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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



4 January 2015 ~ Epiphany of the Lord

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

Excerpta 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 5

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, January 6

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

***6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Andrej SVETINA, RIP – B/E Durkan

Wednesday, January 7

8:00am+Kathy PENDERGAST, RIP – M Lynch

Thursday, January 8

8:00am+Bernard HEALY, RIP – J/C Orr

10:45am+Holy Family School Mass

Friday, January 9

12:10pm+Byard DONNELLY, RIP – M/J Scanlon

Saturday, January 10

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Murial HUNT, RIP – J/R Farrugia

5:00pm+Amelia&Herb BINCE, RIP – B/E Durkan

Sunday, January 11

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Andrej SVETINA, RIP – D Ssvetina

Saint of the Week

Enlighten me, strengthen me with Thy powerful grace, that I may snatch from Satan his unfortunate prey, and lead them back to Thee!

- Saint John Nepomucene Neumann (1811-1860), Feast Day January 5

Feast Days & Saints

January 7 + Saint Andre Bessette

January 8 + Saint Raymond of Penyafort

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Behold, I make all things new.

Starting the new year on January 1st is arbitrary. At one time the civil new year began in March — hence *December* was the tenth month, “*decem*” being Latin for “ten.”

For Christians, January 1st is the Octave (the eighth day) of Christmas. Traditionally, our most important celebrations are extended for an entire week. This day also used to be celebrated as the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord — circumcision being the rite of Jewish initiation performed on the eighth day after birth. Thirdly, this day was also celebrated as the feast of the Maternity of Mary. In Rome, the Pope would celebrate Mass on this day in the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the oldest Roman church dedicated to Our Lady. Following the reformed calendar of Vatican II, we now celebrate the first day of the year as the “Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.”

Some grinchers in the early Church disapproved of calling Mary the “mother of God,” as if this meant that she existed before God. “No,” they said, “let us all her the mother of *Christ*.” St. Athanasius put them in their place: “Is Christ not God?” In the ancient hymn *Alma Redemptoris Mater* we sing: *tu quae genuisti tuum sanctum genitorem* — “you who gave birth to your Creator!” And in the Divine Office we sing: “O pure and holy Virgin, how can I find words to praise your beauty? The highest heavens cannot contain God whom you carried in your womb.” On the Octave of Christmas, the first day of the new year, we praise Mary who gave birth to the one who said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

We count years starting with the birth of Jesus — A.D. for *Anno Domini*, “the year of the Lord.” As the birth of Jesus was a new beginning in the course of human history, the civil new year can suitably begin with his birth as well. This transition to a new year provides an appropriate moment to reflect on the year that is now passed and to look forward to the year ahead.

This past year has been a time of serious trial for many people in this parish — coping with serious illness, grieving the loss of loved ones, dealing with financial crisis. For many this world has indeed been a “valley of tears.” But where troubles abounded, grace also abounded: “The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

In looking at the year ahead, the words of Pope Leo XIII come to mind: “The outlook on the future is by no means free from anxiety; on the contrary, there are many serious reasons for alarm, on account of the numerous and long-standing causes of evil.” All the more reason, then, to put our trust in God and in his never-failing mercy. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, the motherhood of Mary and today’s Feast of the Epiphany, may God deliver us from every affliction, abundantly bless us and give us courage to face the challenges of the year ahead.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

FUN TIMES!

Calling All Edge Youth
January 10-11, 2015
Over Night Retreat in Barrie

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**"With the Eyes of Christ"**

We will look at how Christ views us and see that we are created in His image and yet all unique.

*Saturday, January 17 @ 6:15 p.m.*  
*Life Teen Mass 5:00 p.m.*

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Snow Tubing Night

January 24, 2015
Snow Valley Road Trip

Contact Dave McKendrick
Text 647.237.1348 or email at
allistonlifeteen@gmail.com

****Sign-up for out door events/travel is mandatory**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE:

Young couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church must attend a mandatory prep course. Our Lady of Grace Church, Angus has an up coming course on the weekend of March 27-29, 2015. To sign up please contact the OLG office at 705.424.1551

**Gathered, Nourished and Commissioned
Celebrating and Living Sunday!**



The 11th Simcoe Liturgy Conference

Fri. April 24 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
and Sat. April 25, 2015 from 9 – 2:30 p.m. at
Holy Spirit Parish, 650 Essa Road, Barrie.

Presenter: Rev. William (Bill) Burke

Pre-registration necessary

To Register call Catherine Ecker @ 705.726.2153 or

Email: cecker@archtoronto.org

(please do not contact Holy Spirit Parish)

Mark your Calendars!



The Knights of Columbus and the Columbian Squires are hosting their annual **Parish Breakfast** on **January 18 at 10:00am** for all parishioners in both N. Adjala and Alliston to attend. The menu will consist of, sausages, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bread and beverage. Donations will be gratefully accepted. 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 -25th 2015

Ecumenical Prayer Service

Come and join us in prayer with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Anglican Archbishop Colin Johnson, Evangelical Lutheran Bishop Michael Pryse, Slovak Catholic Bishop John Pzak, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Harris Athanasiadis, and other city-wide religious leaders on:

Sunday, January 25, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, 1585 Yonge St.

(2 block North of Younge St & St. Clair Ave at Heath St)

Refreshments to follow in parish hall.

For further information, please contact the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or Email: vkwok@archtoronto.org

Calendar of Parish Events

Jan 8 – CWL Exe. Mtg. at 7:00pm

Jan 8 – K of C Exe. Mtg. at 7:30pm

Jan 9 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

Jan 11 – LSS#2 – Grand Reunion 3 – 5:30pm

Jan 14 – First Communion Gathering 6pm for Parents and children from Holy Family School or other schools

Jan 14 – 1st of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm

Jan 15 – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00pm

Jan 15 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30pm

Jan 16 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm

Jan 18 – Parish Breakfast/Altar Server Recognitions

SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ~ FOR 2015 ORDINANDI

A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET is an offering of Masses, Communion, Rosaries, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adorations, Sacrifices, Novenas and other forms of prayers offered by a person for an intention, this being, for the seminarians studying at St. Augustine's Seminary who will be ordained priests and who will make their vows in 2015.

These are personal prayer and devotion (are not paid for) but offered by individuals for the intentions requested. The Ordinandi have always expressed that receiving this Spiritual Bouquet plaque of prayers is one of the best gifts they could ever receive.

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