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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Epiphany of the Lord ~ 5 January 2014

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

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 6

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 7

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

7:00pm+Kathleen MOORECROFT, RIP – Morrow Family

Wednesday, January 8

8:00am+Barbara METCALFE, RIP – M/G Leest

Thursday, January 9

8:00am+Audrey POWER, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

Friday, January 10

12:10pm+Fr. Christopher BENNETT, Birthday Wishes

Saturday, January 11

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Paolo BARBIERI, RIP – J/C Orr

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 12

9:00am+Audrey SEPHTON, RIP – J/R Wallace

10:30am+Raffaele ORSI, RIP – J/L Tierney

Our Saints and Feast Days

January 6 + Saint Andre Bessette

January 7 + Saint Raymond of Penyafort

January 12 + Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Pope Francis: Person of the Year.

For pulling the papacy out of the palace and into the streets, for committing the world's largest church to confronting its deepest needs and for balancing judgment with mercy, Pope Francis is Time's 2013 Person of the Year. — Nancy Gibbs (Time Magazine)

This reminds me of when the *New York Times* did a piece on a Catholic monastery that supports itself by selling dog biscuits. One of the monks commented:

"Some of you have asked why I don't seem to think that yesterday's story was negative. I spent a long time working in a job where my main task was to understand the mind of the average *Times* and *New Yorker* reader... In the progressive intellectual frame, there are only three kinds of Catholics: unaccountable powerful men (who are quite probably libidinous and nefarious); ignorant and oppressed masses (preferably with colorful customs and heart-warming aspirations for self-betterment); and unexpectedly intelligent and altruistic people who are credits to the race (or to the religion, as it might be). The best we could hope for was a credit-to-our-race story, which is largely what we got... The *Times* article sold a lot of dog biscuits, which I'm off to bake now. That makes it a good article."

These latest accolades for Pope Francis are of the "credit to the race" variety. The *Time* piece praises him for his simple lifestyle and his sincere compassion: "He has retired the papal Mercedes in favor of a scuffed-up Ford Focus. ... When he kisses the face of a disfigured man or washes the feet of a Muslim woman, the image resonates far beyond the boundaries of the Catholic Church."

Pope John Paul II called our modern western culture "the culture of death." Pope Benedict XVI warned us of the "dictatorship of relativism, that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one's own ego and desires." In comparison to John Paul and Benedict, the media approves of the new Pope's softer edges: "Francis both affirms traditional teaching on sexuality and warns that the church has become distracted by them." Not surprisingly, what has most strongly resonated with our modern culture was the Pope's remark: "Who am I to judge?"

H. Richard Niebuhr summarized the liberal gospel: "A God without wrath brought men without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a Cross."

Pope Francis will be loved as long as he preaches compassion, tolerance and inclusiveness. When he preaches the rest of the gospel, it will be a different story. The essence of the gospel is not to be mutually tolerant of each other's sins, but rather to assist one another to grow in holiness. As Chesterton said: "I don't need a Church to tell me I am wrong when I know I am wrong — I need a Church to tell me I am wrong when I think I am right."



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Saturday, January 10-11th

ROAD TRIP to Barrie!

Edge Over Night Retreat

Contact: Dave McKendrick, Youth Director
705-435-6325 ext 24 allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18 -25th 2014*



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.

Altar Servers Award Breakfast

January 19, 2014

Following 10:30am Mass

There will be a commissioning of Altar Servers at the 10:30am Mass and The Knights will be acknowledging the Altar Servers at the breakfast with merit certificates for their dedicated service. Donations will be gratefully accepted.



UPDATING OUR PARISH LIST...

Before we issue the 2013 tax receipts, we need to update our parish list. We are working in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Toronto to eliminate duplicate mailings and returned mail. If you have moved, changed phone #, or are new to the parish and have not informed us, please do so by calling the parish office or drop a note in the collection basket.

Family Name: _____

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Mattamy Athletic Centre at the Gardens
Registration Opens
January 13, 2014



Contact: Dave McKendrick, Youth Director
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Calendar of Parish Events

- Jan 6 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7pm
- Jan 8 – 1st Communion Gathering for Holy Family School @ 6pm
- Jan 8 – 1st of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 9 – K Of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 10 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Jan 10/11 – Edge Retreat – Road Trip
- Jan 15 - 1st Communion Gathering for St. Paul's School @ 6pm

2014 Offertory Envelopes

The 2014 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are still available at the Entrances of both Churches. The boxes are in 'Numerical order.' You will need to know your number to locate your box.

For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (include your 911 and Conc/Side Road numbers) on the front of the envelope as the post-office will put it in the dead letter box.

[Please note: Any donations after December 31st, 2013 will be added to the new tax year of 2014]. If you wish to have an envelope box, please take the boxes that have 2014 written on the top. Fill-in the registration form and drop it into the collection basket. Thank you for your generous support over the year!

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