

Sunday, January 5, 2025



*“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”
- Mt 2:6*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 6, 2025

8:15 am: + Leslie Cardoso

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:15 am: + Jenna Greer-Ragazzon

7:00 pm: + Alroy Vaz

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:15 am: + Margaret D’Souza

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:15 am: + Bernadette Paiva

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:15 am: + Claire Gortnar & Families

7:00 pm: + Georgia Anthony

+ Tony Cruz

+ Peter Quyet & Maria Loan

Intentions of the Gomes Family

+ All Souls

Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:15 am: + Arthur Rodrigues

5:00 pm: + Giulio Mattacchione

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30 am: + Giuseppe & Francesca D’Ettore

10:00 am: + Ted Xerri

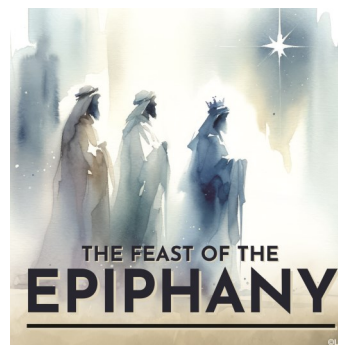
12:00 pm: + Donato Di Benedetto &

Giovanna Grazia

7:00 pm: St. Patrick’s Parishioners

Epiphany of the Lord

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew’s Gospel tells us, **“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh”** (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their “treasures”? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction. Isn’t that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi’s gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with “gold” (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money. What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.



2024 Tax Receipts

Please note that donations for 2024 must be received by the latest, **Friday, January 17, 2025** in order for it to be included in the 2024 tax receipts. Tax receipts for 2024 will be issued and mailed mid February. We thank you for your continuous support!



Parish Website

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Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Biz-zaro, Thomas Chircop, George



Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Magellan Tremblay, Roseanne & Bill Bennett, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo

That Man is YOU!

That Man is You! Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 PM starting January 15th** in the Main Hall. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. For info, please contact the parish office.

CWL General Meeting

Please join us this **Wednesday, Jan 8**, for our general meeting. All women in the Parish are welcome!

Youth Ministry

EDGE is open to all in grades 6, 7, and 8. Please register by using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/spygedge2024>

VERSO—if you are in grades 9-12, please register using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/Verso2024>

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dave at dguevarra@archtoronto.org.

Thank you!

On behalf of our parish staff, we would like to thank you for your consistent presence, support and participation in our community. We are grateful for the kindness and generosity you have shown and we wish you all a blessed 2025!

Mass Schedule

Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

Saturday, Jan 4 - 5:00 pm
 Sunday, Jan 5 - 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Regular Weekday and Sunday Schedule follows beginning with Monday, Jan 6, 2025.



St. Vincent de Paul thanks you!

St. Vincent de Paul's mission is to serve Christ in the poor with love, respect, hope and joy. They have counted on your generosity to extend a helping hand to those in need. We thank you and are eternally grateful for your generous support. Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to help those who are in need in our community.

Chalice

Chalice is a Canadian, Catholic international child sponsorship charity. For more than 30 years, our sponsors have supported children experiencing poverty to overcome obstacles, finish school, and have a hope-filled future. You **can** make a difference in someone's life today. Please visit the website to see how you can help a child, with a one time donation, a yearly sponsorship, or a gift for them in the name of someone here close to you. It's a gift that keeps on giving. If you prefer to call directly, Chalice can be reached at 1-800-776-6855 www.chalice.ca

Prayer for the New Year

*Dear God,
 Be with us as we begin our journey into a new year. We entrust our year to You. Help us to experience this year in Your grace.
 Amen.*