

# St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. +George Andrews  
Req. Helen Hicks

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. +Juanita Kinney  
Req. Sam & Francie Castillo

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 A.M. ---

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>  
12:10 P.M. ---

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M. +Rosemary & Robert Azzopardi  
Req. Karen Azzopardi

### MASS INTENTIONS

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



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

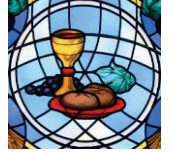
will take place on January 3rd, 2025 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. For the Adoration pamphlet with prayers, please visit

[www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org](http://www.stmonicasto.archtoronto.org).

**All parishioners are welcome!**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION SESSIONS

We have scheduled eleven sessions for students to receive their First Reconciliation on Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:50 pm starting January 18<sup>th</sup>, ending on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the students as they prepare to receive this sacrament.



### FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS

The *First Eucharist Catechetical Preparation Class* will take place on **Saturday, January 25, 2025** at **6:15 pm, in-person in the church**. (The fifth of six classes will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2025.) For more information and the schedule of classes, please contact the Parish Office at 416-483-1513 or [stmonicatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatoronto@gmail.com)

### 2025 REGISTRATION OPEN



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).



### MARSHALL MCLUHAN SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY

There is a temporary job opening for a Student Supervisor at Marshall McLuhan Secondary School from January 6<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. The candidate must have a high school diploma, a pastoral letter of reference, and a valid police reference check. Each workday will consist of 6 hours (excluding lunch break), Monday to Friday. Please forward your resume to Principal Robert Noble at [Robert.noble@tcdsb.org](mailto:Robert.noble@tcdsb.org).

### EUCHARISTIC GEMS

*THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS NO MERE SYMBOL OF HIM, OR INSTRUMENT OF HIS POWER, BUT IS JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF SUBSTANTIALLY.*

- Servant of God Frank Duff

From: Donald H. Calloway, MIC, *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on The Blessed Sacrament*, (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2023), 128



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### **Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025**

“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, religious or deacon, contact Father Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-968-0997. [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca) [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)



### **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri 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 2025. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment.

All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2025. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). 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 <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

### **BEING A VISIBLE WITNESS**

As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means “to make manifest” or “to make known.” So on this feast day we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth.

The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says that, “we cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!” We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus.

One way we can evangelize others is by simply living as visible Catholic disciples in our world. In today’s secular culture, any act of religiosity is seen as a radical witness of our faith. For example, whenever we are eating in public, we can begin with the sign of the cross and our grace before meals. Moreover, Saint John Paul II said that we should not be “ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport.” Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world.

### **Summary**

The feast of the Epiphany of the Lord celebrates how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to make Christ known to the ends of the earth and we can do this by simply being a visible witness of our faith. Let us strive to make small actions that display our love for Christ, such as saying grace before meals in public, praying the rosary on the bus or saying, “God bless you,” when someone sneezes or when we say goodbye.

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

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