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## VOCATION RELECTION

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister

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## OFFERING ENVELOPES READY FOR PICKUP

The Offering Envelopes are available for pickup.

**Please write your full name and address clearly on the first few envelopes.** If you move during the year please notify the parish office. Please use your envelopes with prayer and reflection.

## EPIPHANY PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

**Parent:** Christ has appeared among us.

**All:** Come, let us adore Him.

**Parent:** The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, by myrrh the burial of the Lord.

**All:** The Magi worshipped the Author of our salvation in the crib, and of their treasures they brought to Him gifts of mystic nature.

**Youngest Child:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

**All:** As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Parent:** Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son.

**All:** Alleluia.

### 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.

**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](http://www.tcdsb.org).**

### Schools in the area:

<b>St. Anselm</b>	<b>416-393-5243</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>416-393-5242</b>
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<b>St. John XXIII</b>	<b>416-429-4000</b>



**“they saw the child with Mary his mother;... and paid him homage”**

## Epiphany of the Lord

The word ‘epiphany’ was originally used in Greek mythology in the sense of ‘theophany’, viz., the manifestation of a god in human form. The Christian feast of Epiphany originated in the Eastern Church, probably to substitute some of the pagan theophany celebrations. In the beginning, the feast included the birth of Christ, the manifestation of Christ to Magi, the baptising of Christ and His first miracle at Cana - all events where Christ is being manifested to the world. **This feast was adopted by the Western Church in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, but with special emphasis laid on the adoration of the Magi, i.e., the manifestation of Jesus to the non-Jewish people.** In some places, this feast is also called “Christmas of the gentiles”.

According to an ancient tradition preserved and passed on through the centuries by believers, the magi were of three different generations. Caspar was thought to be a very young man, Balthazar was middle-age and Melchior was a senior citizen. **The message underlying this**

**tradition is that Jesus, God’s Son and our Saviour, speaks to each of us at every stage and at every moment of our lives.** The old hear the call to integrity and wisdom. The middle-age hear the call to service and responsibility. The young hear the call to identity and intimacy. What call do you hear today and how will you respond to it?

Today, as we come with the gift of ourselves to honour Jesus, he will meet us where we are, at whatever age **we** are, in whatever frame of mind and heart we are, with whatever joys and “baggage” we carry with us. **He will meet us where we are and engage us in conversation. He will call us to accept this new year as God’s gift. He will invite us to see in it the promise of a new beginning, supported by grace and enabled by God’s own Spirit.** He will encourage us to take full advantage of the gift of yet another chance to become a truer reflection of God in whose image we are beautifully and wonderfully made.

**What will you carry away with you after your “visit” and conversation with God?** In today’s 1<sup>st</sup> reading (Is 60:1-6) Isaiah suggests that the joy we experience in God’s forgiving and merciful presence should so shine forth within us that others might see and be similarly drawn to God. In today’s 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Eph 3:2-3,5-6), Paul reminds us that our relationship with God in Christ also makes us related to one another and all others. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Christian century, this relatedness must necessarily form bonds even between those who might otherwise regard one another as enemies. While this may be challenging to achieve, the universal character of the Gospel demands that this universality be translated into our practical everyday lives.