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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

January 4 & 5, 2020 – The Epiphany of The Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

Day/Time	Date	Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	January 4	For the people
Sun. 9:30am	January 5	+ Patricia Rogers requested by Ted Rogers and family
Sun. 11:00am	January 5	+ Francesca Franzo requested by Sam, Mary Jo Meilhac and family
Tues. 9:00am	January 7 <i>St. André Bessette</i>	+ Vi & John White requested by the White family
Wed. 9:00am	January 8	No Mass Intentions
Thurs. 9:00am	January 9	No Mass Intentions
Fri. 9:00am	January 10	No Mass Intentions
Sat. 5:00pm	January 11	For the people
Sun. 9:30am	January 12	For the people
Sun. 11:00am	January 12	For the people

The Collection on December 21 & 22, 2019 was \$2494.50

Last Year's Collection on Dec. 22 & 23, 2018 was \$1668.20

 The Collection on December 28 & 29, 2019 was 1829.70
 and December 30 & 31, 2018 was \$1,377.30

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons, for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday, or in thanksgiving for special blessings that we received. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please contact the Parish Office at 416-694-0382 or drop by the office during regular office hours.

Sanctuary Candle & Mother Mary's Candles



The Sanctuary Candle and the candles at Mother Mary's Altar are lit this week in thanksgiving and for blessings received.

We are requesting the parishioners to sponsor a Sanctuary Candle (\$20.00) or Candles at Mother Mary's Altar (\$15.00) or Altar Flowers (\$50.00), for your intentions or in memory of a deceased loved one. For more information or to place your request please contact the parish office @ 416 694 0382.

Ministry Recognition Weekend

As part of our parish commitment to stewardship, we will recognize one of our parish ministries on the first Sunday of each month. We want to acknowledge the commitment to service that people in our parish share with us in such a variety of ways. Each month, we will highlight a ministry with a bulletin announcement, a brief description of the work of the ministry and a blessing/commissioning for the people involved.

Each of us has been blessed with gifts from God, and we will celebrate the way that so many in our parish share those gifts with us. This will also provide an opportunity for each ministry to invite fellow parishioners to ask how they can become more involved in our parish life.

In the New Year, on the first weekend in January 2020 we take a moment to appreciate the efforts of our Sacramental Preparation Teams and recognize their committed service to the parish of Corpus Christi.

Preparing people to receive sacraments is a time-honoured practice of the Church. Faith formation is a lifelong process. Sacraments are milestones – signposts – along this faith journey. They are like road signs that guide us on the way to holiness, continually point us towards Christ, and ultimately lead us to our final destination which is heaven. We encounter Jesus through the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

We have three Sacramental Preparation Teams in our parish, Baptism: Frank O'Neill, First Reconciliation and First Communion: Andrea Sisca, Christy Cousineau and Lourdes DaCosta, Confirmation Benjamin Turland and Sara Andino. We conduct Baptism Preparations on the first weekend of each month and we invite new parents to attend this preparatory session to equip themselves in forming their children in the light of faith. First Reconciliation and First Communion and Confirmation preparation starts in the fall with the parents meeting and we hold eight to ten sessions for the children and parents are involved in few sessions. The members of these teams are so committed to the faith formation of our children and young families.

Coming Up

- Jan 4 : Ministry Recognition Weekend
- Jan 12 : Rite of Inscription @ 11:00 am Mass for the First Communion Candidates
- Jan 19 : Baptism
- Jan 21 : Eucharistic Adoration (7:00 – 8:00 pm)
- Jan 25/26 : Visit of Msgr. Joe Shiels, Former Pastor
- Jan 31 : Seniors' Luncheon

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2020 Envelopes

The 2020 Envelopes are available in the vestibule. They are alphabetically arranged by the last name, please pick up your box. Please make note that some of the envelope numbers have changed. Sign-up sheets are provided for the parishioners who are picking envelopes for their families, friends or neighbours. Those who have requested for new box of envelopes may also may also collect them from the back of the Church. Anyone interested in getting a new box of envelopes please contact the parish office.

Pre-Authorised Giving (PAG) is the most viable way to support the parish. At this time of the year, we encourage you to consider changing from the use of envelopes to the PAG. The sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church or you can pick it up from the office during the office hours.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated from **January 18 – 25, 2020**. The theme is “**They showed us unusual kindness**” (cf. **Acts 28:2**). Welcoming strangers — whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees — is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ’s love.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins – February 9, 2020 - 3 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at **3 p.m.** on **Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish** (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

Come away to a quiet place . . .

Following the rush and busyness of Christmas and the New Year, we, Sisters of the Congregation de Notre-Dame would like to invite you to an afternoon of prayerful silence and reflection. The afternoon will offer an opportunity to pay attention to God, to pray and to listen to God’s word for you and your life.

AT: Marguerite Residence
4 Columbine Ave.

ON: Wednesday, January 22 from 1:30 to 3:30p.m.

Please indicate your desire to participate in this prayerful afternoon by signing the sheets at the back of the Church.

Sister Sheila and Sister Jo



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi, the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour. (*Taken from: www.catholicculture.org*)

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