

# St. John XXIII Parish

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## PARISH BULLETIN | EPIPHANY of the LORD | January 08, 2023



*We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay homage to the Lord.* Mathew 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

### Mass Schedule

**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 2024 is in the months of September and October 2023

**First Holy Communion** – for Grade 2 & up registration for 2024 is on October and November 2023

**Wedding** – call the office for appointment

**Anyone who wants to become**

**Catholic** – call the office for appointment

**Parish School-**

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**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys,**  
**PRAY FOR US.**

**Feast Day on January 12<sup>th</sup>**



***“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;”***

*Matthew 2:9-10*

***“Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and See, your Children gathered from the Rising to the Setting of the Sun.”*** These are the words of the opening antiphon of today’s Mass:

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 to Abraham, ***“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 racial 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 in 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, it was not they who discovered Jesus, but Jesus revealed Himself to them!

Their generous response and their journey led them to HIM; beginning A 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 Jealousy of King Herod led to the deaths of the infants.

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**Brothers and Sisters, may we like the star, in the service of God, illuminating all to find Jesus; the True Light of the World.**

**Arise, Shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Isaiah 60.1**



**They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. Isaiah 60.6**

## – Catechism of the Catholic Church–

### Paragraph 2. “Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”

#### I. CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

**[CCC 484]** The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates “the fullness of time”. The time of the fulfilment of God’s promises and preparations. Mary was invited to conceive him in whom the “whole fullness of deity” would dwell “bodily”. The divine response to her question, “How can this be, since I know not man?”, was given by the power of the Spirit: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you.

**[CCC 485]** The mission of the Holy Spirit is always conjoined and ordered to that of the Son. The Holy Spirit, “the Lord, the giver of Life”, is sent to sanctify the womb of the Virgin Mary and divinely fecundate it, causing her to conceive the eternal Son of the Father in a humanity drawn from her own.

**[CCC 486]** The Father’s only Son, conceived as man in the womb of the Virgin Mary, is “Christ”, that is to say, anointed by the Holy Spirit, from the beginning of his human existence, though the manifestation of this fact takes place only progressively: to the shepherds, to the magi, to John the Baptist, to the disciples. Thus the whole life of Jesus Christ will make manifest “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”

[Catechism of the Catholic Church -](#)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 07 – Saturday, 7:00PM Vigil Mass

The Parishioners

Jan 08 – Sunday

9:00 AM CWL Intentions

12:15 PM +Lily Sylvia G.

5:30 PM +Rosadas D.

Jan 09– Monday, 7 PM

Deceased Devotees of Black Nazarene

Jan 10 – Tuesday, 9AM

+ Pablo P.

Jan 11 – Wednesday, 7PM

+ Barry Edward H.

Jan 12 – Thursday, 9AM

Thanksgiving of Robert L.

Jan 13 – Friday, 7PM

+ Ronald C. T.

Jan 14 – Saturday, 9AM

+ Raul A.

Memorial Lamp – Jan 8-14, 2023

Sanctuary Candle –

Mother Mary -

Chapel Candle -

**Note to All Parishioners:**

If you want to offer mass intentions, please email or call the office at least two weeks in advance so it could be included in the bulletin.

*Let us pray for all the members of our Community who are sick, homebound and needs spiritual healing especially:*

1. Cristina
2. Margarete
3. Denise

### *Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention - January 2023*

**“We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.”**



**Our Patron Saint...**



**The Humor, Quotes and Love of John XXIII**

**"Men are like wine – some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age."**

*To be continued .....*

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, January 12**

Marguerite is often referred to as the 'Mother of the Colony' for her contributions to the establishment of Ville-Marie, the place we know today as Montreal.

Vorn in France in 1620, Marguerite crossed the Atlantic in 1653 to join in the colonizing efforts begun by Monsieur de Maisonneuve. Her mandate was to develop educational opportunities for aboriginal children and for the families of the French settlers in Ville-Marie.

Marguerite received the help of Jeanne Mance, founder of the Hotel-Dieu Hospital. Other women joined her and the group formed an institute of unclioistered sisters, the Congregation of Notre-Dame. Marguerite and her companions took on many roles, including teaching, introducing vocational courses for youth and assisting couples preparing for marriage. She resisted Church pressure to change her community to a cloistered one and lived to see her order's rule confirmed in 1698.

Marguerite was well loved. She died in 1700 at the age of 80 and was declared a saint on October 31, 1982. In 1997, archaeologists uncovered the foundation of the chapel Marguerite built in Ville-Marie 325 years earlier. Marguerite is a patron saint of poor people.

*Livina with Christ. Jan 2023 edition*

**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  
-Everyday – personal in the chapel

**Parish Ministries & Programs**

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

*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**

**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT .....**

1. What does the feast of the Epiphany means to Christians?
2. When is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrated?
3. Who was the king whom the wise men from the East asked "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews for them to pay homage?"?
4. What was the guide of these wise men to find the new born king?
5. What are the gifts that the wise men from the east brought to baby Jesus?



6. What regions as described in Psalm 72:10 the wise men came from?
7. The wise men went on their search until the star stopped over the place where the child was, what did they see upon entering the house?
8. What is the responsorial Psalm recited or sang this Sunday?

**Answer on last week trivia:** 1. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; 2. The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ; 3. Mary’s virginal motherhood is found in the CCC-99. [499-507; 510-511]; 4. Before the Second Vatican Council the Octave of the Nativity the feast of the Circumcision of Christ was celebrated; 5. On the eight day after birth, a new born son is circumcised; 6. Julius Ceasar; 7. In 1582 Pope Gregory restored January 1 as the start of the New Year; 8. Every December 30<sup>th</sup> the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated.