

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany Blessing

The Solemnity of Epiphany is traditionally on January 6 but is now celebrated on the Sunday that falls closest to it. This 2025 it falls on Sunday January 5th. 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 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+25 (the number changes every year; to indicate the year we are in). The letters stand for the three Magi or Wisemen: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house". Fr. Steven will 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.

Vocation Seeds

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

2025 Donation Envelopes

Please pick up your 2025 Donation Envelopes arranged in numerical order. If you cannot remember your number, one of us from the gift shop will gladly help you. New parishioners who wish to use donation envelopes, please register in the gift shop or from our website.

Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.— St. John Chrysostom

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 4:

5:00 pm Birthday Blessings for Rozel Ebaló
In Thanksgiving of Ivan Crasta
Special Intention of Acheron-Vasquez Family
Jocelyn Amerol Family
+Christina Anajao Sangyahon
+Veronica Pinto
+Paviluppilai Lourumary
+Stella Wong
+Melissa Blatchford

Sunday January 5:

9:00 am +Teresa Koon Lai Wah Leung

10:30 am Homebound Parishioners & Lay Pastoral
Visitors

12:00 pm Pro-Populo

Monday January 6:

9:00 am Victorino Family

Tuesday January 7:

9:00 am +Michael Quadros

Wednesday : January 8

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving
Conversion of All Politicians
Those in Authority
+Gualberto Sanchez
+Marvin Diaz
+Marita Salvosa

Thursday January 9:

9:00 am +Luke Jan Nigli

Friday January 10:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions

7:30 pm +Vettivelu Veerasuntharam

Saturday January 11:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp
All souls in purgatory

January 5, 2025

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This Jubilee Year is also referred to as a "Holy Year". Many graces can be gained by the faithful in honouring and participating in the Jubilee Year. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". The Holy Father opened the Jubilee Year on December 2024. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we launched the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass last Sunday, December 29, at 5:00 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All were invited to join in this special celebration. May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of January 18-19, we will welcome a representative of "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the Masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding Christians' presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayer and we will have unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every Mass.

Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

May God Bless you and your generosity, for your help and for your prayers.

Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at
www.HolylandChristians.ca

Mary Help of Christians

The Legion of Mary invites everyone to attend their monthly Patrician meeting which will be conducted on the 3rd Saturday of every month in the church hall after the 9:00 am morning Mass. The coming Patrician meeting will be held on Saturday January 18 and the topic will be on the "Holy Eucharist.". The purpose of a Patrician meeting is to enhance our knowledge and our ability to speak confidently and persuasively about our Catholic beliefs. We invite our parish family to come and learn more about the Catholic faith, in a friendly and social atmosphere. Coffee and biscuit will be served.

Saint Aidan Book Club

The Book club is meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30pm at St. Aidan's to discuss the book, "The Reluctant Disciple" by David Wells. Wells is a fantastic storyteller: wry, funny, self-deprecating and down to earth. From watching a dragonfly land on the back of his son's hand to heading off after work for a pint at the local bar, every moment in his story has something to offer. To register, contact Rosario Dizon at 416-731-0484

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On this joyous Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we express our heartfelt gratitude to You, God, for the many blessings we have received throughout 2024. Each gift has enriched the lives of our Neighbours in Need, and we are thankful for Your generosity. As we welcome the New Year, we eagerly anticipate a productive and grace-filled 2025, filled with hope and promise. We also ask for Your mercy to extend to our generous donors and supporters, who play such a vital role in our mission. May You continue to pour out Your divine anointing upon every one of them, guiding and uplifting them in all their endeavors.

Movie Night

Thanks to the effort of our CWL and Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Saturday January 25, right after the 5:00 pm Mass, starting at 6:15. We will be showing the movie Courageous. It is about how the loss of a child cause parents to become better parents. It is about having a positive attitude and trusting God can help us through difficult times and obtain many blessings. We will have a group discussion half way through the movie and at the end of it. The Movie Nights are free. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. If you know you will be attending, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so they know how much pizza to order.