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LITURGICAL LIFE

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| Children's Liturgy | Doris Sweeney | 905-837-2944 |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Teresa D'Amelio | 647-200-9315 |
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| Music Coordinator | Anna Hughes | 905-576-9398 |
| Organist: | Andrew Weleschuk | |
| Parish Choir: | Anna Hughes | |
| Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation | Ext. 505 | |
| Ushers & Greeters | Carlos Figueroa | 905-420-3794 |
| Youth Choir: | Vanessa Lowing | |

YOUTH MINISTRY Shelly Coish Ext. 223

EDGE Programme: Grade 6, 7 & 8

Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Lifeteen Programme: Highschool Students

Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

OTHER APOSTOLATES

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| Bereavement | Please call the parish office | |
| Legion of Mary | Fran Baduel | Ext. 504 |
| Rosary Apostolate | Camille Jacques-Carr | 905-509-8500 |
| St Vincent de Paul | Ben Jardine | Ext. 502 |

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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| Catholic Women's League | Marie James | 905-839-8890 |
| Knights of Columbus | Dennis Lacey | 905-839-7001 |
| Children's Play Group | Ramona Kelland | 905-831-5772 |
| Parish Finance Council | Bart Calderone | 905-839-9116 |
| Bldg/Maint. Council | Paul Bertrand | 905-622-5910 |
| Refugee Committee | Joe Przybylo | 905-839-8233 |

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| St. Mary Secondary | Michael O'Brien | 905-420-7166 |

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 7:00pm
(Rosary 15 minutes before each Mass)

DAILY MASSES

Monday to Friday 7:30am
Wednesday 7:00pm
Saturday 8:30am
First Friday 7:30pm
First Saturday: 11:00am Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite (Latin)
(Mass will be offered at 10:00am on Public Holidays)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 9:00 to 9:30am, 3:45 to 4:15pm.
Sunday: 15 minutes prior to each Holy Mass
(Any time by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday between the morning and evening Masses
First Fridays after morning Mass until 6:30pm Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday at 7:00pm
First Friday: Holy Hour at 6:30pm

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at least once per month. Parents are to be registered parishioners. To register your child for baptism, pick-up a baptism package in the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married contact the parish office at least one year in advance. No wedding date is to be set before consultation with the Priests/Deacons. At least one of the parties must be a registered parishioner.

RITE OF INITIATION OF ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH (RCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact the office.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE ILL OR HOMEBOUND

Requests for the Sacrament of the Sick, prayers or visitations, please call the parish office.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to the Catholic Church locally. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or Deacons and register in the office.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

MONDAY 8 JANUARY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30am Mass: + Teadore Perez

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: Special Intentions – Greg Fratolli

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Nicole Lyew

7:00pm Multiple Mass Intentions

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: Special Intentions - Shouzhen Tang

9:00am to 12 noon Children's Play Group

7:00pm Legion of Mary meeting

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY -- ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, VIRGIN

7:30am Mass: + Greg McCarney

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY – ST HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

4:30pm Mass: + Marie Mascarenhas.

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY- SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8:30am Mass: Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: Betty Reid

7:00pm Mass: Henry Slaczka

Ordinary Time begins again on Tuesday 9th January.

**THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF
*Anton & Ida Van Langen***

Please Notice This



The office will be closed from noon Friday December 22nd through Sunday, January 7th. The office will reopen on Monday, January 8th at 9:00am.

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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

EPIPHANY

Some people refer to the Epiphany as a "Little Christmas". Interestingly, however, it was for a long time a feast regarded as no less in rank than Christmas Day itself, and with an Octave of a higher rank even than that of Christmas.

THE REVEALING OF GOD AS MAN

But what exactly is the Epiphany about? The Gospel of the Feast is the familiar account of the coming of the Magi to the infant Christ, and of their presentation of gifts to Him. Yet this is not the only event which is celebrated on this great day—the Eastern Church calls this feast the "*Theophany*", the "*Revelation of God*", which takes place in three stages: first to the Magi; secondly at Our Lord's Baptism; thirdly, in Our Lord's first miracle at Cana. These three events are quite far apart in time, of course, but they all speak of the *presence of God revealed in Christ's humanity*.

AND THE MAGI?

Returning to the Coming of the Magi, there are a few things that are puzzling about them. First, there is their identity. Note that St. Matthew does not tell us that they are Kings, but "Wise Men", as we generally translate the word. We know that the "Magi" were learned Persian priests who specialized in astronomical observations. For the Magi, God showed Himself in the patterns of the stars and planets. When something extraordinary happened in the sky, like the new and bright star which appeared, they understood this to mean that God was sending them a message that He was doing something extraordinary on the earth. It then became their quest to find out what this message meant. Apart from St. Matthew's account, we know nothing definite about the star which led the Magi to Bethlehem. But this is why they are often described as "Wise Men", on account of their learning. Secondly, how did the Magi come to be described as "Kings"? This comes about through the association with today's Old Testament reading at Mass from the prophet Isaiah, who foretells the future coming of kings to Jerusalem, and even of whole nations coming out of the east "bringing gold and incense". Also the Responsorial Psalm in today's Mass (from psalm 71) speaks of Kings from three places—Tarshish, Sheba and Seba—bringing gifts to the King of the Jews. Which leads to the next question: Thirdly, what of the *number* of Magi? St. Matthew gives us no definite information, but apart from the reference above to three kings in psalm 71, it has reasonably been assumed throughout history that since St. Matthew mentions exactly three gifts, each was brought by one person. Moreover, the relics of *three* Magi, named traditionally as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, can still be venerated in Cologne Cathedral. Finally, what of the gifts themselves? We noted above that the prophet Isaiah had already foretold in today's first reading that gold and incense would be brought by foreign kings to Jerusalem. But myrrh is mentioned only in St. Matthew's Gospel. Myrrh is rare and therefore very costly, and was added to oil to give it a fragrance for anointing, especially for people of great rank or state, like kings. Like incense, myrrh comes from the east. On account of its strong scent it was also associated with funeral embalming. Hence from the time of the Church Fathers, the gift of myrrh was associated with preparing for Our Lord's future death.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

