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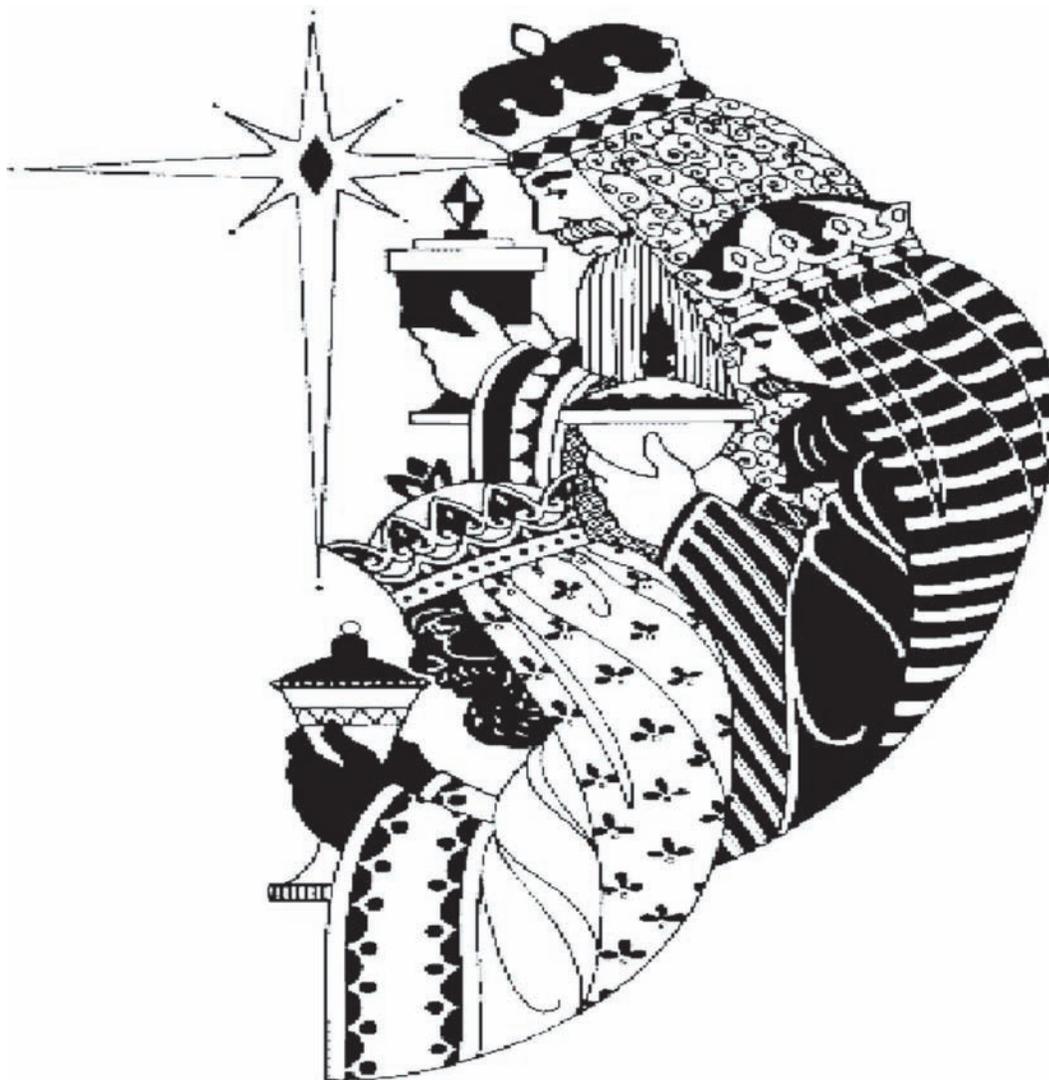
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Parish Office Hours—Monday to Friday—9:30am to 12:30pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Pastor: Father John Pak Jpak@archtoronto.org

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Deacons: Deacon David Langley, Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann



*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.*

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 3, 9:00AM

*ProPopulo

TUESDAY, January 4, 9:00AM

+Gary McHale

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 7:00PM

+Samantha Diogo

THURSDAY, January 6, 9:00AM

*Special Intention in Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, January 7, 7:00pm

