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*We Have Seen His Star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 4 Special Intention	8:00 am
Tuesday, January 5 Special Intention - In Thanksgiving <i>Requested by May Tam</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday, January 6 Lucy & Frank Curran (Deceased) <i>Requested by Leo Cunningham</i>	8:00 am
Thursday, January 7 Mayotte & William Acco (Deceased) <i>Requested by the Acco family</i>	8:00 am
Friday, January 8 Marion & Russell (Special Intention) <i>Requested by Dorothy Hillmann</i>	8:00 am
Saturday, January 9 Paul Chew (Deceased) <i>Requested by the family</i>	9:00 am



Baptism

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

**Armando Miguel Rustia
Markus James Liu, Deneb David Chue**



Catholic Women's League

**Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday, January 30, 2010**

"Buccaneers Ball" – buy your ticket (\$45) by December 31st and be eligible for the 'Early Bird Draw'.



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting: Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:30 pm

General Meeting: Mon, January 18, 2010 at 7:30 pm

Membership Drive: Sunday, January 24, 2010
A large number of volunteers are needed to make this a success. Please call or email Ron Forbes, Grand Knight, at ronforbes@robbers.com.

Every year the Knights of Columbus sell raffle tickets for the Arthritis Society's Annual Car Raffle. This will be done at the church, after all the masses on January 17th.

Blessed Trinity Parish - Photo Directory 2010

Our Parish Council has initiated a special Photo Directory for all of our parish members to participate in; therefore, we are inviting you to have your photos taken in preparation for our unique Photo Directory to be published in time for Christmas 2010!

A Coffee social will be held after each of the masses on Sunday, January 3, 2010 where Committee Volunteers will be on hand to explain the details of the project and for you to sign up to have your picture taken. Come and participate in this exciting project

Families or individuals will receive a free Photo Directory by having their pictures taken.

For further information please contact; Joyce Egberts at 416-223-2471 joyce@egberts.com



Society of
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Computers & Software

Did you or any of your family receive a new computer for Christmas? Would you consider donating your old one? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a few good computers for needy families. We are asking for good PC's that have a pentium 4 processor. We are also asking for any licensed operating systems like XP with the original product key codes so that we can do clean installations. If you can assist please leave us a message on our hotline (416) 226-0515.

YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

The next meeting of the Blessed Trinity Young Adult Catholics will be held on **Sunday, January 10, 2010** from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph's Room. All young adults between 18 to 40 years old are invited.

Chinese RCIA with ESL at Blessed Trinity

Please let your Chinese friends know that starting in January 2010, Blessed Trinity Parish will be offering an RCIA program with catechetical instruction in Mandarin and Cantonese, plus English as a Second Language group discussion and Bible Study. Classes will meet Sunday afternoons. This program is suitable for Cantonese and Mandarin speakers who wish to learn about our Catholic faith, and Catholics who wish to deepen their understanding of their faith and improve their English at the same time. For information, please contact Marie Kwok at 416-494-2987, btchinesercia@gmail.com, or call the parish office at 416-226-0262.

Marriage Preparation Classes

begin on Monday, January 4, 2010 and continue for the next seven Mondays until February 22, 2010, 7-9 pm, plus one Saturday on February 6th, 9:30 – 1:00 pm. The class meets in the parish hall. Please register by calling the office at 416-226-0262.

Holy Father's January Prayer Intentions

General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communications for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.

Let us pray for all those who have been affected by abortion – mothers, fathers, grandparents, family, and friends – that they may find peace and forgiveness and a commitment to defend life at all stages.

Vocations “On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name?

If God is calling you, contact:
Fr. Hansoo Park at 416-968-0997
Email vocations@vocations.ca
Website www.vocationstoronto.ca

God's Reason

“I don't know how to say it, but somehow it seems to me that maybe we are stationed where God wants us to be; that little place we're filling is the reason for our birth, and just to do the work we do, He sent us down to earth. If God had wanted otherwise, I reckon He'd have made each one of us a little different, of a worse or better grade; and since God knows and understands all things of land and sea, I fancy that He placed us here, just where He wanted us to be. Sometimes we get to thinking, as our labors we review, that we should like a higher place with greater things to do; but we come to the conclusion, when the envying is stilled, that the post to which God sent us is the post He wanted filled. And there isn't any service we can scorn, for it may be just the reason God allowed us to be born.”

Author unknown.



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

..... “On today's Solemnity of the "Epiphany", a word for "manifestation", we are struck by the theme of the light. The Messiah who showed himself in Bethlehem to the lowly shepherds of the region continues to reveal himself as the light of every people of every time and place. To the Magi, coming from the East to adore him, the light of the one "who has been born king of the Jews" (Mt 2,2) appears in the form of a heavenly body, so bright as to attract their attention and guide them to Jerusalem. Thus he sets them on the trail of the ancient messianic prophecies: "a star shall come forth from Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise from Israel..." (Nm 24,17).

How striking is the *symbol of the star* that recurs in all the images of Christmas and Epiphany! It still gives rise to deep feelings although, as with so many other sacred signs, it risks becoming common place because of its commercial overuse. Restored to its original context, the star we contemplate over the crib *also speaks to the mind and heart of the man of the third millennium*. It speaks to *secularized* man, awakening in him the nostalgia of his condition as pilgrim in search of the truth with a *deep desire for the absolute*. The etymology of the word "desire" reminds us of the experience of sailors who find their way at night by observing the stars called in Latin the "*sidera*".

Who does not feel the need for a "star" to guide him on his earthly journey? Individuals and nations both feel the need. To satisfy the universal yearning for salvation, the Lord himself chose a people to be the guiding star for "all the families of the earth" (Gn 12,3). With the Incarnation of his Son, God then expanded his choice to every people, no matter what their race or culture. Thus the Church came into being, formed of men and women who, "united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, press onwards towards the kingdom of the Father and are bearers of a message of salvation intended for all men"

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