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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



January 6th-12th, 2025

Monday, January 6th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 7th

7:00pm—

Wednesday, January 8th

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—

Thursday, January 9th

7:00pm—

Friday, January 10th

7:00pm— + Lourdes Go

Saturday, January 11th

5:00pm— + Zenaida Fulgencio

Sunday, January 12th

10:00am—

12:00 Noon—

5:00pm (Tagalog Mass) -

7:00pm—



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.

Offertory Collection

Christmas Collection— \$27,869.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



From the Pastor's desk...

SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR!

So, as we just celebrated the birth of Christ this Christmas and entering into new grace of New Year, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that

THANK YOU

FOR YOU LEADERSHIP,
YOUR FAITHFULNESS,
AND YOUR HEART

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome one another, strangers and travelers, the poor in our midst, greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn.

As your pastor, I have been touched by your generosity of your talents, time and resources throughout the year. I thank you also for your generous gifts to the parish on this Christmas.

Many thanks to our different ministries (**Choirs, Organists, Cantors, Sacristans, Altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Ushers, decorators, Counters, parish staff**) who worked so hard for this year and specially during the Christmas season.

A big thank you to those who organized our Simbang Gabi and sponsors every Masses who prepared foods for fellowship and those who donated flowers for our sanctuary during this Christmas and the priests who celebrated Masses.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that we give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Lk2:10-14)

May Jesus, born in the silence of this night at Bethlehem, bless you and your loved ones with His love and peace!

Christ's Joyful Peace & Love,

Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan



SUNDAY REFLECTION.....

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage (Matthew 2:1-12).

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.



We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025
September 28-October 10, 2025

Visiting: Rome, Monte Sant' Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Assisi, Florence, La Spezia, San Gimignano, Cinque Terre, Genoa and Milan.

Under spiritual guidance of Rev. Lorenzo Salandanan, Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Toronto, ON Tour Coordinator: Ms. Patricia Martyn, 416-629-0350, pmartyn132@gmail.com SEP 28 - OCT 10, 2025, 13 DAYS - \$5,490.00, incl. taxes and tips Connaissance Travel and Tours, 3852 Finch Ave East, Suite #306, Toronto ON, M1T 3T9, Tel: 416 291 2676



PARISH SACRAMENTAL

FIRST COMMUNION

Face to Face Session
January 11, 2025 at 10:00am-12:00noon
in the Parish Hall

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CONFIRMATION

Face to Face Session
January 11, 2025, at 2:00pm-4:00pm
in the Parish Hall



2025 Parish Envelopes/ Pre-Authorized Giving/



Thanks to all who have picked up your 2025 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday - envelopes for pick up are in the parish hall. **Please remember to mark your name and address or use address labels on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year...we appreciate your support!**

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving for the new year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket! Or please call the parish office.

Thanks to all on behalf of our Property and Finance Council who will be making their annual financial report to the parish in February, 2025.



We give a heartfelt welcome to all new parishioners!

In order for us to better serve you, especially at the time of baptism, marriage, or funerals, it is most helpful if you are registered and attending mass regularly here with our parish community. This is especially IMPORTANT for marriage and baptism preparation.

All parishioners especially those who live outside of our parish boundaries are expected to complete the Parish Registration and use Sunday Offertory Envelopes. If you are already a registered member, but you need to update your registration information, please email your full name along with the changes to olassumptionto@archtoronto.org or call the office. If you're interested in becoming a registered member of the parish, please complete and submit the form available at the foyer or website or please call the parish office at 416-787-4548 or email us.

The devotees of Black Nazarene are inviting everyone to join us as we celebrate

THE FEAST OF BLACK NAZARENE

On Sunday January 12, 2025

5:00pm– Solemn Mass and Procession inside the church

Food will be served after the mass.



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