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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2025



### *From the Pastor's Desk*

#### THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Dear friends, today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, that is, the glorious manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi who traveled from the East to worship the newborn King. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “revelation.” In the mystery of the incarnation, the invisible God was made visible in the grotto of Bethlehem. In becoming flesh, Christ reveals himself as the light of the world (*Lux Mundi*) that shines forth in the darkness (Jn 1,5). Pope John Paul II contends that, Christ “the light, appears in the warm intimacy of the holy night of Christmas Eve; He is the “sun that shall dawn upon us from on high” (Lk 1, 78). He is the sun that came into the world to dispel the darkness of evil and flood it with the splendor of divine love” (*Homily, Sunday 6, January 2002*). The Magi observed his star and came to Jerusalem to worship him bringing gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold. When they got to Bethlehem and “saw the child with Mary his mother, they fell down and worshipped him” (Mt 2:11). The magi came for one reason and one reason only: to pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews. They did not come with any kind of agenda; they were not trying to get in good with the king early in his reign. They simply came to adore him with precious gifts. This is an amazing description of true Christian worship. We come to Holy Mass to pay tribute to Christ the King who is present in the Holy Eucharist. We come to Mass to praise, worship and adore the Lord. Like the magi, let us learn to worship Jesus at Holy Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility, and the frankincense of our adoration.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

That the magi came to visit Jesus and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh?

**Gold:** Because Jesus is the King of the Jews and gold is a fitting gift to offer to a king.

**Frankincense:** In ancient times, the priest used it in the temple for worship and sacrifices. This gift reminds us that Jesus is the High Priest, who offers the sacrifice of his life for our salvation.

**Myrrh:** In ancient times, it was used to prepare the dead for burial. It was used to anoint the body of Jesus after his death.

#### ENGAGED COUPLES WHO WANT TO MARRY AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH



*Dear Father, we just got engaged! What should we do to get married at Immaculate Conception Parish?*

Congratulations! If at least one of you is Catholic, and a member of our parish, we recommend that you contact the parish one year in advance of the planned date of your wedding to discuss details with the pastor. Adequate time is needed to meet the requirements for marriage.

#### CONFIRMATION CATECHISM CLASSES

Dear Confirmation candidates, I would like to remind you that catechism classes for confirmation **will begin the week of January 13, 2025**, here at the parish. The classes are very important because they enable you to learn about the sacrament and to understand what you are about to receive. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, ‘preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – his actions, his gifts, and his biddings – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life’ (CCC 1309). Attendance is mandatory. I ask you to take the classes seriously.

#### GROWING IN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Many of you are wondering how you can grow deeper in your Catholic faith and stay connected with Christ. Here is my recommendation: set aside time each day to pray the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lectio Divina, the Liturgy of the Hours, attend Holy Mass regularly and receive Holy Communion, read the Catechism of the Catholic Church and watch Catholic media channels. This is not an exhaustive list, but it is a good place to start.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Eugene Chianain

## Jubilee Information

On December 29, 2024, Frank Cardinal Leo launched the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Toronto with a Eucharistic Celebration at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The archdiocese has identified holy places of worship in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. The list can be found below. For more information, please visit [www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)

*Il 29 dicembre 2024, il Cardinale Frank Leo ha aperto l'anno giubilare nell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto con una celebrazione eucaristica presso la Cattedrale di San Michele. L'arcidiocesi ha identificato le seguenti chiese dell'arcidiocesi che serviranno come destinazioni di pellegrinaggio durante l'anno giubilare.*

### **Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto**

#### **Archdiocesan**

- St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

#### **Shrines**

- Martyrs' Shrine, Midland

#### **Central Region**

- St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto
- St. Mary's Parish, Toronto
- St. Edward the Confessor Parish, North York

#### **Western Region**

- Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Mary's Parish, Brampton

#### **Eastern Region**

- St. Barnabas Parish, Scarborough
- St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa

#### **Northern Region**

- St. Padre Pio Parish, Kleinburg
- St. Mary's Parish, Barrie

## **2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Annual GTA Prayer Service Celebrating the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea**

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Northern Region, and distinguished Christian leaders from various traditions, as we pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church on **Sunday January 19, 2025, at 4pm at North City Church** (377 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge, ON, L4L 2V7). This gathering is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Monday January 6

7pm	Gianni Costa
8pm	Maria Mancini

### Tuesday January 7 Saint André Bessette

7pm	Adolorato Eddy DeSantis
8pm	Vincenzo Galluzzo

### Wednesday January 8

7pm	Shannon Naccarato
8pm	Angela Maria Nella Abballe

### Thursday January 9

7pm

### Friday January 10

7pm	Entony Ricci
8pm	Gerardo Macchia

## Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Our annual *Pasta e Fagioli Carnival Dinner Dance Fundraiser* will be held on **Saturday March 1, 2025** at the Royalton Hospitality Inc. (8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge). All proceeds will go to support the children's mission of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception in places such as India and Africa. Please mark your calendars. Tickets are available in the parish office at the cost of \$120 for adults and \$60 for children (under 12).

**Sabato 1 marzo, 2025** presso la Royalton Hospitality (8201 Weston Road, Woodbridge) si festeggerà l'annuale serata con cena e ballo del Carnevale con Pasta e Fagioli. Tutto il ricavato andrà a favore della Missione dei bambini della Congregazione dei Figli dell'Immacolata Concezione in India e in Africa. I biglietti sono in vendita nell'ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$120 per adulti e \$60 per bambini dei 4-12 anni.

## Epiphany Prayer

*Jesus, source of overwhelming joy,  
captivate our hearts, our lives, our imaginations.  
Lift us up and give us grace  
to shine humbly and honestly  
with radiance of loving you. Amen.*

*Prayer from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*