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Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Jan. 8 th	8am	+ Patrick & Eulalie Kinney
Tue., Jan. 9 th	8am	+ Mike McCartney
Wed., Jan. 10 th	8am	+ Cecile & Hubert Thauvette
Thu., Jan. 11 th	8am	+ Boguslav Lalas
Fri., Jan. 12 th	8am	+ Giuseppe & Maria Giannotti
Sat., Jan. 13 th	9am	+ Deceased members of the D'Agostini family, + David White
	5pm	+ Richard Gough
Sun., Jan. 14 th	8am	+ Wayne Cormier
	10am	+ Rocco Colangelo
	7pm	+ Antonia Ruscica



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon. - Fri., after the 8am Mass, the Rosary will take place during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9am (Eucharistic Adoration also every first Friday of the month commencing at 5pm, followed by Benediction at 6:45pm & Mass at 7pm).

Marriage Sunday



Most Rev. Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sun., Feb. 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. All are welcome to attend.

Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating.

Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass at <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:45pm.

Baptism of the Lord

(Feast Day – Jan 8)



"The Lord was baptised, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters cleansed by the flesh of Christ, which knew no sin, might have the power of baptism."

- St. Ambrose of Milan

Update Regarding the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

On Dec. 12, 2023 the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the first phase of funding as part of our \$6 million commitment to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). Through the tremendous generosity of parishioners throughout the archdiocese, including our own parish, more than \$2.7 million has been directed through the IRF to organizations and projects committed to promoting healing and reconciliation for communities and families.



Recipients include the Embrace Life Council located in Iqaluit, Nunavut, that will receive \$250,000 over five years. The funds will be used for grief care packages to assist those mourning the loss of a loved one by suicide. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we journey together on the path of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of this land. To learn more, visit

www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation.



Schools	Rehearsal	Mass
Ecole Renaissance, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Grace	Jan. 15, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 22, 2024 at 7pm
St. Jerome	Jan. 16, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 23, 2024 at 7pm
St. Joseph, Light of Christ, Our Lady of Hope	Jan. 17, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 24, 2024 at 7pm
Cardinal Carter, Country Day School, Dr. G.W. Williams, Good Shepherd, Hartman, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Our Lady of the Rosary, Regency Acres, Rick Hansen, St. Andrew's College, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. John Chrysostom, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Nicholas, Villanova, Wellington, Windham Ridge	Jan. 18, 2024 at 7pm	Jan. 25, 2024 at 7pm

From the Pastor's Desk



Happy New Year!
Just a brief reminder
of some events we are
working on this month
to kick off the New Year:

- Holy hour every first Friday commencing at 5pm, with Benediction at 6:45pm and Mass at 7pm
- Coffee Sunday after the 10am Mass
- All children are invited to the children's liturgy during the 10am Mass starting Sun., Jan. 21st.
- On Sun., Jan. 14th at the 12 noon Mass, His Grace, Archbishop Francis Leo, will be the celebrant and bless our renovated church --- bring a friend
- Parish Confirmation Masses will take place on the evenings of Jan. 22, 23, 24 & 25

Fr. Ravi and I look forward to serving you in the sacramental life of our parish and I thank our wonderful volunteers for all the work they do in helping us make these and other events possible.

THANK YOU.

Fr. John

“Entrust everything to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.”

- St. John Bosco (Feast day – Jan. 31st)

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024

(Nov. 8, 2023, to Jan. 15, 2024)



Theme: “You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself.”
(Luke 10:27).

High school students (13-19 years old) in the Catholic School Boards within the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the Global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25, 2024.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at <https://rb.gy/wajo9> to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster at <http://surl.li/mlfkw>.

Submit entries at

<https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For more information, contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3400 (ext. 527).

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France

We will be attending a special celebration commemorating the apparitions and “Miracle of the Sun” of Our Lady of Fatima on Oct. 12th.

Led by Fr. John Bertao & Fr. Peter Choi

When: Oct. 10 – 21, 2024 (12 days)

Cost \$4,395 includes:

- ◆ Air transportation from Toronto (unless specified otherwise), incl. all taxes and surcharges
- ◆ Hotel accommodation 1st class or superior tourist class based on double occupancy (single supplement \$850).
- ◆ 2 meals daily (breakfast and dinner)
- ◆ All sightseeing as per itinerary, with an English-speaking guide
- ◆ All tips for drivers, guides, restaurants, and hotels.

For more information and registration, contact: 877-999-8868 or 416-444-6666.

Halina – ext. 315 or halina@ihtours.com;

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You can also view trip details and register online at

www.ihtours.com.



Liturgical Publications

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2024 & it supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service by calling Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

“By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy.” - Bl. Carlo Acutis

Vocation Seeds

“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 to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at (416) 968-0997 or vocations@archtoronto.org. For more information, go to www.vocationstoronto.ca.

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