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*We saw his star in the East  
and have come to worship Him*

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Jan 7	Tues	8:15 am	Shirley Dillon – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Claudette Wilson
Jan 8	Wed	8:15 am	Remy Simbulan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Nelson & Nelia Ducusin
Jan 9	Thurs	8:15 am	For the Deceased Members of Ambrosini Family †	Incoronata Ambrosini
Jan 10	Fri	8:15 am	Bella Celestial – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Connie & Beth Escabarte
Jan 11	Sat	9:00 am	- Estelita Labrador † - Victoria Quilatan † - Teresita Que – <i>Thanksgiving</i> - Christopher Reyes † - Rodolfo Javar †	Gene & Vivian Beltjar Arthur & Siony Libatique Nora Reyes Nora Reyes
		5:00 pm	Conrado Sarmiento †	Carina Sarmiento
Jan 12	Sun	9:30 am	Ruel & Edhu Gutierrez – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Gutierrez Family
		11:00 am	Rocco & Maria Lamanna †	Giovanna Cornacchia
		7:00 pm	All Parishioners	

### Sunday Gospel Reflection: *The Visit of the Wise Men*



#### ***Making Christ Manifest to all the World***

This Sunday we celebrate the ***Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord***. The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphaino, a verb that means “to manifest” or “to make known.” This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB\* in their “*Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*” says that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” The USCCB also says that the “practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization.”

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to “go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

[www.archtoronto.org/stewardship](http://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship)

\*USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)  
Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response, 2002

***The 2020 Mass Intentions Book  
is now available.***



Starting January 2020,  
the **Altar Servers’ Schedule**  
will be posted in the  
Sacristy’s Bulletin Board.

***Please don’t forget to check your schedule.***



### PASTORAL NOTES ***Baptism***

#### 1.1 Minister

##### 1.1.1 **Proper Minister & Territory**

Pastors are especially entrusted to administer the sacrament of Baptism. Except in the case of necessity, it is illicit for anyone without due permission to baptize outside his own territory, not even his subjects. A priest or deacon with general faculties from the Archdiocese of Toronto may confer Baptism after consultation with the Pastor. In danger of death, any person with the right intention who uses the prescribed *matter and form* baptizes validly and licitly.

**Upcoming Events**

**Al-Anon Meeting**

Every Monday • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm • Parish Hall

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Every Sunday • 10:00 am • Parish Hall

**Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

January 25, 2020 (Saturday) • 10:30am • Church

**Sacrament of Confirmation – Session 1**

April 5, 2020 (Sunday) • 12:15 pm • Parish Hall

**Sacramental Preparations**

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

January 25, 2020 • Saturday • 10:30 am • Church

**Confirmation**

*Session 1*

April 5, 2020 • Sunday • 12:15 pm • Parish Hall

**RCIA**

Every Sunday • 10:00am • Parish Hall

**Multiple Mass Intentions is now permitted for Saturday morning only**

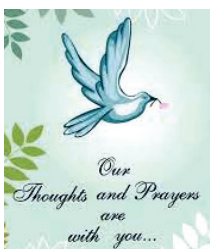
We are now accepting multiple intentions (maximum of 5) for **Saturday 9:00 am Mass only.**

*Please feel free to book your intentions in the office.*

**Holy Cross Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction**

Every **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**, Fr. Freddy will perform a Eucharistic Healing Procession and Benediction in the Church after the 9:00am Mass. **Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**Special Prayers for Parishioners**



We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers.

*"Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."*

If you know of someone who is seriously ill, or someone who has recently died, you can contact the parish office so they can be prayed for in the weekend Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful.

**2020 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2020 Parish Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick-up at the Church's main entrance.

**Please take note:** Some of the parishioner's envelope numbers have been changed due to the updating of the database. Make sure to double check your name on the box.

**IMPORTANT! Please DO NOT USE the NEW 2020 ENVELOPES until after New Year.**

**Marriage Sunday 2020 with Cardinal Thomas Collins**



As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020.

If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place on:

**February 9, 2020 • 3:00 p.m.**  
**St. Isaac Jogues Parish**  
 (1148 Finch Avenue, Pickering)

A reception will follow after the Mass. The mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions, those wishing to attend are **required to register** online or by phone

**before the deadline of February 4, 2020.** Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating.

Registration and other important information can be found at: [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling 416-934-3400 extension 523.

**Formation for Lectors**

**Saturday • January 18, 2020 • 9 am – 12 pm**  
 St. Patrick's Parish, 139 McCaul Street, Toronto

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites **Lectors** into a deeper understanding of the importance of the liturgical celebrations of the Church, and the Liturgy of the Word through formation sessions offered throughout the year.

*Please check the bulletin board to register.*

**Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Saturday • February 8, 2020 • 9 am – 12 pm**  
 Precious Blood Parish, 1737 Lawrence Ave. East, Scarborough

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to participate in a formation session that reflects on the mystery of the Eucharist, theology of the Liturgy, and the specific duties of this ministry.

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