

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | 07 January 2024



Gold



Frankincense



Myrrh

**Gifts:** Gold- Christ as King; Frankincense – His Purity;  
Myrrh – His anointed work as Prophet and of His Death

We observed his star at its rising and have come to pay  
homage to the Lord. Matthew 2.2

### Welcome New Parishioners!

Please introduce yourself and your family to me before or after the mass to welcome you to our parish community.

All parishioners are encouraged to register in our community and participate in the church activities. We are here to support each other and grow in our relationship with God and with our neighbors.

For Registration form, ask anyone of the Ushers or Call the office.

Your Pastor,

Fr. David



**Saturday Vigil Mass** – 5:15pm

**Sunday Mass** – 9am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

**Weekdays:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 7pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday – 9am

**Baptism** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Preparation class is required. Talk to Fr. David after any of the Sunday masses.

**Confession** every Saturday at 4pm or by appointment.

**Confirmation** – for Grade 7 & up registration for 2025 is in the months of September and October 2024

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2025 is on October and November 2024

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment  
**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment  
**Parish School-**

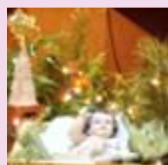
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**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS** (Jan 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Pray for us.

**"No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost."** St. Hilary of Poitiers



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The Almighty, all powerful came among us; as an ordinary infant, dependent and lying on the manger on Christmas Night, and up to then, we can say, only the Angels, Mary, Joseph, and the Shepherds knew of his Presence among his People.

Epiphany marks that day of great joy, when the prophecy of Prophet Isaiah was fulfilled; *“Nations shall come to your light, and Kings to the brightness of your dawn.”* This Day was in fulfillment to the promise made to Abraham by God; *“I will make you a Father of a Great Nation and All the Nations of the Earth will be Blessed through You.”*

In the Gospel Reading, St Matthew the Evangelist, himself, a Jew, saw this day as the opening of the doors of Salvation to all Peoples, announcing, that the privilege exclusive to Israel was extended to the whole of humanity!

*“Where is the Newborn King of the Jews?”* The Magi asked. *“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.”*

These Kings are representative of the Gentile World in all its diversity; coming to Christ. Their coming to Jerusalem was not by chance; this was in the Plan of God, and was the Fulfillment of the Prophecy of Isaiah, in the 1st reading; *“From Midian and Ephah; From Sheba shall come...they come bearing Gold and Frankincense, and proclaiming the Praises of the Lord.”* (Is 60:1-6)

Epiphany is the day of Our First Calling as Gentiles! Our pride is that these first Gentiles responded with great generosity; In a diligent search, making a Journey of Faith following the beckoning of the Star and they witnessed the generosity of the Love of God.

Matthew writes; *“The star came and stopped where the Child was; 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; Gold - signifying his Kingship, Incense- his Divinity and Myrrh - predicting his redemptive Suffering.

Matthew the Evangelist tells us that the Kings “were overwhelmed with Joy.”

The Star had led them to Jesus. Notice, that it was not they, who discovered Jesus, but Jesus revealed Himself to them!

Their generous response and their journey led them to Him; beginning the Great Procession that continues to our day; “The Humanity Pilgrimage to God Our Father through Christ Jesus our Savior!” This was in fulfillment of what we proclaim in the Psalm; “Lord every Nation on Earth will adore You.”

But notice the stark contrast, in attitude, between the Magi and the King and people in Jerusalem; I am surprised and shocked at the indifference and fear in Jerusalem!

These two parties asked the same question; *“Where is the Newborn King of the Jews?”* But with very different Responses! One led to an overwhelming joy for the Magi; the other led by King Herod, jealousy and fear of losing influence and power, led to the deaths of the innocent infants of Bethlehem.



**COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**CHAPTER TWO**

*“From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead”*

135. How will Christ judge the living and the dead? 678-679, 681-682

Christ will judge with the power he has gained as the Redeemer of the world who came to bring salvation to all. The secrets of hearts will be brought to light as well as the conduct of each one toward God and toward his neighbor. Everyone, according to how he has lived, will either be filled with life or damned for eternity. In this way, “the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13) will come about in which “God will be all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28).

**CHAPTER THREE**

*I Believe in the Holy Spirit*

136. What does the Church mean when she confesses: “I believe in the Holy Spirit”? 683-686

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to profess faith in the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity who proceeds from the Father and the Son and “is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son”. The Spirit is “sent into our hearts” (Galatians 4:6) so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

137. Why are the missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit inseparable? 687-690, 742-743

In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Spirit are distinct but inseparable. From the very beginning until the end of time, when the Father sends his Son, he also sends his Spirit who unites us to Christ in faith so that as adopted sons we can call God “Father” (Romans 8:15). The Spirit is invisible but we know him through his actions, when he reveals the Word to us and when he acts in the Church.

