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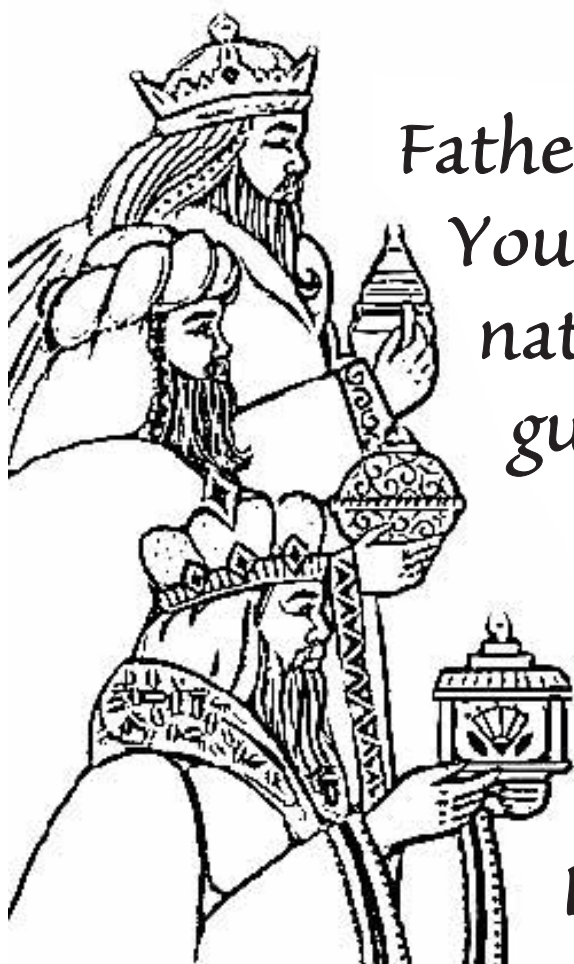
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Father, You revealed  
Your Son to the  
nations by the  
guidance of a star.



Lead us to Your  
Glory in Heaven  
by the  
Light of Faith.

## SITTING WITH SCRIPTURE

*The magi prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (MT 2:11).* Let's focus on the myrrh – the odd gift out, the gift that keeps on embarrassing. There's no problem with gold: it symbolically heralds the divine king. Similarly with the frankincense used by those in sacred orders: "you are a priest forever" (Ps 110:4). But myrrh? In antiquity it was used to heal but also to embalm – to sustain the living and to preserve the dead. In either case, it is a worthy if difficult gift for the infant Jesus. He will be the healer of the nations, the one who "makes the deaf hear (and) the mute speak" (Mk 7:37). It is he who is sent "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). But note here that healing is now taken in a wider sense: salvation involves proclamation and intervention. The healer in the fullest sense is also the prophet who is anointed with a sacred oil that is mostly comprised of myrrh. And the prophet is mostly the truth-teller whose life is marked for death. This reinterprets the other gifts. In its fullness then, the gold is for a king who is the servant; the frankincense is for a priest who is the sacrifice. And the myrrh is the symbol of the One who gives life through death.

*Excerpted from Just What He Needed, Praying with St. Matthew's Gospel by Fr. Lawrence Donohoo, O. P.*

## CHRISTMAS SEASON REMINDERS

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Feast of the Epiphany – Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**2015 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**  
**The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 11,**  
**2015 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule**



### **CWL NOTES**

CWL General meeting & installation of new executive - Jan 5<sup>th</sup> after 7pm Mass

### **Marriage Preparation Course**

Holy Martyrs of Japan is once again offering a Marriage Preparation Course covering two weekends. The course starts Friday, January 30, 2015 (7:30 – 9:00) and Saturday January 31, 2015 (10:00-4:00) and continues Friday, February 6, 2015 (7:30-9:00) and Saturday, February 7, 2015 (10:00-4:00). The registration fee is \$120 per couple (includes lunch both Saturdays) and is due at the time of registration. Please come to the Parish Office to register. For more information please call 905 775-2065.

## **CONFIRMATION**

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE FACILITATORS FOR THE CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUPS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 IN THE LARGE MEETING ROOM.

JUST A REMINDER THAT CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKENDS OF JANUARY 17/18, 2015 AND JANUARY 24/25, 2015. CONFIRMANDI ARE TO HAND IN THEIR LETTER TO THE BISHOP AT ONE OF THE MASSES DURING THESE WEEKENDS.

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

*Sunday Offering Envelopes are available in the Parish Office. Please come and pick them up. If you have moved and have not notified the Parish please call so we can update our database. If you have any questions or need clarification, please call Delia at the Parish Office - 905 775-2065*



## **Pre-Authorized Giving**

If you are interested in Pre-Authorized Giving, please come to the Parish Office to sign up.

