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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 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 7 ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE, Religious Special Intention	8:00 am
Tuesday, January 8 Lawrence Wong (Deceased) <i>Requested by the Chao family</i>	8:00 am
Wednesday, January 9 Paul Chew (Deceased) <i>Requested by the family</i>	8:00 am
Thursday, January 10 Anna De Paiva (Special Intentions)	8:00 am
Friday, January 11 In Thanksgiving Raymond & Anna De Pape	8:00 am
Saturday, January 12 ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, Virgin Hope and Peter McDermott (Deceased) <i>Requested by the McDermott family</i>	9:00 am

Attention all Confirmation Candidates

Msgr. Sheehy, Fr. Eric Mah and Maria Agovino will be conducting **five Saturday mornings** for the Confirmation candidates from **all** schools on the following dates:

Place: Blessed Trinity Parish Hall
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Dates: January 19th, January 26th, February 23rd,
March 2nd, March 9th, 2013

These mornings are an extremely important part of preparation for the Sacrament.



Catholic Women's League

Annual Dinner Dance **Saturday, January 26, 2013**

Tickets are now available. Mark it on your calendar.
Please contact Velma Letterio at 416-226-0590.



Knights of Columbus

Executive Meeting:
Monday, January 14, 7:30 pm, Trinity Room

General Meeting:
Monday, January 21, 7:30 pm, Trinity Room.

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in performing for an audience? Are you between the ages of 8-16?

If so, you are invited to audition for the **First Annual Blessed Trinity Parish Talent Night**. The Talent Night will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 7:00 pm**.

Auditions will be held the afternoon of Sunday, February 10, 2013. Sign up and further information will be available after all liturgies in the parish office. This will be an exciting evening to showcase our parish's talented youth!

St. Agnes Catholic School Registration

Registration for St. Agnes Catholic School begins **January 8, 2013 for JK or SK students**.

Please have Baptismal Certificate, Birth Certificate, Immunization records, and proof of residence information. Please call 416-393-5345 for further information and an appointment.

New Beginnings

(lost a loved one through death, separation or divorce)

Come and join in on an informative evening. Facilitators will be Henny DeLange MSW., RSW. and Greg Badcock MSW., RSW. The Topic: **Demystifying Anger - January 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 pm** - Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Centre, 1155 Yonge St, 4th Floor, Toronto, (north-east corner of Yonge and Shaftsbury, beside the Summer Hill subway station) - free underground parking off Shaftsbury. Pre registration is not required. Enquiries Deacon James Shaughnessy at 416-921-1163 ext 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com.

Win Great Prizes! – It is time once again for the **Friars' Student Writing Award**. Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2013. The Theme for this coming year is **"What does God require of us?"** (cf. Micah 6:6-8) First prize is an iPad mini (16 GB); second prize is a Kobo Arc; and third to sixth prizes are one year subscriptions to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. **Deadline for entries – January 18, 2013.** E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or FAX 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404. Don't miss this opportunity!



'Year of Faith'

The Holy Father is encouraging all Catholics to read the Catechism this 'Year of Faith'. To sign up to read the Catechism in a year through e-mails, visit –

flocknote.com/catechism

North York Retirees Club (serving North York for over 20 years) – The winter series of bi-weekly meetings begins on **Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 2:00 pm** in the Blessed Trinity parish hall. Refreshments will follow at 3:00 pm. Presentations by our upcoming speakers will cover a wide range of interesting topics, continuing through to the end of April. A luncheon is scheduled for May 7, 2013, with the next full season starting up in September 2013. Half-season memberships are available for \$20 per person. All seniors are welcome – why not make it a great day and join them! For more information, call Gerry Fouchalk at 905-709-0937 or Fred West at 416-221-1876.

"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.

February 1st – 3rd, 2013
St. Augustine's Seminary

This is an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

Prayer for the feast of the Epiphany

O my loving King, create in me the heart of an apostle. If only I could lay at Your feet today the praise and adoration of everyone on earth!

O my Jesus, while I beg You to reveal Yourself to the world, I also beseech You to reveal Yourself more and more to my poor soul. Let Your star shine for me today, and point out to me the road which leads directly to You! May this day be a real Epiphany for me, a new manifestation to my mind and heart of Your great Majesty. He who knows You more, loves You more, O Lord; and I want to know You solely in order to love You, to give myself to You with ever greater generosity.

'Divine Intimacy'
by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, OCD



SOLEMNITY EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

There are three different reactions to announcement of Jesus' birth that clearly emerge in this account:

First of all, Herod. He, just having heard the news, "was greatly troubled." He convokes a meeting of the chief priests and scribes, not to know the truth but to plot deception. Herod represents the person who has already made his choice. Between God's will and his will, he has clearly chosen his own will. He sees nothing but his own interests [...]. He probably even thinks that he is doing his duty, defending his royalty, his caste, the good of the nation. Even ordering the killing of the innocents must have seemed to him, as with many dictators in history, a measure demanded by the public good, morally justified. From this point of view the world is full of many "Herods" even today.

The priests and scribes: Asked by Herod and the Magi where the Messiah is to be born, they do not hesitate to give the right answer. They know where the Messiah is born; they are even able to tell others; but they are not moved. They do not run to Bethlehem, as would be expected of people who await the coming of the Messiah, but remain comfortably in Jerusalem.

We see an attitude symbolized in them that is also found among us. We know well what is necessary to follow Jesus and, if the need arises, we know how to explain it to others, but we lack the courage and radicality to seriously put it into practice.

We finally come to the protagonists of this feast, the Magi. They teach not with words but with deeds, not by what they say but by what they do. They have not tarried, they have set on the way; they have left the security of the environment familiar to them, where they are known and revered. They have acted decisively, they have not hesitated. If they had begun calculating, one by one, the dangers, the unknowns of the journey, they would have lost the original determination and would have been lost in vain and sterile considerations.

One last precious indication comes to us from the Magi. "Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." Changing one's life changes the way one takes. The encounter with Christ must bring about a turn, a change of habits.

The Decisiveness of the Magi
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