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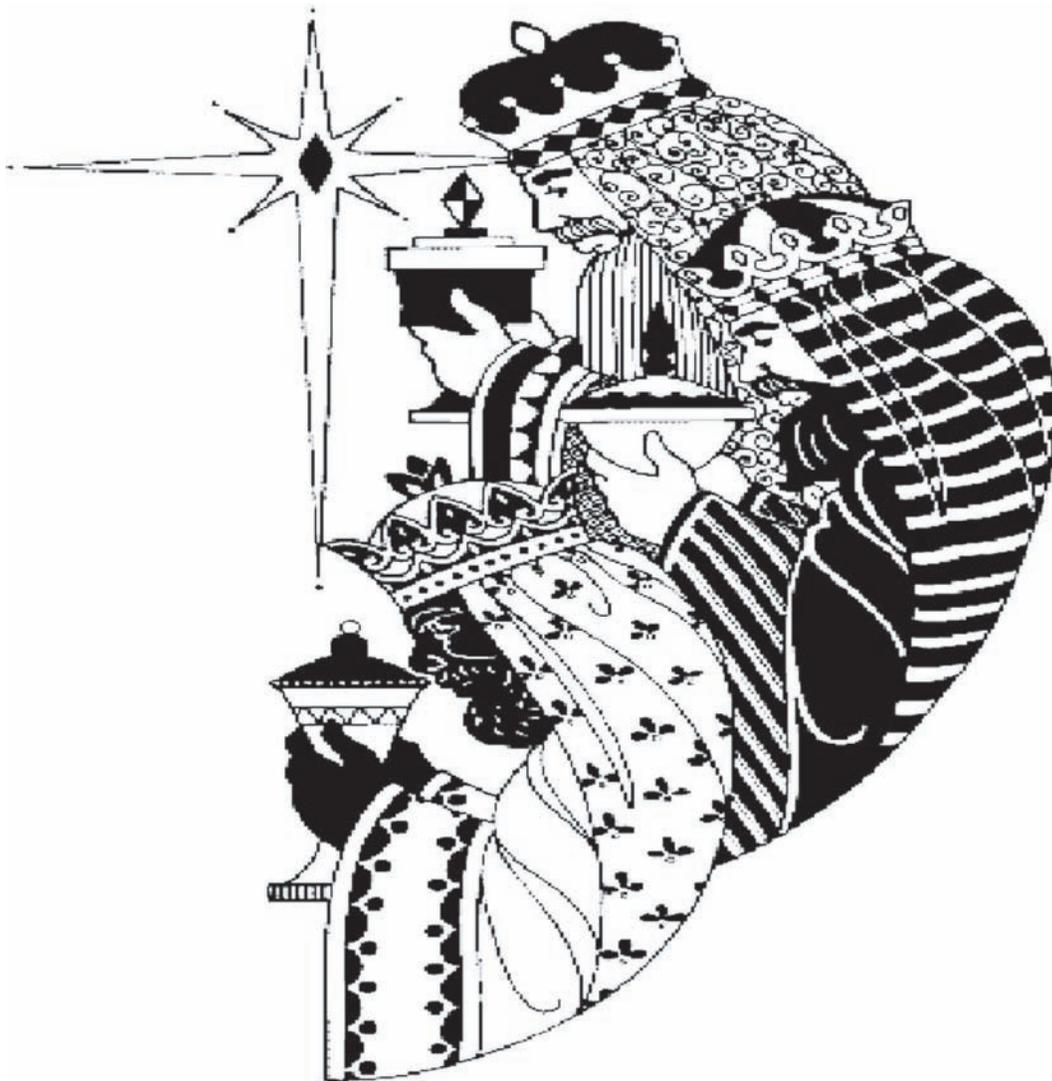
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*



JANUARY 2ND 2021 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD CYCLE C (LUKE)

Our True Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

Readings:
Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14
Psalms 128:1–5
Colossians 3:12–21
Luke 2:41–52

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see [2 Corinthians 6:16–18](#)). In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.



The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God. In what Jesus calls "my Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see [Ephesians 3:15](#)). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see [Luke 19:46](#)). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see [Ephesians 2:19–22](#); [Hebrews 3:3–6](#); [10:21](#)). In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God—until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be my son" (see [Revelation 21:3, 7](#)).

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



JANUARY 2ND TO JANUARY 8TH

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| Sun | Jan 2nd | 7:30am - | Thanksgiving for the Lugos Family |
| | | 9:00am- | Barbara Rego † |
| | | 10:30am- | People of the Parish |
| | | 12:00pm- | Rolando & Rolly Yapt; Marilou N Fernando Escalada†; Paulino Elena Salmon † |
| Mon | Jan 3rd | 7:30pm- | Richard Dignum † |
| Tues | Jan 4th | 8:30am- | All Souls in Purgatory † |
| Wed | Jan 5th | 7:30pm - | Ernest La Fortunet†; Family and Friends of St. Boniface Parishioners |
| Thur | Jan 6th | 8:30am- | Ana Loida Jimenez † |
| Fri | Jan 7th | 7:30pm- | Hospicio Mercado Jr. † |
| Sat | Jan 8th | 8:30am- | Deceased Legion of Mary Members; Christa Brumberg † |

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS EPIPHANY?

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display".

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Saviour of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs", and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made "worthy of the heritage of Israel") [CCC 528].





OUR SICK:

Eric Brands, Vernon Pingol, Arthur Johnson, Sivalingham, Periannan, Fausto Turino, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Joan Plouffe, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Pamela Festin, Estela Pett, Elena Sipin, Steve McAuley, Margaret Horvath, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Ursula Solomon, Holly MacInnis, Norma Diso, Jennifer Solomon, Sheila Wilson, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Paul Chamberlain, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Eccleston, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Lilia D. Perez, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Sr. Cecilia Marie Ching, Sr. Theresa Ching, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, John Jarman, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Erlinda Balita, Ela Sicat-Angeles.

MASS REGISTRATION ON EVENTBRITE

If you are not able to register for a Mass on EventBrite or if the Mass you want to register is sold out, please call the Parish Office at 416-261-5983, and we will put your name on the list. We have reserved some spots for walk-ins and call-ins.

OVERFLOW SEATING FOR MASS NOW AVAILABLE IN PARISH HALL

We can now accommodate more people for Mass in the parish hall via live video feed. You will have to come early to occupy the main church even if you have registered. Once the main church is full, we will invite the remaining parishioners downstairs to the hall.

All WorshipSafe guidelines will be followed with masks, physical distancing, etc. The collection and the distribution of holy communion will take place in the hall as well.



Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enroll, please contact the parish office or email development@archtoronto.org



PLEASE NOTE

CHANGES TO SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

Enrollment Cross Ceremony:

Due to the rising number of cases of the Omicron variant, we have decided to postpone the Enrollment Cross Ceremony to a later date. We will advise you when we are safely able to have the Enrollment Cross Ceremony.

Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation:

The Confirmation Mass will take place on Saturday, May 14 2022 @ 1pm and @ 3pm - Bishop Nguyen will be presiding.

HopeStone Catechesis:

HopeStone virtual Catechesis sessions will commence on the following dates. You will receive an email from HopeStone in January with your password and ID.

- Session 1: January 10
- Session 2: January 24
- Session 3: February 7
- Session 4: February 21
- Session 5: March 7
- Session 6: March 21
- Retreat: April 2 2022 - In person (if gathering together is possible)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd 2022.



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