

# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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## Vocation Seeds

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

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**[www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)**

## 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](http://www.archtoronto.org).

## Epiphany Blessing

We celebrate the Solemnity of Epiphany this Sunday. There is a tradition that on the feast of Epiphany, the head of each household would lead his/her family in a prayer and blessing of their home. The parish priest cannot bless everyone's home and so the head of each family would do this every year. After doing the blessing, he would sprinkle holy water about the house and use blessed chalk to mark the main entrance lintel of their home with the following: 20+C+M+B+24 (the number would change every year; to indicate the year we are in). The letters stand for the three Magi or Wise-men: Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing: Christus mansionem benedicat, which means "May Christ bless this house". Fr. Steven will try to have blessed chalk available on the feast of Epiphany for everyone to bless their homes. It is always a good idea to have holy water in your homes. All you need is a small container.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday January 6:

5:00 pm Homebound Parishioners and Lay  
Pastoral Workers  
Living and Deceased Bishops, Priests, Nuns  
and Deacons  
+Irwin Faustin  
+Pasquale Casale  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday January 7:

9:00 am +Rogelio Escarpiso Jr.  
10:30 am +Aloysius Kar On Leung

12:00 pm Pro - Populo

### Monday January 8:

9:00 am +Theresa Lim (Sui Ing)

### Tuesday January 9:

9:00 am +Mary Peris

### Wednesday January 10:

7:30 pm Alex & Jeff Limos Family  
In Thanksgiving  
Birthday blessing for Imelda Chen  
+Gualberto Sanchez  
+Vettivelin Veerasuntharam

### Thursday January 11:

9:00 am Cleotilda Pais

### Friday January 12:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
7:30 pm Jocelyne Wong

### Saturday January 13:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

## The Pope's Prayer Intention

For the gift of diversity in the Church :  
We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

To read reflections on the Pope's Prayer Intentions, visit  
[www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)

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## Holy Water

Catholics are encouraged to use holy water in their homes. Water is a natural symbol of purification and life. Water that has been blessed is efficacious in warding off evil spirits, preserving us from sin, even sickness. Holy water is also a good source of obtaining more of God's blessings and graces. You are welcome to take water from our holy water font. We are selling small holy water containers in our Gift Shop for \$1. It has a small spout which is ideal for sprinkling around your home. You can also use your own small bottle or container to get holy water from the font. The holy water dispenser is on the left side of the church, close to the pieta statue.

## Movie Night

Thanks to the efforts of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Saturday January 27, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15. We will be showing the movie Nefarious. This movie takes place at a state penitentiary, where an atheist psychiatrist is tasked with the job of interviewing a vicious mass murderer to determine whether he is sane, in which case he will be electrocuted to death. The murderer is possessed by the demon Nefarious, who dominates the conversation and wants the psychiatrist to promote his Dark Gospel. Please note that the movie is for mature viewers. We will have discussions during and after the movie. We will discuss the topic of possessions and how demons influence people in society today. The St. Aidan Movie Nights are free! We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. Everyone is welcome. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so we know how much pizza to order. Thank you.

## Question and Answer Session

Our Lay Pastoral Associate and Fr. Steven will again conduct a question-and-answer session on Saturday January 20th right after the 5:00 pm Mass. You can place your anonymous questions into the box at the centre of the main aisle in the church. Note that we still have questions left over from the previous time that still need answering. The session will last about an hour and a half. Light refreshments will be available.

## 2024 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you can not remember your envelope number, one of us from the gift shop can gladly help you. Please start using these envelopes in the New Year. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes please register in the gift shop or from our website.

## Saint Aidan Book Club

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm at St. Aidan's to discuss the book, "Confessions" by Saint Augustine, where he narrates how he came to turn away from his youthful ideals and licentious lifestyle to become one of Christianity's most influential thinkers and saints. Come join the St. Aidan book club. To register, contact Rosario Dizon at 416-731-0484.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Tel: 647 772 1319**      **[www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)**

In your acts of giving, do not fear a lack of means, a generous spirit is itself great wealth. Your gain will be greatest when you keep back least for yourself. - Saint Leo the Great

Thank you for your ongoing love and generosity towards the poor. Your donations to the Poor Box go a long way to help many poor and unfortunate families.

## Horizons of Hope Program

This is a program, designed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, that is ideal for those who wish to learn more about issues associated with palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion and from a Catholic perspective. We will be offering this program at St. Aidan's church hall. It will be facilitated by Deacon Peter Lee and Margaret Smith. There will be 4 sessions, all Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The dates are January 16, 23, 30 and February 6. There is no need to pre-register, everyone is welcome to attend.

## Sayings of the Saints

To lose one's way is nothing more than the giving up of prayer. Whoever does not pray does not need the devil to lead him off the path. He will throw himself into hell. —St. Teresa of Avila

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence.— St. Teresa of Calcutta