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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am | 10:00 am

12:00 pm

1:30 pm Spanish

6:30 pm Chinese

Weekday Masses

Monday 8:00 am

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 8:00 am

Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 9:00 am

Live-stream available

First Friday

Mass at 7:00 pm

No morning Mass on

First Friday

Reconciliation

Saturdays after 9am Mass
or by appointment

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Wise men seek Him still



*...the glory of the Lord has risen upon you
...and they shall bring gold and
frankincense and shall proclaim
the praise of the Lord.*

— Isaiah 60.1-6

Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 6-13

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm *Pro Populo*

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

Pro Populo

1:30 pm Mass (Spanish)

† Maria Rosa Felices

6:30 pm Mass (Chinese)

Epiphany of the Lord

Monday, January 8

8:00 am English

† Rev. Russell Ralph Sampson

† Sesilia Sunami

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 pm Mass

◆ Faviano Lee

◆ Rev. Landorff Garcia Mariona

Wednesday, January 10

12:00 pm Mass

† Natasha Engel

† Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am Mass

† Rev. James Kelsey McConica

◆ Lourdes Halifax & Family

Friday, January 12

8:00 am Mass

◆ Conrad Klos

◆ Gina White

Saturday, January 13

9:00 am Mass

† Josie Nosan

◆ Maria Revoredo



SANCTUARY LAMP

January 8-13

For the Repose of the Soul of Allison Morrison

LET US PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Jordana Robinson

Escolastica Furtado

AND THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jahzira Grace Wakelin

*St. John Chrysostom,
pray for us*



It was Bishop Fulton Sheen who said it first, and Bishop Robert Barron repeats it, "...of course they went back by a different route. Like the wise men, no one comes to Jesus and goes back the same. When we move toward Christ, expect to be different." When we encounter difficulties, are we still moving toward the star? Do we continue to put our faith, hope and trust in God and follow where we are led? If we stay close to God, we will never go astray. We too, will be led to meet the love of God as we enter into this New Year. Trust that God is guiding us when we encounter difficulties. Especially then. Follow the Star...because we are all on the journey.



2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available for pick up at the entrance of the church. We will not be assigning numbered boxes but encourage you to pick up a regular box of envelopes for your own use. Please consider donating by pre-Authorized Giving or by Credit Card. Call the Accounting Office at ext. 206 for more information on these methods. PAG and Credit Card donors are encouraged to pick up a regular box of envelopes to use for special collections. Please remember:

- ◆ Throw out your old envelopes. Your new box of offertory envelopes should only be used in 2024.
- ◆ Clearly print your name, address and phone # on each envelope for the first four weeks.
- ◆ The number on your box of envelopes is designated for your use only.
- ◆ Do not give your envelopes to anyone else.

SUNDAY MISSALS NOW AVAILABLE



The 2024 Sunday Missal is now available at the Parish Office. Pick up your copy today. Cost \$7 Cash.



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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

READ MORE

May God Bless you and your loved ones with a Healthy and Joyous New Year

WEEK OF PRAYER AND CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 21, 2024 at 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral,
455 Ferrier St., Markham, ON

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. The homilist is H.G. Anba Archilids, General Bishop and Papal Vicar, Coptic Orthodox Archdiocese of Toronto. In this annual celebration we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC). All are welcome to attend.

SIGN UP



2024 CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose **Wednesday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is on **Wednesday, January 17th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**

If you chose **Thursday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is this **Thursday, January 18th at 5:00pm downstairs in the Parish Hall**



2024 FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Parents: If you chose **Wednesday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is

Wednesday, January 10th at 5:00pm in the Church. If you chose **Thursday Classes**: Your child's **next** lesson is **Thursday, January 11th at 5:00pm in the Church.**



Legion of Mary Visitation Program

St. John Chrysostom Parish is offering parishioners the opportunity to respond to the requests made by the Blessed Mother during her apparitions at Fatima. To join the Legion of Mary Visitation Program or for more information visit: LEGIONOFMARYSJC432@GMAIL.COM or call Gary Marston at (905) 967-4698



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Share one hour with our Lord. Adoration is one way you can make prayer and spending time with Jesus a greater priority in your life. Join us every **Friday** from **4pm-7pm** for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. The next **First Friday Mass** will be on **February 2nd at 7pm.**

All are welcome.

(Morning Mass is cancelled)

VOCATIONS



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 be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations Archdiocese of Toronto at:

416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church



Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



2024 FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

Submission Deadline: January 15

High school students (ages 13-19) in the Catholic School Boards are invited to participate in this annual event commemorating the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). Write a 500 word essay that explores the 2024 **Theme**: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Resources: <https://rb.gy/wajo9>
Submit entries to:

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call **416-934-3400 ext 527**

for more information.

