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PARISH TEAM

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Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	06	
4:30	pm†	George Fernandes
SUN	07	The Epiphany of Our Lord
8:00	am	Aliette Campbell
9:30	am	Pro Popolo
11:00	am †	Andrzej Skalski
12:30	am †	Filipoantonio Capobianco
6:00	pm †	Bernardina Maceta
MON	08	The Baptism of the Lord
8:30	am †	Hazel D'Souza
TUES	09	Ordinary Time Begins
8:30	am †	Aliette Campbell
WED	10	
8:30	am	Adlord Concessio
THUR	. 11	
8:30	am †	Afonso Botelho
FRI	12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
8:30	am	Multiple Intentions Mass
SAT	13	St. Hilary
0.00		Multiple Intentions Mass
9:00	am	Multiple Intentions Mass

Deacon George's Spiritual Walk-In Ministry Will resume February 1st.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2024

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2) Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches

THE EPIPHANY

The great Solemnity of the Epiphany or "Manifestation" of our Lord, commemorates so much more than the coming of the Magi, for we celebrate no fewer than three "wonders" on this day. What are they?

The first such wonderful event is, of course, the coming of the Magi with their gifts. This event tells us that Jesus is not a King for the Jews only, but also for the non-Jews, or "gentiles" like the Magi who came from Persia. We, too, are like the Magi in being "gentiles". Yet we recognize that Jesus is God-made-man, King and Priest and for all mankind, even for those who do not yet explicitly acknowledge Him. The Magi remind us that even those persons who have been brought up in another religion can and should still seek the fullness of truth, which is to be found, ultimately, only in Christ. Their three gifts have always been understood to symbolize three aspects of Christ's earthly mission begun with His birth at Bethlehem: gold representing kingship, incense representing Godhead and myrrh representing mortality, showing the future death and grave which await the Christ Child.

The second "wonderful event" commemorated in the Epiphany is Our Lord's Baptism, which we will keep next Sunday. We will think more about that next Sunday, but for now it is enough to realise that it even though it was an event which took place many years later than the coming of the Magi, they belong together precisely as "manifestations" of Christ's godhead through His humanity.

Similarly in the third great Epiphany event, our Lord's first miracle at Cana, when He changed the water into wine at the wedding feast, we also see Him exercising His power as the Creator over His creation, and all for the sake of mankind—to bring us joy! Once again, we will hear that event recounted for us in the Gospel of the Sunday after the Baptism, in a fortnight's time, and so will have an opportunity then to ponder its significance as part of the celebration of Epiphany – the showing forth - of Our Lord's divine nature through the medium of the human nature which He not only created as God, but took upon Himself fully when He became Mary's Son. ~ *Fr. Paul Dobson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. JOSEPH MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2024

Registration and course fee payment (\$200 per couple) at the parish office begins December 9th and you will be provided with your course materials and full details at that time. The course will comprise of two parts:

1st half is an online video component to be completed by March 22. Bring the notice of completion with you to the 2nd half.

2nd **half** is an in-person weekend component at St Joseph on Friday, April 12th: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Sat, April 13th: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

COFFEE HOUR With Guest Speaker Donna Liladrie
January 10 at 9 am - Topic: Life Coaches

MINISTRIES

ST. JOSEPH LECTORS MEET & GREET

Calling All Lectors for faith & fellowship on Saturday January 27 with Mass at 9:00 am followed by a Coffee/Tea Social in Hall. Please confirm your attendance by noon on January 20 to Carmen Fernandes, Lector Coordinator at 416-819-0780 I stjosephlector@gmail.com

JESUS & THE END TIMES: A Catholic View of the Last Days Dr. Pitre brings clarity and precision to the confusion that frequently surrounds the doctrine of the end times in this 4 session Bible study: What is the meaning of Jesus' prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the "end times" now? FREE – NO REGISTRATION MONDAYS 7 pm in the hall: Jan 22, Jan 29, Feb 5 & Feb 12 TUESDAYS 9 am upstairs on Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6 & Feb 13

ST. JOSEPH PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

Are you or do you know a young person looking to grow in faith, make some friends and some have fun while doing so? Then we have something for you!

LifeTeen: for grades 9-12 | Edge: for grades 6-8 For more info or to register, please email our Youth Minister, Megan, at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com, and be sure to follow our instagram page @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Vita Centre Donation Drive

In support of Vita Centre, collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the front entrance or contact gk8661@ontariokofc.ca for monetary donations.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings Wednesdays - 7 pm in the Parish Hall

OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1 p.m. with Holy Mass in the Church Followed by Reception in the Hall (Finger Food will be appreciated)
All are welcome to join us to thank God for these 30 years!

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6.45 p.m.

All are welcome to join us to thank God for these 30 years!

Smile for the week
What kind of nuts grow on walls?

Answer sanutem

AROUND THE ARCH

MARRIAGE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10/11, 2024

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass at 3:00 PM at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto) to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage for more info and to register.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-25Registration at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. Register online at dpcdsb.org

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Starting in Venice with visits to famous sites, Basilicas and Churches in Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Austria and Prague. For info take a flyer at both entrances.

FORMED

January 7, 2024

PICK OF THE WEEK



FORMED Daily Reflections

Sign up at FORMED Daily to receive these daily reflections directly to your inbox. Start your day off right. Be inspired and renewed each morning with a short video from Dr. Tim Gray.



Footprints: The Path of Your Life Documentaries • 1h 29m Eleven young men from the United States walk 1,000 kilometers on their Way of St. James pilgrimage. They are looking for answers, not beautiful scenery: How do you deal with pain and suffering? Do the weak quit

or do they find meaning on the Camino? How much baggage is enough or too much These unscripted conversations are lively and entertaining, theologically rich and thought-provoking. Listen in and learn more about the story of salvation.



MARCAM - Catholic kids show for children ages 2 - 6 Live-action, educational, and entertaining Through exploring, dancing, and music, the ever curious and cheerful host, Marcam, will help

children better understand and become more familiar with the richness and depth of the Catholic faith by going on fun and educational learning adventures! Marcam provides engaging programming completely in line with Catholic values that simultaneously helps parents incorporate faith more into their children's daily lives and makes screen time beneficial and educational, not wasteful.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY.

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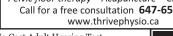
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