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# **Epiphany of the Lord**



We have come to Homage Him.

#### The Light That Shines for All

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light. This light attracts nations and kings. It shows the presence of God and marks the beginning of a new time. This prophecy points to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He is the light for all people.

Gifts of gold and frankincense are the same as those the Magi brought to Jesus. This connection ties the Old Testament to the New Testament. It shows how the prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi honor Jesus as king and God.

The Epiphany is not just about an event long ago. It reminds us that Jesus' mission is for everyone. He came for all nations and all people. This light invites us to follow Jesus and to share His light with others.

#### **A Universal Invitation**

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul talks about a mystery revealed to him. This mystery is that Gentiles are co-heirs with Jews, sharing in the same promises through Jesus. This reading fits well with the Feast of the Epiphany. It shows that the salvation Jesus brings is for everyone.

In the past, there were strong divisions between Jews and Gentiles. Paul's message was radical because it broke down these barriers. He explained that in Jesus, all people are welcome. This is the same message we see in the Epiphany, where the Magi, who were not Jews, came to worship Jesus. Their visit shows that Jesus came for all nations.

#### The Magi and the Humble King

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This is more than a story about wise men bringing gifts. It shows that Jesus is the Messiah for all people. The star guiding the Magi symbolizes God's light leading all nations to Jesus. This light is different from the power of King Herod. Herod is powerful and fearful. Jesus, though a baby, shows a different kind of kingship. He is humble and vulnerable, yet He changes the world.

The contrast between Jesus and Herod is clear. Herod hears of a new king and reacts with violence. He orders the killing of male children to protect his power. Jesus, as a baby, is innocent and helpless. Yet, He represents a new kind of authority. This story sets the stage for Jesus' ministry, which challenges traditional views of power.

Jesus' kingship is marked by humility and love. He does not come with force but with gentleness. The Magi, wise and powerful in their own right, bow down to this humble king. This act shows that true wisdom recognizes the value of humility and love.

Today's reflection is attributed to young-catholics.com



#### Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025

8:00am + Amalia Bustamante

1:00pm CHILDREN'S ROSARY

6:00pm Special intentions for Kevin O'Marra

#### Sunday, Jan. 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am + Tien Chau & Hong Chau

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Maria Tolomei Sr.

4:00pm + Daniel MacPherson

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES

**MULTIPLES** 

#### Monday, Jan. 6

St. André Bessette

8:00am + Han Maria

7:00pm + Frances Piorczynski

#### Tuesday, Jan. 7

St. Raymond of Penafort

8:00am + Mark Anthony Sarroca

6:30pm Novena in honor to St. Anthony

7:00pm + Lucia Roberto

#### Wednesday, Jan. 8

8:30am + Felice Marano

6:00pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

#### Thursday, Jan. 9

8:00am Thanksgiving for Hector Fabio Jimenez

7:00pm + Dionisio, Julieta & Joao Carlos Pacheco

#### Friday, Jan. 10

8:00am + Anna Nguyen Thi Su

7:00pm + Andrea Carli

#### Saturday, Jan. 11

8:00am + Jeanne Gaudette

6:00pm + Frank Tolomei

#### Sunday, Jan. 12 Baptism of the Lord

8:30am Thanksgiving for 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding

Anniversary of Louis & Ezilda Nazareth

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Antonio Di Michele.

4:00pm Thanksgiving for Nida Pedro

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES

**MULTIPLES** 

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eucarísticas: <a href="https://stcatherineofsienami.archtoronto.org/">https://stcatherineofsienami.archtoronto.org/</a> Debe presionar sobre el logo Mass - Live Stream

**FAMILIA MISIONERA"**. Estas reuniones se suspenden durante el mes de Diciembre y se reanudarán en Enero 2025.

"GRUPO DE LA RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA". Estas reuniones se suspenden durante el mes de Diciembre y se reanudarán en Enero 2025

"SANTO ROSARIO Y EUCARISTÍA". Todos los domingos a las 5:30 pm. rezaremos el Santo Rosario y a las 6:00 pm participaremos en la celebración eucarística. El "Café de la amistad" se suspende durante el mes de Diciembre y se reanudará en Enero 2025.

"MISALES EN ESPAÑOL PARA EL AÑO 2025". Ya están a la venta (\$12) en la oficina parroquial y los domingos al final de la Santa Misa en Español de

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PILGRIMAGE to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico with Father Gabriel in occasion of his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. On July 21-26, 2025 for a cost of \$3,540.00 CAD with double occupancy. For Further details contact the church office or edgar@geteways-international.com 1-800-268-0900

#### ENVELOPES FOR 2025 CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE

If your number was over 900, please check the binder for your new number.

<u>THANK YOU</u> to those who contributed to the Christmas celebrations. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and gifts.

<u>CHURCH RENOVATIONS</u> in the Main Hall washrooms are almost complete.

In the new year, starting January 6, 2025, renovations will start in the Church. Masses will be held in the Main Hall

Your prayers, patience and financial support will be greatly appreciated during this time. There are envelopes available at the entrances of the church for your donation. Thank you.

**DONATIONS** We thank parishioners who are using the envelope system for their donations. We will prepare receipts by the end of January. There are still quite a few envelopes remaining at the main entrance. Please take only the ones with your name on them. If you wish to use the envelope system, contact the office. E-transfer donations can also be made to office@stcatherine.ca

#### We invite everyone to register in the Parish

#### **MARRIAGE SUNDAY**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage">www.archtoronto.org/marriage</a>.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2025

#### For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



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