Fantastic prizes for the top 3 submissions.



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.

OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection received on Dec 30-31, 2023

\$10,560.

2023 Offertory Envelope user # **468**, please contact the Parish Office

Thank You



Praised be Jesus Christ.

25, December 2023

My dear brothers and sisters,

I wish to bring warm Christmas greetings to all of you and your families as faithful Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. This is always a very special time of the year, a beautiful season for us to celebrate, reflect and joyfully retell the Greatest Story ever told –the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus in Bethlehem.

I hold a special place in my heart this Christmas for the people of the archdiocese as it is my first with you as your shepherd. It has been a joy getting to know so many of you since my arrival in March and know that all of you, whether we have met or have not yet had the pleasure of doing so, remain close in prayer this Christmas.

Each time we hear the story of the birth of Jesus Christ, it provides for us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on His coming into the world. The long and no doubt difficult journey made by Mother Mary and her spouse, the good St. Joseph from Nazareth; looking desperately for a suitable dwelling and settling on a simple manger. The angels who proclaimed his birth. We reflect on the shepherds and wise men who followed the star and came to worship Our Lord in his innocence and vulnerability as they found him in his Mother’s arms.

I would like to invite you to consider two simple ideas this Christmas as you and your loved ones enjoy this special time of year.

First, God sent us his only begotten son Jesus to be the **Light of the world**. As Christians, we carry the light of Jesus in our hearts. It is a flame that burns eternal. We need to let this light grow inside all of us, especially when we face the many challenges and darkness of the world. Just as Mother Mary did in giving her “yes”, so too must we surrender daily, passionately and wholeheartedly to the holy will of the Lord and allow His Son to enter more deeply, and dwell with his grace in our lives. This way he will enlighten our days and transform our lives.

A second point. Yes, we possess the divine light within each one of our hearts, the light of faith and devotion, of charity and grace; but as we know ever so well, unless we allow it **to shine unto others**, darkness will prevail. Our challenge, at Christmas and throughout the new year, is to radiate this light and share it with others. Like all spiritual gifts, the more we use them and share them with others, the more they grow within us. As we share our faith and love, our care, forgiveness and hope with our sisters and brothers, the more we shall receive.



How **exactly** might we share this light with those who are struggling – at home, in our families and our communities, with our loved ones and the stranger among us? How can this light illuminate lives in our country, bringing hope, meaning, kindness and care to others in messy and complicated situations: The secret is that it is **not our own light but that of Christ** and his light is creative and unlimited, generous and transformative.

When we **share our faith** in Christ with someone who does not know him or knows him poorly, we provide an opportunity for Christ's light to shine in that person. When we **reach out to the needy**, the abandoned, the ill and the vulnerable in the name of Christ, it provides an occasion for Christ himself to shine in their lives. When we **refuse** all violence, vindictiveness, unforgiveness and greed, this allows for his light to enter, enhance and brighten the human spirit. And when we **encounter Christ** in fervent prayer and sacraments, his light in us grows and dispels the dark recesses of our soul.

And so, just as Our Lady and St. Joseph did, let us make that faithful journey to Bethlehem. O Come Let Us Adore Him. Christ the Lord. They came from far and wide to honour and worship him. We proclaim Happy Birthday to Jesus. We thank him for giving us the precious gift of – his saving light in our daily life.

Dear Good people of Toronto – let the brilliance of that light shine brightly in and around you and may the abundance of God's overflowing love be lavished upon you and your loved ones throughout this Christmas Season and the New Year.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Most Rev. Francis Leo
Archbishop of Toronto

The Legion of Mary Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program



O Mary, Queen of Peace, Restore Harmony in Our Families and the world, through thy powerful intercession with Jesus, the Prince of Peace

Parish) on a scheduled visit. We will do our best to accommodate your requested schedule. The statue will stay in your home for one week (Saturday to Saturday). Two days prior to the statue's arrival, a Legion member will contact you regarding the arrival time of the statue and to confirm your address. You are asked to set up a little home shrine where the Pilgrim Virgin Statue will be placed. A table covering, candles (or vigil lights), flowers, and other desired sacramentals should be in place. Upon the arrival of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, all those present will gather at the shrine where the statue is placed and recite the Welcoming Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to welcome Mary upon her arrival and have them join you in prayer each day the statue is in your home. During this time, you are encouraged to recite the Rosary each day and offer prayer intentions, petitions, and gratitude to Mary. Two days prior to the statue's departure (the next Saturday), a Legion member will call to discuss the time that the statue will be picked up. Upon the statue's departure, Legion members will join you in reciting the Farewell Prayers of the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program. If you have any questions regarding the Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program or to sign up to have the statue brought to your home, please contact the Legion of Mary at:

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