

Sunday, January 7, 2024



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

- Mt 2:1-2

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8, 2023

8:30am: + Margaret D'Souza

Tuesday, January 9, 2023

8:15am: + All Souls

7:00pm: + Diane Ouellette

Wednesday, January 10, 2023

8:15am: + Carol Anderson

Thursday, January 11, 2023

8:15am: + All Souls

Friday, January 12, 2023

8:15am: + Carol Anderson

7:00pm: + KJ Matthew

+ Anne Missetich

+ Renzo Vertolli

+ Maria Elisa Cantarero & Francisca Trevizan

+ Manuela Lardizabal & Consolation Figuelas

Saturday, January 13, 2023

8:15am: + Pedro Santos

5:00pm: + Mervyn De Souza

Sunday, January 14, 2023

8:30am: + Margaret Trimm

10:00am: + Donato Benedetto & Giovanni & Grazia Scazzorello

12:00pm: + All Souls

7:00pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners & Youth



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Epiphany of Our Lord



A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last,

completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?" The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**" This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are. If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.— *Father John Muir*

2023 Tax Receipts

Please note that donations for 2023 must be received by the latest, **Friday, January 19th, 2023** in order for it to be included in the 2023 tax receipts. Tax receipts for 2023 will be issued and mailed sometime mid February. If you have any envelopes from previous years, please kindly discard them to avoid confusion. Thank you for your continuous support!

Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm

Sat: 9:00am-12:00pm, 3:00pm-6:00pm

Sun: 9:00am-1:00pm

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, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafrate, 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, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Joseph A. Torrefranca, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Cathy Mauro, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Senen Pastolero, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto

CWL General Meeting

Please join us this **Wednesday, Jan 10**, for our General Meeting. We will begin with Rosary at 7:00 pm, followed by a brief business meeting, then our activity for the evening – welcome the New Year celebration.

All women in the Parish are welcome!

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office and we will arrange for one of our Eucharist Ministers to drop by.

For more information, you can contact the parish office at (905) 270-2301 or stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org

Online Prayer Group

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. Please join us every Monday evening at 7:00 pm for an hour of Prayers and Reflections via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 9533 4570
Passcode: 196792

Further details and Zoom link will be emailed through the Parish Email distribution. Please email the parish office at stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org if you wish to be added to the email list.

For more information, please email: stpatrickmiss.olprayergroup@gmail.com



Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way – for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible. *"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,"* writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3).

A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light – he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod – a man so jealous that he sought to kill God – cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."

– Isaiah 60:2

Squires Hot Chocolate Sales



The Squires are having a hot chocolate sale on the **weekends of January 20th and 21st**. We will be selling hot chocolate and other tasty treats after every Mass. Come and enjoy a cup of

hot chocolate and support the squires. The price is \$2.50. Thank you for your continuous support!