## **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO ORGANIZE AND DISTRIBUTE THE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO THE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS HEARTFELT TO SEE THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

## **THANK YOU**

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT. IT WAS AN AFTERNOON WELL WORTH ATTENDING. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DEBBIE MORAN FOR THE COUNTLESS HOURS OF PREPARATION AND SET UP NEEDED TO MAKE THE PAGEANT A SUCCESS.

## **THANK YOU**

TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO DECORATE AND BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS WE SAY A HUGE THANK YOU. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU.

## **THANK YOU**

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED POINSETTIAS, IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, FOR OUR GARDEN OF POINSETTIAS. IT IS WONDERFUL TO WITNESS OUR LOVED ONES BEING REMEMBERED AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 5:00pm Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

- + St. Clair McEvenue by McEvenue Family
- + All Faithful Departed by McEvenue Family
- + Luis Andrade by Maria & Walter Andrade
- + John Ferreira by Bernardette Ferreira
- + All Souls by Carolina Santana
- + Antonietta & Pasquale Baccilieri by Family
- + Maria dos Ceu & San Manuel by Silverio & Purfy Marques
- + Emilia Laranjeiro by Carlos & Idalina Correia

### Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Joa Fernandes Barradas by Joao Rodrigues & Family
- 10:00am + Gerry Slykhuys by Vilma LaRoche
- 11:30am + Antonio Alberto Rocha by Lurdes Rocha & Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

### 7:00pm Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

- + Joao & Herminia Botas by Daughter & Family
- + All Souls in Purgatory by Marques Family
- + Filomena Troiano by CWL Bradford
- + Emilia Larenjeiro by Portuguese Choir
- + Francisco Dias & Julia Ramos by Regina Ssis
- + Walter & Maria Bak by Wife Mary
- + Elio Palmero by George Saduvchuk
- + Virgilio & Rosa Marques by Fatima & Mario Calisto

### 8:30am Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls in Purgatory by Helena Peixoto

### 7:00pm Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

- + Carlos Oliveira Marques by Celso & Maria Domingues

### 8:30am Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>

- + All Souls in Purgatory by Marques Family

### 7:00pm Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

- + Emilia Laranjeiro & Filomena Troiano by David & Rosa Oliveira

### 9:30am Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>

- + Antonio Santana & Maria Sousa by Carolina Santana

### 5:00pm Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- + Maria Arruda by Lucy, Joe & Lui Andrade
- + Jose Cardoso by Wife & Children
- + Lino Andrade by Maria & Walter Andrade
- + Bernardina Carvalho & Fernanda Da Costa by Gina Gomes & Family
- + Francisco & Jose Francisco Rodrigues by Wife & Mother Ester
- + Antonio Morais Castro by Family
- + Antonio Martins by Wife & Family
- + Emilia Laranjeiro by Elizabeth Azevedo & Maria Sousa

### Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30am + Emilia & Joao Laranjeiro by Carlos & Arminda Miranda
- 10:00am + Mildred Ellis by Staff of St. Marie of the Incarnation School
- 11:30am + Ignazio Cascio by K-A Pavone & Family
- 4:45pm Spanish Mass
- 6:30pm Pro Populo

*"May God Grant Them Eternal Peace"*

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His church. If you think that God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416 968-0997 or e-mail [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## HOLY FAMILY PRAYER CARDS

*Our faith is the strongest when we pray at home as a family. To help foster this, the Family Life Committee, through the Knights of Columbus, have obtained prayer cards with a picture of the Holy Family. We still have some of these cards left. They are in the pamphlet holder across from the counter in the Gathering Space. If you would like a blessing before you start this devotion, Father would be happy to give a blessing.*

### RUN WITH IT SERIES

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Parish Hall

January 13 - Deacon Dave

Prayer and Devotion – Rosary and Divine Mercy

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Communion Breakfast after all the Morning Masses on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

Please come support the Knights and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.



## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

THERE WILL BE A BLOOD DONOR CLINIC  
INTHE PARISH HALL

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015 FROM 3-8PM

## PILGRIMAGE TO SHROUD OF TURIN

Pope Francis has decreed that the Shroud of Turin be publicly displayed in the spring of 2015, to coincide with his visit to Turin. Fr. Martin Hilbert of the Oratory, Pastor of Holy Family Church, will lead a pilgrimage, May 10 – 23, 2015, to see the Shroud and also a replica of the other burial cloth of Christ (the Sudarium) in Oviedo, Spain. Along the way, the group will also visit Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Lourdes, Torreciudad, Montserrat, Barcelona, and Avignon. Call Fr. Hilbert at 416-532-2879 or visit [www.ihtours.com/itinerary=244](http://www.ihtours.com/itinerary=244) for more information.

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