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Save the Day:

A Journey into the Bible
January 8-10

Pastor:

Rev. Liborio Amaral

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Patrick Ezimora CCE

Deacons:

Franciscus Sukardi
Douglas Asselstine

Welcome and Quick Update

Welcome everyone and thank you for
your great support



Feast of the Holy Family

9:30 a.m. Spanish Live-streamed Mass
11:00 a.m. English Live-streamed Mass

Sunday, January 3rd

Fr Liborio's Reflection

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The word 'Epiphany' means 'manifestation' and therefore we celebrate the day that Jesus was manifested to the world by the appearance of the three wise men onto the scene of the nativity. These Wise men from the east represent all of humanity beyond the walls of the Jewish nation who were waiting for the messiah.

Jesus is the gift for all peoples in all times. With the Epiphany the annunciation that was first made to the Shepherds, who were tending their fields by night, now extend to all the peoples of the world.

In the Gospel we hear of how the three Wise men bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh – each gift representing some aspect of who this Child is and will become. If you were asked to give a gift to the Christ Child, what would you give and why? I encourage families with small kids to ask each other this questions and why they would give such a gift.

On this first Sunday of the New Year, let us pray that we can give our very lives to the Lord so that He can give Himself to us and in so doing, give us Eternal Life.

Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Fr. Liborio

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Faith Formation



The Bible In A Year New Podcast



From Fr. Mike
Schmitz:



[Bible in a year Registration](#)

TAKE AND READ: A Journey into the Bible

January 8-10

Catholic, but don't know where to start?

We're giving Catholics simple and practical tools to break open the Bible and hear God's unique message, just for them.

Reading the Bible can seem like a daunting task for many Catholics. But with just a few simple insights and skills you can discover the exciting truth that this Word is alive, and you'll never look at Scripture the same way again.

Why attend this virtual conference?

- Discover God speaking directly to you in the Bible.
- Learn the simple steps to making Scripture reading a transformative prayer.
- Re-ignite your passion for spending time with God's Word.
- Fall in love with a God who desires to be fully known by you in His Word. And more...

[REGISTER FOR FREE](#)

Kids Pick of



God with Us

He was born in humble obscurity, yet His family had to flee to save Him from a jealous ruler. He forgave sins, healed the sick and gave hope to the downhearted and oppressed, yet He was despised and rejected by many. He spoke the truth

even when it was dangerous to do so, willingly laid down His life and then rose again, conquering the power of death!

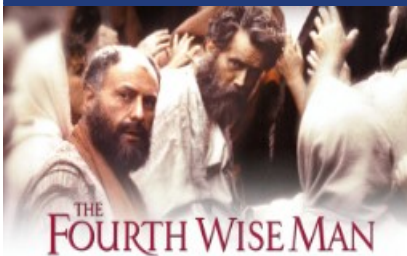
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Pick of the Week



The Fourth Wise Men

A young Magus wants to bring three precious jewels to the baby Messiah but misses the caravan of the three other wise men.

It is a 1985 American television film directed by Michael Ray Rhodes and starring Martin Sheen, Charlie Sheen, Eileen Brennan and Alan Arkin.

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Bible Verses



"which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords," - 1 Timothy 6:15

"As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking." - Ezekiel 1:28

The Adoration of the Magi

"O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory."

The ancient Church gave much greater importance to the feast of Epiphany than to the relative latecomer Christmas. "Epiphany" is from the Greek for a divine manifestation or revelation. There are many "epiphanies" in Scripture, such as when God spoke to Moses in the burning bush.

The Latin Church's antiphons for Vespers reflect the tradition that Epiphany was not only the day the Magi adored Christ, but also the same day years later when Christ changed water into wine at Cana, and also when He was baptized by John in the Jordan. In each mysterious event, Jesus was revealed to be more than a mere man: He is man and God.

- Catholic Herald

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*The Adoration of the Magi
by Edward Burne-Jones (1904)*

Live Your Faith

Learning from the Saints



Stephen's execution was Saul, who persecuted the Christians, but later became the Apostle of the Gentiles – St Paul. As he breathed his last, St Stephen, in imitation of Jesus, prayed that God might receive his spirit, and prayed for forgiveness for his murderers.

