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*We saw his star
in the East
and have come
to worship Him*





Epiphany of the Lord ~ 3 January 2016

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1970-CCD.

First Reading + Isaiah 60:1-6
Second Reading + Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel + Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 4

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 5

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+**HOLY HOUR**

7:00am+Rosemary O'LEARY, RIP – C/D Hanson

Wednesday, January 6

8:00am+Neil SHEVTEN, RIP – J/R Farrugia

Thursday, January 7

8:00am+Grace BODOGH, RIP – J/P/L Ceresino

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, January 8

12:10pm+Dorothy ARDITO, RIP – B/D Lynch

Saturday, January 9

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Marion PLETS, RIP – K/J Quinlan

5:00pm+Herb/Ameila BINCE, RIP – E Durkan

Sunday, January 10

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Fr. Christopher Bennett – 90th Birthday

Saints & Feast Days

January 3 + The Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 7 + Saint Andre Bessette

January 8 + Saint Raymond of Penyafort

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Nobody has a monopoly on truth?

As Catholics we are in the non-politically-correct position of saying that we *do indeed* have a monopoly on truth. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Nothing can be truer than the Catholic faith. Jesus is truly the eternally begotten Son of God. He assumed a human nature, was born of the Virgin Mary, died on the cross and was laid in a tomb. On the third day he rose again. After ascending into heaven he sent the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith that we proclaim every Sunday. The Nicene Creed is not a statement of *opinions* but a definite statement of *facts*. In professing the Creed we assert these things to be *true*. The Creed does not allow for compromise or “nuance.” It declares what *is*.

We are in an age of relativism where such bold declarations of religious faith are not acceptable. Because if Jesus is *who he says he is* then the Jewish people have failed to recognize their Messiah, Muhammad is not a prophet, Krishna is not a god, and none of us have Buddha nature. If we Catholics are right then every one else is wrong.

Such is the nature of truth: it excludes the contrary. To be a Muslim is to accept the Qur’an exclusively as the word of Allah and to reject all other religions. To be a Christian is to accept Jesus as the Word of God. As St. Paul said: “God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time.” With Pope Leo XIII we believe: “The greatest of all misfortunes is never to have known Jesus Christ.”

As Christians, we respect the rights of conscience and freedom of religion. We may believe that people are wrong in what they believe, but they have a God-given right to be wrong. As we say with respect to freedom of speech: “I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.”

The problem today is not inter-religious intolerance, but intolerance of religion. We see this most clearly in the Wynne government’s imposition of an immoral sex-ed curriculum in our public schools. This is presented as a moral imperative. Under the banner of “tolerance,” personal and religious beliefs that are contrary to the progressive sexual and gender ideology will not be tolerated. This is an “enlightened” totalitarianism in which *error has no rights*.

Hannah Arendt, a Jewish philosopher who fled Nazi Germany, wrote: “If one is attacked as a Jew, one must defend oneself as a Jew. Not as a German, not as a world-citizen, not as an upholder of the Rights of Man, or whatever. But specifically as a Jew.” When attacked as Christians, as Catholics, we need to stand up for ourselves *as Catholics*. As Cardinal Newman wrote: “This may not be the age of Saints, but all times are the age of martyrs.”

Weekly Collection: Thank you for your continued Support!
 Sunday Offering: \$ 5,078.00.

Saint of the Week

It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the most exquisitely beautiful pictures.

- St. Andre Bessette (1845-1936), Brother, Feast Day January 6



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705-435-6325 ext 24 or email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com
Text: 647-237-1348
Registration begins January 11, 2016

2016 Offertory Envelopes

Offertory Envelopes are now available at the Entrances of both Churches. **Please look for your name before taking a new box.** The boxes will be in **Alphabetical order.** Thank you.

After 20 years we have cleaned up our data base so as names and numbers are in order. **We have deleted all your old envelope numbers and assigned new ones. Envelopes that have not been used or rarely used were also deleted from the data base. If you wish to contribute to your parish, please pick up a new box and fill in the registration form and drop it in the collection basket. We thank you all for your generous support.

*For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (including your *911* number and Conc/Side Road numbers) on the front of the envelope.



Fr. Bennett turns 90!!

Please stay after the 10:30am Mass next Sunday, January 10th and help us to celebrate Fr. Bennett's 90th Birthday. There will be coffee, muffins and birthday cake. We hope you drop by and give him your best wishes.

ProjectHope – Archdiocese of Toronto

We are entering the final week of Project Hope. Thank you for all your generous support!

For updates and more information please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/projecthope>



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

EDGE Night

Friday, January 8 ~ 7:00pm – 8:30p.m.

Anything but Ordinary

Teaching the youth that Ordinary Time is a time of spiritual growth focused on Christ's earthly life and establishing the natural rhythm of life for us, the Church.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Saturday, January 23, 2015

Snow Tubing - Barrie

Email: allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

Or Text Dave 647-237-1348

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015 and concludes on November 20, 2016. Eight holy doors in the Archdiocese of Toronto open on Sunday, December 13. Visit <http://bit.ly/mercyholyydoors> for a list of Holy Doors and information on obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence.

In this Year of Mercy (announced by Pope Francis) why not consider a daily reading of the The Divine Mercy delivered free by email to your phone or computer. Follow this link. <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/divinemeracy>

Calendar of Parish Events

- Jan 4 – LT core monthly meeting at 7pm
- Jan 5 – Faith Formation – Walk with Mary 7:30pm
- Jan 6 – Confirmation Class Grade 8 at 7pm
- Jan 7 – LSS Prayer Group – Church 7:30pm
- Jan 7 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 8 – Edge Night at 7pm
- Jan 11 – Defend Life Mtg. at 7:30pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 -25th 2016

During this week Christians of all denominations pray for the healing of the divisions among us. We recognize that the many sincere followers of Christ are not members of the Catholic Church. We pray that they may one day be united with us. Meanwhile we thank God for the many graces He bestows upon all people who worship him in faith.





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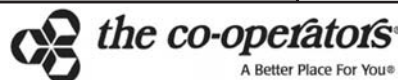
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