:6-8*) for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25. 1st prize is an iPad mini (16 GB), 2nd prize is a Kobo Arc and 3rd to 6th prizes are a 1-year subscription to The Catholic Register + other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. Deadline: **Jan. 18**. E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404.

FOR GREATER GLORY: THE TRUE STORY OF THE MEXICAN CRISTEROS WAR 1926-1929 Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. (English) Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. (Spanish) at St. Philip Neri Church, Toronto. Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #3945. On May 21, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized 25 martyrs of this war. Most were priests and many were Knights of Columbus members. Admission: \$5.00. All proceeds benefit seminarian vocations. For tickets to this event, please call Francisco Naar PGK, FDD - 416-241-3101, ext. 224.

NEW BEGINNINGS: For those who have lost a loved one through Death, Separation or Divorce. Come and join us for an informative evening: Our Facilitators will be Henny DeLange MSW., RSW. and Greg Badcock MSW., RSW., **The Topic: Demystifying Anger** on January 8th, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre: 1155 Yonge St. 4th Floor, Toronto, ON. Info: Deacon James Shaughnessy at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com

ROSE OF SHARON is hosting its 2nd Biennial Gala - An Evening of Hearts and Roses on February 9th, 2013. The evening will be held at the Manor Event Venue, Carrying Place in Kettleby consisting of dinner, entertainment, dancing, silent auction and more. For full event details including ticket pricing & sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.therose.ca or call our office at 905-853-5514.

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS are urgently needed. You will be asked to pick up clients from their homes and drive them to and from cancer-related treatments. You will be reimbursed for your kilometers. Orientation & staff support provided. Please call Ashley Ferguson at 905-709-4978 x 3815.

6 gennaio 2013 - Epifania del Signore

La Provvidenza misericordiosa, avendo deciso di soccorrere negli ultimi tempi il mondo che andava in rovina, stabilì che la salvezza di tutti i popoli si compisse nel Cristo. ... Tutti i popoli, rappresentati dai tre magi, adorino il Creatore dell'universo, e Dio sia conosciuto non nella Giudea soltanto, ma in tutta la terra, perché ovunque in Israele sia grande il suo nome (cfr. Sal 75, 2). Figli carissimi, ammaestrati da questi misteri della grazia divina, celebriamo nella gioia dello spirito il giorno della nostra nascita e l'inizio della chiamata alla fede di tutte le genti. Ringraziamo Dio misericordioso che, come afferma l'Apostolo, ci ha messo in grado di partecipare alla sorte dei santi nella luce. E' lui che ci ha liberati dal potere delle tenebre e ci ha trasferiti nel regno del suo Figlio diletto (Col 1, 12-13). ... Tutto questo, lo sappiamo, si è realizzato quando i tre magi, chiamati dai loro lontani paesi, furono condotti da una stella a conoscere e adorare il Re del cielo e della terra. Questa stella ci esorta particolarmente a imitare il servizio che essa prestò, nel senso che dobbiamo seguire, con tutte le nostre forze, la grazia che invita tutti al Cristo. In questo impegno, miei cari, dovete tutti aiutarvi l'un l'altro. Risplendete così come figli della luce nel regno di Dio, dove conducono la retta fede e le buone opere. Per il nostro Signore Gesù Cristo che con Dio Padre e con lo Spirito Santo vive e regna per tutti i secoli dei secoli. Amen. (S. Leone Magno).

Signore, Padre mio, davvero io ho visto la tua stella, ho aperto i miei occhi alla tua presenza d'amore e di salvezza e ho ricevuto la luce della vita. Ho contemplato la notte trasformata in chiarore, il dolore in danza, la solitudine in comunione: tutto questo, sì, è avvenuto davanti a Te, nella tua Parola. Tu mi hai condotto per il deserto, mi hai fatto arrivare alla tua casa e hai aperto la porta, perché io entrassi. Lì ho visto Te, il Figlio tuo Gesù, Salvatore della mia vita; lì ho pregato e adorato, ho pianto e ho ritrovato il sorriso, ho fatto silenzio e ho imparato a parlare. A casa tua, o Padre misericordioso, ho ritrovato la vita! E adesso sto ritornando, ho ripreso il mio cammino, ma la via non è più quella di prima; la tua Parola mi ha lasciato un cuore nuovo, capace di aprirsi, per amare, per ascoltare, per accogliere dentro di sé e farsi casa a tanti fratelli e sorelle che tu mi metterai accanto. Non me ne accorgevo, Signore, ma tu mi hai fatto ritornare bambino, mi hai fatto nascere insieme a Gesù. Grazie, Padre, Padre mio!

AVVISO

1. Vi si invita a prendere le buste per le offerte del nuovo anno.

MASS INTENTIONS**Jan. 6 - 12**

SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Filomena Lippa +Aurelia Serpa +Gino D'Antonio & famiglia defunti +Mario & Antonia Flagiello +Ferdinando & Ersilia Paniccia +Carmela Grecco In Thanksgiving (Clemente & Domenica) +Davis Ahlowalia +Giuseppe Naccarato
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+Davis Ahlowalia
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+Lorraine Watson
WED.	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+Owen & Mary McKenna In honour of St. Joseph +Bunda Kim & Deceased Family Members +Yung Hing Kee +Venera Castronovo
THURS	8:00 a.m.	+Ana Grah
FRI.	8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	+Clare Robson In reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus +Members of the Naughton Family +Jacintha Fernandopulle +Fr. Gordon Elliott +Lionel Ignatius Silva
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Rev. Fr. Gordon Elliott +Jolanta Szczech +Mervyn & Merlyn Sevia +Mary Marceline Special Intention of the Rosary Prayer Group

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Mateo Burbano, Rory Burke, Winifred Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, David Canivet, Enrico Carusi, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, John Bosco Choi, Joe Cinno, Manuela Clement, Moira Davidson, Caterina De Grano, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Alberto Giancola, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmela Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Anna Jedlicsek, Terry Jennings, Margaret Kelly, Derek Lai, Olivera Lambeta, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Margaret McConnell, Paul Melotte, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Giuseppe Racco, Rosa Rostirolla, Todd Santaguida, Wolfgang Saul, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Joan Scott, Vincenzo Sorbara, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Ted Zygmunt, Helen & Catherine.

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