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Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 8:00 pm Saturday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. Friday 7:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,

11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

& 3:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

**Devotions** Rosary half an hour

before weekday Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturdays after 9:00 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

& by appointment

**Adoration Chapel** 

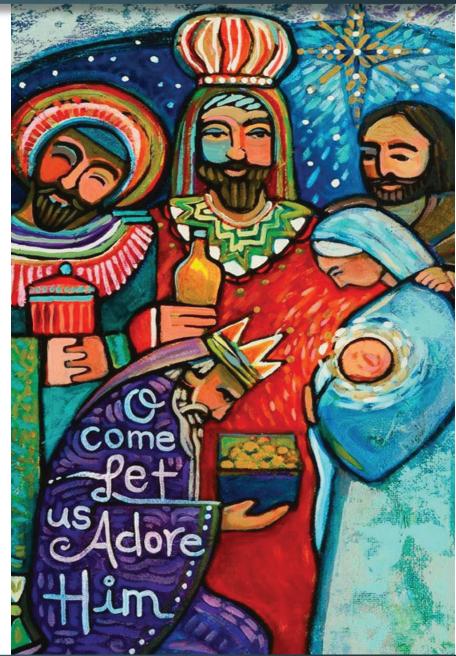
Monday to Thursday 9:30am to 8:00pm

Fridays 9:30am to 6:00pm

Saturdays 9:30am to 4:00pm

January 6th, 2019

**Epiphany** 



#### Parish Schools

Baptisms Please contact the parish office.

Marriages Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

Adults interested in becoming Catholic who have not been baptized or wish to be received into the Catholic Church participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If interested, please contact the parish office.

Vocations Director Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 www.vocationstoronto.ca

# **Epiphany**

# Mass Intentions For the Week



# Monday, January 7 St. Andre Bessette

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Louis Francis †
- Marie Fraser Tremblay †

#### <u>Tuesday, January 8</u> <u>Christmas Weekday</u>

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Ana Cristina Adamson †

### Wednesday, January 9 Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass Special Intention for:

- Nick Quong
- Martha Andrews †

# Thursday, January 10 Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Rose Johnson †

# Friday, January 11 Christmas Weekday

9:00 a.m. - Mass

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. - Mass

Maria Carreiro †

# Saturday, January 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:00 a.m. - Mass

- Carl Dalli †
- Ireneo Del Rosario †
- Peter Saturno †

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after the morning Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:00 p.m. - Sunday Vigil Mass

# Pope Francis' Monthly Intention for January Evangelization – Religious

Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

# **Associate Pastor's Corner**

ear Sisters and Brothers in Christ God is good all the time, and all the time .... Happy New Year 2019 to Everyone!! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas celebration with family and friends. I am sure you were over-loaded with sweets and gifts, and I do hope that everyone, according to our various abilities, is making a gradual return to the land of sobriety haha.. keep it up! This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. Everyone is familiar with this joyful feast. We have heard the story several times, about how the three wise men came from the East in search of Jesus, the King of the Jews. Guided by the miraculous star, they traced their path all the way from their native country to Bethlehem where Jesus, the new born King, lay in a manger. In addition, as sign of their homage to the Infant King, they made Jesus a priceless gift of gold, frankincense and myrrh. That is the story. Is it not? Yet, it is not the whole story. There is another part of the story which I'm about to help you remember. First and foremost, without the star, you would agree with me, the three men, even with all their wisdom, would not have come face to face with the long-foretold great King. Therefore, just as the star led them to Jesus, so did Jesus Himself, who is the true Light of the world, lead them to Himself. So, it is not three wise men who found Jesus, but rather, it is Jesus who found them and led them to where He lay waiting for them to arrive. Accordingly, under the appearance ('epiphaneia') of a Star, Jesus Himself led them to the fullness of truth, peace and joy. Secondly, the three wise men represent all the peoples of the world who, although still unaware of, or, uninformed about who Jesus is, follow the natural light of reason. They see and follow the star of what they perceive as truthful, peaceful and joyful. However, when the Star of Jesus Christ shines upon them (and upon all who are already Christians) through their contact with you and me - with the Catholic Church, with the Word of God and with the Sacraments – they come finally face to face with what they have been looking for. Finally, you now see clearly why the original meaning of the Greek word 'epiphany' is 'appearance' (or 'manifestation'). Jesus appears (or manifests) Himself to everyone who seek Him actively, with a sincere heart.