138. What are the names of the Holy Spirit? 691-693

“The Holy Spirit” is the proper name of the third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also called him the Paraclete (Consoler or Advocate) and the Spirit of Truth. The New Testament also refers to him as the Spirit of Christ, of the Lord, of God - the Spirit of Glory and the Spirit of the Promise.

139. What symbols are used to represent the Holy Spirit? 694-701

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit: living water which springs from the wounded Heart of Christ and which quenches the thirst of the baptized; anointing with oil, which is the sacramental sign of Confirmation; fire which transforms what it touches; the cloud, dark or luminous, in which the divine glory is revealed; the imposition of hands by which the Holy Spirit is given; the dove which descended on Christ at his baptism and remained with him.

*(to be continued)- Catechism of the Catholic Church) <https://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium>*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Jan 06 - Sat, 5:15PM Vigil Mass-  
The Parishioners
- Jan 07-Sunday 9:00 AM + Hermenegilda Culig  
12:15 PM +Dominador David Sr.  
+ Enrique Madrid  
5:30 PM + Rodelio Galsim
- Jan 08 –Mon, 7 PM- +Rosada Dias
- Jan 09 –Tue, 9 AM - Thanksgiving to the Black Nazarene
- Jan 10 - Wed, 7 AM - + Pablo Picache  
+ Jose Laurel
- Jan 11 –Thu, 7 PM - + Thanksgiving of Lacho Family
- Jan 12– Fri, 9 AM- +Carlos Teodoro
- Jan 13- Sat 9 AM- + Dominador David Sr.

**7-day Candle –Offering–Jan 06-12, 2023**

- Sanctuary--- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Virgin Mary- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa
- Chapel ---- Thanksgiving of Cora de Villa

**WORDS OF THE WEEK**

**New EPIPHANY**

-means an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being; an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure;

<http://www.merriam-webster.com>

The Feast of the Epiphany is observed on January 6 in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. It will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7, 2024 in Canada and USA. The word Epiphany means a manifestation, a making present, a revealing. There is no doubt that even during those so called "hidden" years the plan, purpose and redemptive implications of the entire saving life, death, ascension, and resurrection of Jesus were being manifested and revealed. They reveal how the ordinary becomes extraordinary when lived in communion with God the Father. <https://www.catholic.org>

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention –January 2024 - FOR THE GIFTS OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH**

Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit “to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”



**CHRISTMAS SEASON**





**Our Patron Saint...**



Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

QUOTE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

**St. Hilary of Poitiers' (Jan 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. He is a defender of the divinity of Christ.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org>

**IN THE NEWS !!!**



01/01/2024

Pope at Angelus: Love opens paths for peace, never suffocating others

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-01/pope-francis-solemnity-mary-mother-god-angelus-love.html>

**Pope at Mass: Let us entrust the New Year to the Mother of God**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-01/pope-at-mass-let-us-entrust-the-new-year-to-the-mother-of-god.html>



**PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE MOST REV. FRANCIS LEO**  
Monday, January 01, 2024

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO



**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO**  
Sunday, December 24, 2023

NEWS ARCHDIOCESAN ARCHBISHOP LEO



**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NEW CYCLE OF FORMATION COURSES**

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/outreach/news/>

**\*\*click the link to read the full text of the news\*\***

**PARISH DEVOTIONS**

**Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion**

-every Saturday before the 9am Mass

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**

-before the Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

-Every 1st Friday at 6:00pm communal

**Parish Ministries & Programs**

- Eucharistic Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors–Proclaimers of God’s words
- Altar Servers & Sacristans
- Ushers
- Catholic Women’s League
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Icon of Our Lady
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Seniors Breakfast Club

*If you are interested to join, please email us at [stjohn23do@archtoronto.org](mailto:stjohn23do@archtoronto.org) and we will direct you to the person leading these groups.*

What unites us, is much greater than what divides us.” St. John XXIII

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- If you want to use 2024 pre-numbered donation envelope, please fill up the Parish Registration form and submit it to the OFFICE;
- First Holy Communion candidates who have not taken the First Test, email the office to book an appointment;
- Calling all St. John XXIII registered parishioners, if you have changes in your contact information, please inform the Parish Office to update our records;