St Marguerite Bourgeois (1620-1700) was born in France, crossed the Atlantic in due course, and settled in Ville Marie (Montreal) where she started schools for both aboriginal and French children. Other women eventually joined her small group and they formed a community that was approved by ecclesiastical authorities and given the name of the Congregation of Notre Dame. Marguerite, often referred to as 'Mother of the Colony', and her companions were ready to undertake whatever was required of them. The work of these nuns continues today in many parts of the world.

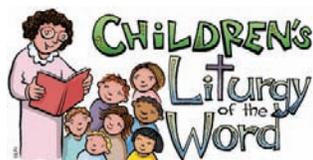
St Hilary (315-367) was Bishop of Poitiers in France. A convert from paganism, he became the most important Western defender of the orthodox faith against the Arians who denied the divinity of Our Lord, and for which he was exiled to the East by an heretical Emperor. His treatise "on the Trinity" is one of the most important early theological studies of the doctrine before St. Augustine.

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997**

email: vocations@archtoronto.org

website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

SANCTUARY LAMP: the lamp hanging in the sanctuary, when lit, indicates the Real Presence of Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, reserved in the Tabernacle (the veil of the Tabernacle indicates the same reality). The flickering light is also a sign of the prayers of the faithful which remain after they have left the parish church. This is the whole purpose of votive lights, which we have before images of the Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St Joseph, etc. The suggested offering is \$20.00.



Children's Liturgy is for those in Junior Kindergarten up to and including grade 3 (ages 4 to 8 years). **Children under the age of 4 years are welcome, but MUST be accompanied by an**

adult. Both adult and youth volunteers are needed to assist at the 10:00am Mass. High school students are welcome and can use the hours toward the required community service.

OUR PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

St. Isaac Jogues Parish is accepting 2018 Mass Intentions for parish weekday Masses (Monday-Friday) and weekend Masses. Offering: For single announced date \$20.00 per Mass and for multiple announced date \$10.00 per Mass. An unannounced date \$10.00 per Mass, may be sent to priests outside the parish to be celebrated in the near future.

Due to the large number of requests for Masses, the parish was given permission to celebrate Mass with multiple intentions **every Wednesday at the 7:00pm Mass and every Saturday at the 8:30am Mass.** As this is something which requires special permission from the Bishop, the parish cannot accept multiple intentions on other days.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN (PAG)

PAG allows parishioners to make their **regular Sunday offering, Renovation fund** and if they wish their **ShareLife offering** using the direct debit system. PAG is an option, not a requirement. It is widely used in the Toronto Archdiocese and we want to make PAG available to all parishioners who would like to take advantage of it.

When you participate in pre-authorized giving, your offering is withdrawn from your account once a month on or about the 20th day of each month and deposited into the parish account.

If you are enrolled in our PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) **you will still be getting a box of envelopes for next year.** Please continue to drop your offertory envelope in the basket – just write PAG across it before placing it in the basket. This way we encourage each other to support our parish and continue to teach our children the value of Christian stewardship. Also, **the colored envelopes in your boxed sets for special collections are not included in PAG.** Continue to use your special

collections envelopes at their designated dates. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish needs!

If you are interested in PAG or want additional details, please visit our website at <http://stisaacjogueschurch.com> and look under "Forms & Information" for the **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) brochure.**

REFERENCE LETTERS

All requests for reference letters, Sacraments, teaching, etc., will only be provided to those who are registered members of the parish and active in parish life. Please think ahead and get involved.



CONFIRMATION: LETTER OF INTENT
Confirmandi are asked to submit your *Letter of Intent* DURING Mass on Saturday, **January 13th or Sunday, January 14th.** Please pick up your **Sponsor Information Package** in the parish hall **after Mass.**

FIRST PENANCE RETREATS:

In November, each family signed up for a First Penance Retreat. You and your child **MUST** attend the retreat session you signed-up for. At your session, you will sign your child up to receive the Sacrament of First Penance. The retreat dates are Saturdays:

January 13th: 10am-noon or 1-3pm

January 20th: 10am-noon



Register for French Immersion

You are invited to enroll your child into the French Immersion program at schools across the Durham Catholic District School Board. Online registration opens **December 11, 2017 to January 19, 2018.** Students entering Grade 1 in September 2018 are eligible to register. Visit dcdsb.ca to learn more about our French Immersion program and to register your child.

Marriage Sunday

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. The [Celebration of Marriage Mass](#) will take place at Blessed Trinity Parish on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 3:00pm. Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary will be honoured. **Online registration for the Mass will open on January 10, 2018.** Call 416-934-3400, ext. 523 for more info.

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