



The Epiphany of the Lord - C



Today's feast, older than Christmas, marks the showing (epiphany) of Jesus to the world. Once revelation had been limited to the chosen people of Israel; now it extends to all nations. In the persons of the wise men the world comes bearing gifts to worship its King. The magi responded to signs, even to

that most surprising sign of God's presence in the world, a little child cared for by its mother. God manifests who he is in weakness and simplicity rather than in power. The psalm brings to mind Jesus' ministry to the needy; one day all humankind will worship and serve him as God's Son. Isaiah speaks of the presence of God as a great light rising over the city of Jerusalem, drawing peoples from all over the earth out of their darkness. God's presence makes his people radiant, and praise to him wells up spontaneously. God's revelation of himself to the world is the great mystery of which Ephesians speaks; all of us without exception are called to be members of Christ's body and radiant signs of his glory.

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 03, 2016

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact **Fr. Chris** at 416-968-0997 or email at vocations@archtoronto.org or call **Fr. Victor** at 416-757-2806 or email at olfatima@rogers.com for further information.



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2016



Parishioners are reminded to pick up their box of donation envelopes for 2016 from the back of the church. These are sorted in trays – in alphabetical order – according to the family's last name. We thank those who have already collected their box. Boxes still uncollected by mid-

February will be recycled and registration restricted or cancelled. Families who have recently moved to our area are encouraged to register with us by calling the parish office at 416-757-2806.

Interested in a P.A.G. [Pre-Authorized Giving] Plan? Pick up a flyer with more information about what is the 'pre-authorized giving' plan and how parishioners can participate. Is your personal data as registered in our records updated? Please inform the office (416-757-2806) about any changes in your information ... new address or new phone number or added members to your household!



Update your data before we issue tax receipts for 2015

 Mass Schedule		January 04-10 2016
Mon 04	8:00 am	Bridie+Martin Prendergast[I]
Tues 05	8:00 am	Cesar Solidum [D]
Wed 06	7:00 pm	Patria Tillo [I]
Thur 07	8:00 am	Charles Snow [D]
Confirmation Mass	6:30 pm	<i>Pastor's Intention</i>
Fri 08	8:00 am	Joseph Battaglia Jr. [D]
Sat 09	9:00 am	Lidia Zucatto [D]
	4:30 pm	Salvina Agius [D]
Sun 10	9:00 am	Alex Maropakakis [D]
	10:30 am	Adele Vignali [D] & People of the Parish
	12:15 pm	Winston Perumal & Magdalene Gomes [D]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for 2016

The Children's Liturgy meetings resume next Sunday Jan 10, 2016 during the 10.30 am Mass. We would like to see more children participating in this liturgy. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Christian education of their children by joining their kids in going to church every week and encourage them to participate in the children's liturgy meetings.

First Holy Communion meetings ...

Applicants are to attend the Sunday 10.30 am Mass and Children's Liturgy gatherings as from Sunday, **January 17**. Candidates in public schools will have a formal class at 9.30 am in the church hall also from that Sunday. Initial meeting for parents and applicants in our hall is this **Friday, January 9 at 7.00 pm**. Please check program/schedule given with applications. *Thanks.*

Confirmation classes [gd7s] start on Feb. 6th

Candidates are reminder that classes start on Saturday, **February 6th**, in the church hall at 2.30 pm. The official **ENROLMENT** ceremony will be done during the 4.30 pm Mass in church on **Saturday, January 30th**. There is a commitment/information meeting for parents and candidates on **Friday, January 29 at 7.00 pm in our church hall**. All candidates are expected to be there and families are encouraged to participate in the Enrolment Mass. Attendance is **mandatory** for all the sessions listed in the schedule given during our initial meeting. Participation in the Sunday Eucharist, at our parish or in another church, is also mandatory. *Thank you.*



Knights of Columbus
Recruitment Appeal in church
Saturday/Sunday, January 09/10

Free Throw

At Our Lady of Fatima School
Saturday, January 23 at 9.00 am



Feast of the Infant Jesus – January 06

A Holy Hour of prayer, meditation and adoration starts at 6.00 pm. The Rosary and benediction concludes the prayer hour. Mass starts at 7.00 pm.