St. Stephen - December 26th

*"In the Divine Comedy, Dante looks upon a touching scene: the death, by stoning, of a young man who, as he is dying, asks for forgiveness for his persecutors. The great Christian poet was struck by the meekness of St Stephen, whose martyrdom is related in all its glory in the Acts of the Apostles. As he was being stoned, St Stephen cried out, **"Lord, do not hold this sin against them."***

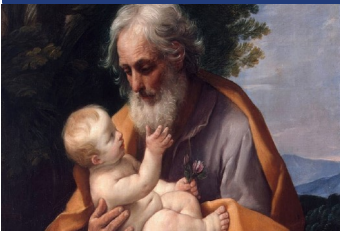
Saint Stephen is known as the "Proto-Martyr," insofar as he was the first of the early disciples to shed his blood for Christ. The account of his martyrdom by stoning is related in the Acts of the Apostles. Because of the manner of his death, he is recognized as patron of stoneworkers and of deacons.

The Acts of the Apostles says that among those who approved of

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Let us pray for peace; peace in the world and in each of our hearts - Pope Francis

Prayer to Saint Joseph



- mycatholiclife

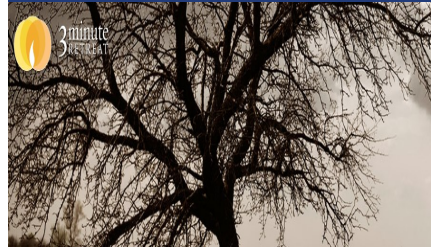
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Mary.

To you God entrusted his only
Son; in you Mary placed her
trust; with you Christ became
man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from
every evil.
Amen.

- Pope Francis

3 minute Prayer Retreat



I Am in Your Midst

[English](#)

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"Again, [amen,] I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

- Matthew 18:19-20

Pope Francis' 10 New Year's Resolutions

These are the ten things that he called upon Vatican employees to do:

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Making sure your Christmas is about Jesus and not about shopping."

It's a good list: it's clearly rooted in Catholic teachings, but presented in a way that non-Catholics can embrace (I discovered this list via a Protestant friend who had posted it on Facebook, in fact). And I think that all of us can find on this list at least one or two resolutions that speak to areas in which we really need to grow.

Hope this helps, and happy New Year!

- The Order of Carmelites

Live Your Faith

SCATTERED SEEDS

Pray for Vocations



Pray for Vocations

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi.

Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church.

If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Where is the Rectory Door?

In response to many requests that I have received from parishioners, I have decided to create a video with instructions. Now you can find the **Rectory Door**. The door is white and has a mail slot.

Thank you for your generosity!

[Video](#)



The Making of a Jewish Nun

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

A VIRTUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR HEBREW CATHOLICS

Raised in a conservative Jewish home in New York, Mother Miriam came to faith in Yeshua as Messiah after many years as a business executive. Then, later on, after being convinced of the "beauty, goodness and truth" of the Catholic Church, she came into full communion. Mother Miriam is a dynamic speaker, teacher, radio personality and writer who is now the founder of a religious order that promotes the faith in families and schools. In this evening she will share her amazing journey from Judaism to being a Jewish Catholic Nun. All are welcome.

For more information on Mother Miriam, see: <https://bit.ly/otherMiriam>.

No registration is required but contact AHC Toronto for the Zoom link at: ahctoronto@gmail.com.

Great News! St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry

We are starting, virtually for now, our St Mary's Young Adult ministry.

What's the goal? **To be on fire AGAIN with love for Jesus**, your untrodden pathway to HAPPINESS.

Who can join? **Young people between ages 19 and 35!** Those interested should contact Fr Patrick, our Associate Pastor: patrickezimoracce@gmail.com.

If You Are Struggling, Catholic Agencies Are Ready to Help



The Christmas season can be a difficult time for many people, but the COVID-19 pandemic will likely bring new challenges to what is supposed to be the happiest time of the year.

