

# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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## Epiphany of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
 Req. Manuel Couto

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Intentions of  
 Martha Lin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. For the Living Members of  
 Martha Lin's Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 8:00 A.M. Gladys Radomske  
 Req. Sister Gloria Radomske

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
 12:10 P.M. +Crisalia Couto  
 Req. Manuel Couto

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
 10:00 A.M. +Carmelina De Carlo  
 Req. Henriette Vysoki



(FRFE) FIRST RECONCILIATION  
CATECHETICAL CLASS

The *First Reconciliation Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 6:15 pm, in-person in the church. (The next class, after this one, will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2024.)

RCIA 2024

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or if you are already Catholic but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & receiving Eucharist for the first time).



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If you would like to Offer a Weekday Mass, please call the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or send an email to [stmonitoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonitoronto@gmail.com).



We need VOLUNTEERS to serve as *Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Choir Members and Garden Volunteers!* If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office by phone at (416) 483-1513 or by email at [stmonitoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonitoronto@gmail.com).

The FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION on January 5, 2024 is cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.





### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, 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 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 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

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

The broadcast will begin at 2:45 p.m.

### **Epiphany - January 7, 2024**

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. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca); [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).



### **BECOMING A STAR**

This Sunday, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principle episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

Saint Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.”

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity, we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

**Summary:** This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

*From: Archdiocese of Toronto, Office of Formation for Discipleship, Stewardship Reflections, Year B.*



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