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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions & Parish Activities

MONDAY 7 JANUARY – ST ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

7:30am Mass: + Charles Alves

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY – ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

7:30am Mass: + Gavin Machado

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: + Gabriel & Eugenia Dilag

7:00pm Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: Thanksgiving – Nicole Lyew

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY

7:30am Mass: Special Intentions – Shu Zhen Tang

SATURDAY 12 JANUARY – ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS, VIRGIN

8:30am Mass: Multiple Mass Intentions

4:30pm Mass: Special Intentions – Lisi family

SUNDAY 13 JANUARY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

10:00am Mass: Pro Populo

11:30am Mass: Special Intentions – Jacob Ferreira

7:00pm Mass: + Edward Lobo

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BECK FAMILY.

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.

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

THE EPIPHANY

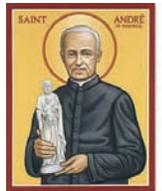
The Epiphany or the Theophany as it is sometimes called, denotes the appearance of God or a god. In ancient pagan lands where their kings were falsely honoured as gods; state visits from one monarch to another and all the royal pomp and splendour which that entailed, was referred to as a Theophany. As Catholics we rightly use this phrase to refer to Christ's self-revelation to the world. The Feast of the Epiphany combines several themes. We commemorate the visit of the Magi to the Christ-child—Jesus is revealing Himself to the gentile nations, showing that He is the Saviour of all people. The Magi in turn bear gifts which themselves reveal aspects of Christ's identity: gold His Kingship; incense His Divinity and Myrrh His Humanity. The visit of the Wise Men ties in with Old Testament prophecies which foretell that kings will come from Tarshish, Seba and Sheba, each bringing precious gifts of gold and frankincense. The fact that tradition has enobled the Magi with the identity of kings is probably inspired by this prophecy. In the Eastern Church, the visit of the Magi is commemorated as part of the Christmas story rather than having a feast of its own. For the Eastern Church the Epiphany is dominated by our second theme—the baptism of Christ which, in the west, we keep on a separate date. Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan was the first

public revelation of His Divinity. The Trinity is manifested when we hear the voice of the Father attesting to the Divinity of His Son in the presence of the Holy Spirit. On this day, Eastern rite Christians celebrate an elaborate ritual of the blessing of water. This usually takes place at the nearest lake, river or pond, and at the climax of this a cross is cast into the water to be retrieved by young men who compete for the honour. The final element of the Feast of the Epiphany is that of Christ the Bridegroom appearing in His wedding array to take His Bride, the Church. From their sacred union flow the Sacraments by which we become sons and daughters of the Father. The Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana, proclaimed on the first Sunday after Epiphany hints at this. We find all these themes beautifully woven together in the antiphons for Vespers of the Epiphany and they continue to spell themselves out during the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. With the joy of Epiphany, Jerusalem is enlightened by Christ and shines as a beacon for all nations to travel towards who seek Christ with sincere hearts.

Every blessing to you all this Christmastide!!

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

St Andre Bessette (1845-1937) Known to millions as Br Andre, he was born in Quebec. In 1870 he joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross and, working as a porter, he showed the face of Christ to all who passed his way. His reputation as the "miracle man of Montreal" was a title he resisted, attributing the miracles to St Joseph, as the servant of the Lord. He would say, "I am St Joseph's little dog." The Oratory in Montreal that houses his relics welcomes more than two million visitors each year and is the largest shrine in the world dedicated to St Joseph. He was declared blessed by John Paul II in 1982 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October, 2010.



St Raymond of Penyafort (1175-1275) After an already distinguished academic and preaching career, he joined the Dominicans in 1222 and was called to Rome to work to collate Canon Law. After returning to Barcelona, he became Master General of his Order and devoted himself to the release of slaves and establishing schools to teach Arabic and Hebrew.

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.

Smile of the Day:

How did the fisherman go deaf?
He lost his herring.

Papal Blessings

Parishioners may order a Papal Blessing scroll to commemorate a milestone wedding anniversary, birthday or reception of the sacrament of baptism, first holy communion, confirmation, marriage and religious ordination and profession. For further information on how to order a Papal Blessing scroll, including the cost and delivery time, please view the link below. The directions, forms and additional information are provided in this link: www.archtoronto.org/Pages/Papal-Blessings.aspx

Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Blessed Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound. Come, follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labour. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "Yes" to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

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.

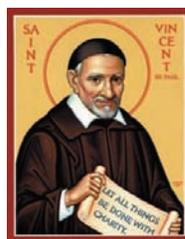
If you are enrolled in our PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving) you will still be getting a box of envelopes for next year. Please continue to drop your offertory envelope in the basket – just write PAG across it before placing it in the basket. This way we encourage each other to support our parish and continue 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://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org> and look under "Forms & Information" for the **Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) brochure**.

Please Sign Up

Would you like to have the current parish bulletin delivered to you via email? Would you like to be notified about funeral Masses taking place in our parish? You choose which items you wish to know about and we do the rest.

[https://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org/](https://stisaacjogues.archtoronto.org) and open the "Contact Us" and "Sign Up" tabs.



St. Vincent de Paul: THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... to our parishioners for your generous support of our Christmas Outreach Programme. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes out to the members of the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Pickering Fire Fighters and to the students, teachers and staff in our parish schools. Thanks also to Father Paul & Father Tom for their support of our appeal. This Christmas we helped over 60 families living within our parish boundaries. We can also share some resources with needy Catholic parishes in Oshawa. Income tax receipts for donations made in your name in 2018 will be issued by the end of February.



Saturday, January 26th following the 4:30pm Mass

Come and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Feast on a tasty pasta dinner followed by 10 regular games of Bingo. **Children are welcome for dinner, however, due to ACGO regulations, anyone under 18 years of age cannot play. We offer supervised children's activities during Bingo.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS



The **Catholic Women's League** will be holding their first meeting of 2019 on **Monday, January 14th starting with Mass or Rosary at 7:00pm**. The meeting will begin immediately after. If you are considering joining this wonderful group of women volunteers who work in faith and service for the community and parish, please consider coming to meet us on Monday evening. So far in the last two years our membership has increased by 25 new women. If you have any questions please call Marie James at 905-839-8890.

St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Women's League monthly luncheon will be held **Wednesday, January 30th, beginning with rosary or Mass at 11:30am**. Please send a quick email to CWL.Luncheon@gmail.com or call the parish office to confirm your attendance and indicate if you need a ride. This helps us to ensure sufficient table settings and food! Lunch will be served at 12 noon, with bingo and social time at 1:00pm. **Please note the cost is \$5.00 per person (please pay at the door).**

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