Catholic Family Services agencies are located throughout the archdiocese and provide a wide-range of counselling and wellness service, thanks in part to the support of ShareLife. To learn more about your local Catholic Family Services agency, please visit:

[Catholic Family Services of Durham](#)

[Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin](#)

[Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County](#)

[Catholic Family Services of Toronto](#)

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BAZAAR

The St. Mary's CWL would like to thank all the parishioners who have taken the opportunity to check out and purchase items from our 'virtual' Bazaar over the last few months. This approach was a new experience for us and has been quite successful. We plan to take a little break over the Christmas holidays and will resume again sometime in January. Keep a lookout for new items and some 'themed' weeks.

Have a safe, happy and blessed New Year!

Fran Caldwell, Bazaar Chair

MASS Intentions for the Week

All masses below are private and can be seen via Live-Stream via our YouTube or Facebook channels

Monday - January 4th

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Bernard Trotter †

Tuesday - January 5th

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Helena Vecera †

Wednesday - January 6th

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Keith Fullinaw †

Thursday - January 7th

St. Andre Bessette

9:00 a.m. - Mass

• Fr Liborio Tavares †

Friday - January 8th

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Saturday - January 9th

Ferial

9:00 a.m. - Mass



"Tearful Smiles"

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen..

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me... 'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

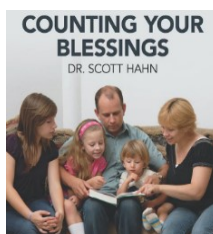
FAMILY CORNER

Bishop Barron on Not Dumbing Down the Faith: Answers to Young People's Pressing Religious Questions

Young people enjoy asking about and discussing the big questions, from God's existence, to how to be a good and moral person, to the problem of suffering. A disconnect takes place when we meet these intellectual questions with watered-down catechesis. Instead, we must remember the central teachings of Christianity. We must present the fullness of truth, the reality of the Incarnation, and the good news of grace.

[Learn More](#)

Counting Your Blessings by Dr. Scott Hahn



Dr. Scott Hahn explains the theology and practice of Catholic family life, as based on the image of the Blessed Trinity, is in God's Word. He demonstrates that the source of the love in family life is within the Word of God.



Los Reyes Magos

"¿Todavía crees en los Reyes Magos?" se dice, a veces, despectivamente. ¿Por qué no? ¿Hay algún dato científico que avale o desacredite su existencia? Y si existieron, ¿quiénes eran? ¿de dónde venían? ¿cuál era su rango? ¿era la magia o la astronomía su profesión? ¿qué clase de estrella siguieron? ¿qué sabían del niño de Belén? ¿qué significado tenía el oro, el incienso y la mirra? Sus restos, ¿están realmente enterrados en la Catedral de Colonia como aseguran allí?

Prestigiosos expertos responden a estas preguntas. Un astrofísico, por ejemplo, explica lo que pudo haber sido la estrella de Belén, ... El programa muestra también lo que la tradición añadió después, desde los belenes a las vistosas cabalgatas y la entrega de regalos a los niños. Termina confrontando estas tradiciones con la corriente comercial que nos ha traído de fuera a Santa Claus o Papá Noel.

[Español](#)



Office Schedule

Closed Until Further Noticed

Church Schedule

Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday to Friday	9:30am to 8:00pm
Saturdays	9:30am to 11:00am
Sundays	12:30pm to 4:00pm

Livestream Masses

Monday to Sat.	9:00am Mass
Sundays	9:30am Spanish 11:00am English

Confession Times

Fridays	6:00pm to 7:00pm
Saturdays	9:45am to 11:00am

Only 10 persons will be allowed at any one time – this will include the priests hearing Confessions.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms will now be restricted to 10 persons, including those who are involved in ministry (priest, cantor, etc.).

The Magi are filled with AWE by what they SEE; Heaven on Earth and Earth in Heaven; MAN in GOD and GOD in MAN; they see enclosed in a tiny body the ONE whom the entire world CANNOT CONTAIN.

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