*Special Intentions of the McEvenue Family

SATURDAY, January 8, 9:00AM

+ProPopulo

SATURDAY, January 8, 5:00PM

+Maria & Eugenio Arruda +Olimpia Sousa &

Vitorino Nazario +Maria Sousa & Antonio

Santana +All Deceased Members of Nazario &

Santana Families +Ernesto Correia +Eduardo

Coelho +Jose Romeiro +Rosa Oliveira +Antonio

Perna

SUNDAY, January 2, 8:00AM

+Manuel da Cruz Manata & Rosa de Jesus Oliveira

SUNDAY, January 2, 10:00AM

+ProPopulo

SUNDAY, January 2, 12:00PM

+Fernanda Miranda Rola & Manuel Augusto Miranda

SUNDAY, January 2, 6:30PM

+ProPopulo

PROOF OF VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR MASS

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on January 3 of 2022. The office will reopen by appointment only on Tuesday January 4, 2022.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offertory boxes can also be picked up anytime at the parish office during office hours, Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:30pm. Please call the parish office before coming. If you are assigned a new box number, please complete the registration form attached and include it with your offering so we can update our database.

Offering
Envelopes

WITH GRATITUDE

To ALL of you, from those who generously donated food to our food bank, those who supported our campaign for those less fortunate, and to the volunteers who gave of their time to serve our parish community, your gestures of kindness have been gracefully received. May your kindness and generosity continue to shine even after the season is over. May we continue to keep the light of Christ shining in our everyday interactions with one another, anywhere we go, what we do, and who we meet. From the kind smile and word we give a stranger, the patience and understanding we wear in crowds, and in the heart we carry, may we celebrate Christ's birth all year long.

REFLECTION

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world.

The Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem, they realized that something special was happening. So, the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It could be a random stranger, someone who is ill, a book, a phone call or something you encounter. Your star is closer than you think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these sought after, astrologers from foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound and humble way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the reverence of the Magi for our Lord and Savior, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our lord, shows that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself?

When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission. My Catholic Life Inc. 2021.

LATEST NEWS

CATHOLIC ADVISORS NEEDED

Are you a financial or insurance advisor, or a lawyer? If yes, then we want to hear from you! The Archdiocese of Toronto has spent a number of years creating a network of advisors, who understand our faith and who can assist us with our estate and financial affairs. Come and be a part of our network where you have the opportunity to integrate your spiritual and professional lives. For further information, contact the Development Office at: 416 934 3400 ext.561/519 or development@archtoronto.org

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE WITH BISHOP KASUN, CSB- FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30PM

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, will preside at a special Mass to honor married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place on Sunday February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register, may join the celebration via livestream at: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. Beginning at 2:15pm.

VOCATIONS: "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh". God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968 0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: For parents wishing to baptize their child, please contact the parish office via email with your request and we will forward you a baptismal package. Please complete the required documents and email them back to the parish office. Upon receipt of your email a clergy member will be in touch with you to discuss details, covid protocols, and to confirm a date.

SACRAMENTS (continued)

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:

REMINDER: FOR ANYONE WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR MUST REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 7, 2022. Please visit our website to complete the registration form.

To our CURRENT Grade 2's and Grade 7's:

Registration for this group is open! Celebrations for the Sacraments will be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter. Registration forms are available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sunday. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022.**

To all First Communion candidates currently in grades 3,4,5 and 6 who have NOT yet received First Communion, AND, To all Confirmation candidates currently in grades 8-12 who have NOT yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

If you wish to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation registration for the Sacraments for these group, opened on October 18, 2021, **until February 7, 2022.** During this time, the registration form will be made available on our website or can be picked up in person after Mass on Sundays. **Please complete all fields of the registration form, including email address which will be required for registering a date for Communion or Confirmation, along with a copy of your child's baptism certificate and email it to sacraments.hmoj@gmail.com or drop it off in person to anyone of the clergy when you come to Sunday Mass before February 7, 2022. **Communion and Confirmation Celebrations for this group will NOW be taking place sometime in the spring of 2022 after Easter.****

CONFESSIONS: Will be heard on Saturday's between 8:00am-8:45am and again from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment. Please contact the parish office for further information.

FUNERALS: Please contact the parish office at 905 775 2065

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