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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.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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"After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage'" (Mt 2:1-2)

Epiphany means "manifestation." Epiphany is the manifestation of the Son of God made man.

Today the Infant in Bethlehem shows Himself to us in the light of His divinity, that is, He stands before us as our King and High priest, and Savior, the bearer of salvation. To Him the wise men give gifts to such a person to use, gold for a King, frankincense incense for a priest and myrrh to anoint the body of the Saviour after the cross.

"We observed His star at its rising and have come to pay him homage" (Mt. 2:2). *The Magi were able to find the newborn Messiah because of their faith – a strong, pure, generous, persevering faith: a faith found only in loyal hearts; a faith which is rewarded with the vision of the Son of God.

Our faith should be like that of the Magi, if we are seeking Christ and salvation through Him. It should be a faith that pervades our minds and hearts; a faith that is strong and active in its dedication to the truth; a faith that will try to overcome false prophets and other enemies of the Gospel; a faith that is lived, at all times, according to the will of God.

Excerpted from God's Message by Rev. Msgr. Vito C. Mazzone

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Epiphany –January 2nd & 3rd 2016

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

The Baptism of the Lord –January 9th & 10th , 2016

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Baptism celebrated at the 11:30am Mass

OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish office will be closed January 11-15, 2015 for the installation of flooring in the Parish Office. Phone messages will be retrieved and answered.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DUE TO MORE GROWTH AT THE NURSING HOME WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR BRADFORD VALLEY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE @ 905 775-2065.

PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 4 – CWL General Meeting – Skwarchuk's Funeral Home
Jan. 5 - Adoration
Jan 7 – Confirmation Session 11
Jan. 12 – Run With It
Jan 13 – Knights of Columbus General Meeting
Jan. 14 – Confirmation Session 12

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2016 are now available in the Parish Office. If you have not already picked up your envelopes, or if you need assistance, please come to the office. If you would like to sign up for pre-authorized giving, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Holy Martyrs of Japan is offering a marriage preparation course over two weekends, January 22/23 and January 29/30, 2016. The cost is \$120 per couple and covers lunch both Saturdays. Please come to the Parish Office to register.

ADORATION



We are in need of more volunteers to help with Adoration. Adoration is 9:00am – 7:00pm every Tuesday. One hour a week of your time is what is being asked of you. Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful experience as we sit in silence and listen to Jesus speaking to us. If we do not have enough people to cover the hours of adoration we may not be able to continue to have Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Martyrs of Japan. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office @ 905 775-2065.

CWL NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016 WILL TAKE PLACE AT SKWARCHUK'S FUNERAL HOME AT 7:00PM

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Catholic Family Services has a walk-in clinic in Bradford. It is located at 118 Barrie Street, Bradford. The clinic is open the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday of the month from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The Walk-in Clinics offer single-session counselling for individuals, couples and families. Our services are available to everyone living or working in Simcoe County regardless of age, ability, cultural or religious background, race, sexual orientation or gender identity. No Appointment is necessary.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00pm Saturday, January 2 nd	
+ St. Clair McEvenue	by McEvenue Family
+ Joseph De Luca	by Maggie De Luca & Family
* In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	by Rosa Afonso & Family
+ Virgilio, Arminda Almeida & Son	by Fernando Almeida & Family
+ Maura Luis	by Gasko Family
+ Florence Bona	by Arne & Helen Tjerno
* Sp. Int Archangel Rafael	by Rosario Anier
+ Peter & Mary Rydzkowski	by Laddie
+ Nuno Azevedo	by Virginia Copa
Sunday, January 3 rd	
8:30am	+ All Deceased Family Members by Laura & Manuel Marques
10:00am	+ Fernando Couto by Odette & Family
11:30am	+ All Souls by Silverio & Purfy Marques
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	Pro Populo
7:00pm Monday, January 4 th	
+ Michael Mallet	by Mom & Dad
+ Scott Daley	by Julia Robinson & Family
* Sp. Int. Return to Mass & Sacraments of Family Members	by Parishioner
+ Julia Kapisak-Serecin	by Caroline Yesanko
+ Fernando Gomes	by Wife & Children
+ Giuseppe Turturici	by Vilma LaRoche & Family
+ All Deceased Family Members	by Silva Family
+ All Souls	by Celeste Martins
8:30am Tuesday, January 5 th	
+ Noemia Matos	by Manuel Matos
7:00pm Wednesday, January 6 th	
+ All Souls	by Dinis Family
8:30am Thursday, January 7 th	
+ Osip Taucar	by Taucar Families
7:00pm Friday, January 8 th	
* In Thanksgiving Tom & Betty Coles	by Laddie
9:30am Saturday, January 9 th	
+ Virgilio Pinho	by Wife & Family
5:00pm Saturday, January 9 th	
+ Jose Correia	by Jack & Gina Gomes
+ Virgilio, Arminda Almeida & Son	by Maggie De Luca & Family
+ Giuseppe & Francesca Beninati	by Tony & Franca Sclafani
+ Howard Gordon	Vilma LaRoche & Family
+ Paul & Elizabeth Gres	by Family
+ Julia Kapisak-Serecin	by Dudo Family
+ Manuel Nuno Rodrigues	by Joe Faria & Family
+ Antonio Martins	by Wife & Children
+ Maria & Eugenio Arruda	by Lucy, Lui & John
Sunday, January 10 th	
8:30am	+ Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues Wife & Mother Ester
10:00am	+ Antonio Gomes by Son Francisco & Family
11:30am	Pro Populo
4:45pm	Spanish Mass
6:30pm	+ Sister Rosa McCormack by The Rose Family
"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"	

"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 you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416 968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Marriage Sunday 2016

In 2016, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate Marriage Sunday at our parish on the weekend of February 6/7. Cardinal Collins has also announced a special archdiocesan-wide gathering to honour married couples that will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 4:30pm at St. Andrew Kim Parish in North York. His Eminence extends an invitation to all married couples, in particular those who will celebrate their 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary anytime throughout 2016 to join him for Mass and a reception to honour their fidelity and faithfulness. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, a local lay movement, is helping to co-ordinate the gathering. Loved ones and family members of those honored are most welcome to attend. To ensure special reserved seating for honored couples, please call the Parish Office.

JUBILEE OF MERCY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

Cardinal Collins has designated seven churches within the Archdiocese of Toronto as Jubilee Churches, each with a Holy Door of Mercy. Going through one of these Holy Doors is a spiritual journey that shows, as the Holy Father said, "the deep desire for true conversion."

In addition to passing through a Holy Door, each pilgrim is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Holy Eucharist while reflecting on God's great gift of mercy, make a profession of faith (recite either the Apostles' or the Nicene Creed), and pray for the Holy Father and for his Intentions (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are recommended)

Designated churches for the Jubilee with a Holy Door of Mercy:

St. Paul's Basilica

83 Power Street, Toronto

St. Patrick's Parish

131 McCaul Street, Toronto

Merciful Redeemer Parish

2775 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

940 North Park Drive, Bramalea

St. Patrick's Parish

11873 Gore Road, Brampton

St. Theresa's Parish

2559 Kingston Road, Scarborough

The Martyrs' Shrine

16163 Highway 12 West, Midland

SERVIAM MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

Serviam Ministries are hosting a **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Saturday, March 19, 2016, with Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. The theme of the event is "Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend (Proverbs 27:17). For more information call the Parish Office.

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