All are welcome especially the Secular Carmelites and their family & friends.





The Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, Jan 03
 There is **NO Children's Liturgy**. The parish is hosting a Christmas get-together for members of parish groups and volunteers, in the church hall today, from 1.30 pm onwards. There is **NO LORD'S FLOCK** prayer meeting this weekend. Meetings resume next Sunday, Jan 10 at the usual time.

Baptism mtg. – Monday, Jan 04
 A baptism preparation meeting for parents and godparents will take place in the office at 7.00 pm.

Practice for Confirmation – Tuesday, Jan 05
 Teachers from Our Lady of Fatima School will lead the practice in our church and hall [for all participants that can attend] from 9.00 am.

Feast of the Infant Jesus of Prague – Wednesday, Jan 06
 Adoration, prayers and Benediction start at 6.00 pm. The usual Fatima devotions follow at 6.30 pm and then sung holy Mass. This is followed by a time of get together and fellowship in the hall.

Confirmation Day – Thursday, Jan 07
 Bishop Vincent Nguyen will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to grade 8 students from the two Catholic Schools in the parish and other candidates. The Mass starts at 6.00 pm. **The Seniors Club will not be meeting in our basement this week.** The Knights of Columbus have an executive meeting.

FHC Meeting for parents and candidates – Friday, Jan 08
 Parents and applicants in our First Holy Communion class are invited to a **Initial Meeting** this evening at 7.00 pm in our church hall. **Formal regular classes begin on Sunday, Jan 17.**

RCIA sessions resume – Saturday, Jan 09
 Today's RCIA session starts at 10.00 am in our regular meeting room on the stage in the church hall. The Baptism celebration starts at 10.30 am in the church. **God students who were confirmed on Thursday have a Farewell Gathering in our hall at 3.00 pm.**

The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, Jan 10
 The feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas season. The regular schedule for Sunday Masses is followed and the **Children's Liturgy** meetings resume during the 10.30 am Mass. **The Lord's Flock** prayer group meets again at 2.00 pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The purpose of this day is: *to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels... (this) serves as a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.* In the Archdiocese this day will be celebrated with Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick and members from all communities of consecrated life on **Sunday, January 31 2016.**



The Bishop will preside the Eucharist at 3.00 pm



LUCIA DOS SANTOS SECULAR CARMEL COMMUNITY
 The community's monthly meeting is on Tuesday, **January 19, 2016** in the church hall. The meeting starts at 7.00 pm.



CHRISTMAS 2015
 Christmas is giving is loving and sharing,
 Christmas is peaceful with smiles we're all wearing,
 Christmas is family with friends one and all,
 Christmas is good times we always recall,
 Christmas is Jesus the baby at birth,
 God dwells among us, right here on earth;
 The power, the force, free hearts' desire,
 In service to us, our holy Messiah,
 Let's praise him and serve him and walk in his ways,
 And live a good life the rest of our days.
 By the grace of God.....Dennis Hayes.....25-Dec-2015

A special "Birthday Cake" recipe for Jesus

**Put in a cup of humility,
 a cup of love goes in too.
 Add a cup of caring and sharing
 I'm making it just for you.
 You're my Savior and redeemer
 So I'll add my heart as well,
 For dying on that cross for me
 And saving my soul from Hell.**

**I'll put in lots of forgiveness
 for my fellow men,
 for many here on Earth
 Refuse God's perfect plan.
 I'll add a cup of "glad" and "thanks"
 Because God has for me,
 a perfect place in His kingdom
 to live for eternity.**

**I'll add my cup of cheer as well,
 and a cup or two of faith,
 that my friends and family near to me,
 Will enter in that pearly gate.
 I'll stir it all up in my soul,
 and offer it to my King.**

**For myself is all I have to give,
 I haven't any other thing.
 I'll ice it all over with my prayers,
 to be a lamp so bright,
 so others may see in me
 God's perfect wondrous light.
 Happy Birthday Jesus!**

~ Author Unknown