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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 7, 2024

Welcome, Deacon Raphael Sumabat!



Deacon Raphael Sumabat has been assigned as deacon to Immaculate Conception Parish effective January 7, 2024. Prior to entering St. Augustine Seminary for the Permanent Diaconate formation program in 2010, Deacon Raphael Sumabat was a parishioner, a Lector, a Catechist and a volunteer at Immaculate Conception. He was ordained as a Permanent Deacon in 2014 and has been serving at St. Paschal Baylon Parish in Thornhill. He is joyfully married to Grace for over 30 years and they have 3 sons. Since 2021, he has been leading Immaculate Conception's Marriage Preparation course. He currently works full-time as a professional engineer. Let us welcome Deacon Raphael and keep him in our prayers!

Il diacono Raphael Sumabat è stato assegnato diacono della nostra parrocchia. Prima di entrare nel seminario per il programma di formazione del diaconato 2010, il diacono Raphael Sumabat è stato parrocchiano, lettore, catechista e volontario presso l'Immacolata Concezione. È stato ordinato diacono e nel 2014 e ha prestato servizio presso la parrocchia di St. Paschal Baylon a Thornhill. È felicemente sposato con Grace da oltre 30 anni e hanno 3 figli. Dal 2021 conduce il corso di preparazione al matrimonio dell'Immacolata Concezione. Attualmente lavora come ingegnere. Diamogli un caloroso benvenuto e ricordiamolo nelle nostre preghiere.

2024 Calendars

We thank Vescio Funeral Homes Ltd. & DeMarco Funeral Homes for generously providing us with Calendars.

Calendari Cinque Pani d'Orzo

Sono in vendita in ufficio parrocchiale al costo di \$10, i calendari in Italiano, "Cinque Pani d'Orzo" con una riflessione per ogni giorno dell'anno.

Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo - "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at www.archtoronto.org



Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following children to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Alexander Anthony Number
Julian Michael Rotondo
Gianna Commisso

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

Stewardship Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principle episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ. St. Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.” As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

Confirmation Catechism Classes

All Confirmation candidates are reminded that catechism classes will begin **the week of January 15, 2024.**

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday January 8 Baptism of the Lord

7pm	Shannon Naccarato
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8pm	Rosario Fava
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Tuesday January 9

7pm	Paola Michalopulo
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8pm	Antonio Scinocca
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Wednesday January 10

7pm	Maria Tonelli
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8pm	Mafalda Tucci
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Thursday January 11

7pm	
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Friday January 12

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

7pm	Ricky Ditlof
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8pm	Donna Spinelli
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Marriage Sunday 2024

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica** (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.