What I wish you today and for the rest of the Christmas season (which ends officially with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) is two things: first, that you may clearly see your own star and, without hesitation, follow it all the way to the manger of truth, peace and joy; and secondly, that you, too, may become a star which will shine upon people's lives, leading them to realise the purpose of their existence. Amen.

You are the light of the world, says the Lord, a city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. Happy New Year 2019!!!

Blessings, Fr. Patrick CCE

# **Euthanasia Presentation - Saturday, January 19th**

"How do we engage someone who questions the Catholic teaching on Euthanasia?" "Is life valuable only when it is healthy?" "How forceful is the push for a patient's acceptance?"

Please join us Saturday, January the 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Fatima Room for a talk by the President of Toronto Right to Life Blaise Alleyne, who tackles these issues and answers your questions on the topic of Euthanasia.

All Welcome. RSVP is appreciated for planning purposes. Please phone or text Jeff (905) 866-7423 or Trish (416) 458-0141.



# **Prayer for House Blessing**

his weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The Gospel speaks of the Wise Men, the bright star and the Holy Family. This feast reminds us that Jesus came for "ALL" of humanity...and this is signified by the three Wise Men from the East. It is a custom to invite "peace" in the homes we live in. Since, it is impossible for us priests to bless all your homes, We invite you to bless your own homes using the "House Blessing Liturgy" below.

## **House Blessing Liturgy**

On entering your home

Leader (Parent): Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell in it.

Together: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasure's they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Let us now pray, the prayer Jesus taught us

**Together:** Our Father...

Leader: Let us ask Mother Mary and St. Joseph her husband, to pray for us this year -

that we too may be holy as they were.

Together: Hail Mary...

**Leader:** Let us pray. O God, we ask you to bless this home, that those who live in it may experience health, peace and goodness. May we always strive for family unity and not division. May we be given the graces to build up your kingdom and may it begin here in our home amongst our family. We ask this in the name of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

After the prayer of the blessing are recited, each room of your home is then sprinkled with Holy Water. The initials of the Magi are inscribed upon the exterior door of the house with chalk. (The initials C, M, B can also be interpreted as the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which translates "Christ bless this house".

The year 2019 provides the beginning and the end of the inscription.

Example: 20 C M B 19

# **Teen Mental Wellness Seminar**

Building Hope, Resilience, and Grit. An Evening of Learning and Sharing. January 15, 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Catholic Learning Centre, 2495 Credit Valley Road, Mississauga. Dr. Rumeet Billan, as an internationally award-winning national ambassador of the Canadian Mental Health Association, she provides invaluable insight, strategies and hope for parents, teens and families facing the growing challenges of mental illness. The evening will also feature information booths and representatives from many partnering community agencies who offer mental health supports and counselling services to teens and families. RSVP at james.neil@dpcdsb.org or cathy.rizzo@dpcdsb.org. Space is limited.



Please ioin us after the 9am Mass in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall. \$1 optional

# The Knitting & Crochet Too! group will

meet on TUESDAY evenings at 7p.m. in the Pocock Room on Jan. 8 & 22, Feb. 5 and 19 and March 12 and 26 and on THURSDAY mornings at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10 and 24, Feb. 7 and 21 and March 7 and 21. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE



Please note the next General Meeting will be held one week later January 9th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Elections for a new executive will take place.

\*Please Note Our New Parish Email: stmarysbr@archtoronto.org

TO THE EVENING SESSIONS.

#### For the Sick

Frances Andrulat Silvia Lucev Rita Busby

## For the Recently Deceased

Winnifred Williams Frank O'Connor Irma Gillespie Henry Formosa

"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 Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto. 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

# Thank You for your Offering

**December. 23rd, 2018** December 25th, 2018 December 30th, 2018

January 1st, 2019

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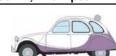
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