

## Sunday, January 8, 2023



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

- Mt 2:10-11

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 9, 2023

8:15 am: + Paul Tjioe

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:15 am: + Paul Tjioe

7:00 pm: + Paul Tjioe

### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:15 am: + Paul Tjioe

### Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:15 am: Marian Harston (healing)

### Friday, January 13, 2023

8:15 am: In Thanksgiving

7:00 pm: + Paul Tjioe

+ Bienvenido & Carmen Azurin

+ Helena & Pietro Romantini

In Thanksgiving for April Torre Franca

+ K.J Matthew

### Saturday, January 14, 2023

8:15 am: + David John Mahony

5:00 pm: + Stanko Perkovic

### Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:30 am: + Fernanda & Ernesto De Crescentis

10:00 am: + Joe Santos

12:00 pm: + Martin Tavares

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

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## Epiphany of the Lord

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**"

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus.

— Father John Muir

## 2022 Tax Receipts

Please note that donations for 2022 must be received by **Friday, January 13, 2023** in order for it to be included in the 2022 tax receipts. Tax receipts for 2022 will be issued and mailed sometime in February. Thank you for your continuous support!

## 2023 Envelopes

2023 envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall. If you don't remember your number, we have ushers and volunteers around to help.

**NOTE: Parishioners whose current numbers are 1000 and above will be given new numbers in 2023. Please stop by the parish office to pick up your envelopes! Thank you!**

## Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm

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

Sun: 9am-1pm



### Parish Website

StPatricksMI.archtoronto.org

### Email

StPatricksMI@archtoronto.org

### Youth Website

stpatriksyouth.com



## **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 Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Alvaro Interiano, Arlene Claricia, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Margarita Flores, Carlito Claricia, Virginia Torre Franca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko



## **Catechism Program**

### **First Confession & First Communion**

Make sure your child is enrolled for this year's Catechism program (First Confession & First Communion). Enrollment is done via an online form that was sent straight to your email. If you haven't done so, please email [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)

### **First Confession/Reconciliation Dates**

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (online registration will be sent to all parents of children who are currently enrolled in the program)*

- Monday, Feb 27 at 7:00pm
- Wednesday, Mar 1 at 7:00pm

### **First Holy Communion Dates**

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (online registration will be sent to all parents of children who are currently enrolled in the program)*

- Saturday, April 29, 5pm
- Sunday, April 30, 10am
- Sunday, April 30, 12pm
- Saturday, May 6, 5pm
- Sunday, May 7, 10am
- Sunday, May 7, 12pm

If you have any questions, please contact Beatrice at [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)

## **Columbian Squires**

### **Give Back Weekend (Jan 14-15, 2023)**

As a thank you to parishioners, our very own Columbian Squires are hosting a *Give Back* weekend on January 14-15, 2023 after all Masses —please come join us in the parish hall for hot chocolate and cookies! See you there!

## **Lectors Needed**

Readers are needed for the 7:00pm Mass. If you are interested, please visit the parish office to complete a registration form. Once completed, you will be contacted by the Parish Lector Coordinator, David. Thank you!

## **LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2023**

Saturday, March 4th, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

North Building, 255 Front Street West

A Grace-filled Day Celebrating God's Love with:

- \* Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto
- \* Ralph Martin
- \* Chris Stefanick
- \* Uplifting Music, Eucharistic Healing Procession
- \* Confession and Holy Mass
- \* Separate Youth Event with Debbie Herbeck & Pete Burak

For Tickets/Info. [www.ljhr.ca](http://www.ljhr.ca), [contact@ljhr.ca](mailto:contact@ljhr.ca) or Call Sadie at (905) 270-2510

## **Live the Liturgy**

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through the journey of life to lay at the feet of the King? Do we protect them as we should?

## **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 at (905) 270-2301 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](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)

## **YOUTH MINISTRY** **JOIN US FOR EDGE & ELEV8!**

EDGE is a Youth Ministry for those in Grades 6 and 7 aimed to bringing youth closer to Jesus Christ and His Church and to encourage holiness and community with each other. EDGE Nights allow the young people to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends.

ELEV8 is a Youth Ministry for those in Grade 8 aimed to foster intentional discipleship and deeper friendships before entering High School. ELEV8 Nights take place at the same time as EDGE Nights, but the 8's break off into their own space.

Join us Fridays at the Parish from 5pm to 6:30pm (doors open at 4:45pm):

**Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 26 & Jun 9**

RSVP is encouraged through Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/spygedge>