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COVID-19 UPDATE:

The parish is open with limited masses and restricted to about 80 people.

Epiphany

Epiphany is often thought of as the feast of the three kings. The kings or magi came from the east to honour Jesus with highly valuable gifts worthy of a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Epiphany is the beginning of a different liturgical season (the "Season after Epiphany") that ends the night before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

ENVELOPE USERS TAKE NOTE...

Envelopes are ready for pick up.

Please write your name on the first few envelopes so we can check our records.

Do not use envelopes from previous years, especially if your number has changed.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

- all by appointment only

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND
HOLY COMMUNION**

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

EPIPHANY PRAYER

*Dear Jesus,
as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son.*

Amen.

GOD'S HOLY FAMILY...

"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 God is calling you, contact

Vacations at: 416-968-0997
email vocations@vocations.ca
www.vocationstoronto.ca

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Worship and Bow Down

In this week's reading, we hear that when the Magi saw the star, they came into the house. Then what did they do when they saw the Christ child in the arms of his mother? They fell down and worshiped him. How often in our lives do we go about our daily business seeing Christ in other people, in his Word, in the Eucharist, but our hearts do not respond in the same manner?

Especially this week as we celebrate the Epiphany, let's pray that God makes our hearts sensitive to his presence. For many of us, it's natural to go to adoration. And the moment we see Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, we fall to our knees. But in daily life, do we bow when we see a manifestation of his presence in the good works of others, or even in our local parish? Blessed John Paul II said that we must be careful of falling into "practical atheism," professing to believe in God but living our lives as though he doesn't exist.

Throughout the course of your day, at home,

at work, and with your friends, when you hear about the good things of Jesus and his Church, don't pass by them without taking a moment to bow in your heart and worship. Faith is the natural response to God revealing himself in the world, no matter how small that revelation might be.

Let faith rise up in your heart, and bow down to him even in the course of the mundane. In the village of Nazareth, people went about their mundane lives, not recognizing the extraordinary event that the Magi had traveled countless miles to witness: the King of Kings was in their midst.

Do you recognize God in the mundane?

This week look for appearances of Christ and his mother, manifestations of the kingdom of God. Each time you encounter Jesus in the mundane moments of life, whether in a church or an act of human kindness, consciously bow your heart in worship. Whisper in your heart, "I worship you, Lord. I see you in this moment."

Prayer In Time Of COVID

Gracious God, you who are the author of all life, and who desire the well-being of all people, during these dark days of COVID-19, increase in us, respect and reverence for all human life.

Grant restored health to the sick, comfort and hope to the dying, strength to family members, friends, relatives, clergy and volunteers, renewed energy to hospital workers, PSWs, nurses and doctors, and perseverance to all in the health care professions.

Grant wisdom to scientists for the development of effective and moral vaccines, discernment and right judgment for legislators, aid to the discouraged, poor and vulnerable, courage and justice for front-line workers, and keep always in our minds the vision of the true common good of all the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Bishop Robert Kasun CSB
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Resources during the pandemic

Visit www.archtoronto.org/ for links daily masses including:

1. **Daily Mass from Loretto Abbey** (also broadcast on TV)
2. **Daily Mass and Rosary with Cardinal Collins** live from St. Michael's
<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/liveCathedral Basilica>
7:30am Mon.-Sat.
10:00am Sunday
3. **ASL Mass Livestream** from the International Catholic Deaf Association, Canadian Section
4. Covid-19 resources: www.archtoronto.org/covid19

Spiritual Communion

During the pandemic we are unable to physically take part in communion. Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. When viewing mass online say this prayer at the time of communion.

St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope's prayer to Virgin Mary for protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

