

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

January 3rd-9th, 2022

Monday, January 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4th

7:00pm

Wednesday, January 5th

7:00pm

Thursday, January 6th

7:00pm

Friday, January 7th

7:00pm

Saturday, January 8th

5:00pm—Antonio David Romero

Nancy Callejo

Sunday, January 9th

10:00am—Mary Ann Guevarra

12:00Noon—Community of Our Lady of Assumption

5:00pm

7:15pm

'The manifestation of the Lord'

Through the Incarnation, the generosity and mercy of God have finally appeared among us - in the life of one who is the very expression of the Father's greatness. And so, from earliest times the Church's Christmas celebration has made reference to the Epiphany, or "Manifestation" of the Lord – symbolised in the story of today's gospel.

The story is filled with symbolic meaning. The Magi represent the nations of the earth finding the Saviour of the world – in contrast to the scribes of Israel, familiar with the scriptures but not recognising their fulfilment; the gifts of the Magi are symbolic of the world's confession of faith in Christ – gold for royalty, frankincense for priesthood, myrrh for the one who is to die; notoriously ruthless Herod reminds us of earthly powers that obstruct the designs of God. We should note, especially, the significance of the words, "going in they saw the child with his mother, Mary".

While Luke's narrative of Christ's conception and birth has Mary as its central figure, Matthew's account of the virgin birth is centred on Joseph. The words we have quoted, however, reflect the importance already given to Mary in the community that gave us Matthew's gospel.'

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A New Year Prayer

Holy Father, God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows. We praise You for Your unequaled greatness. Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead. Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more. To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them. To teach others to love by loving them. Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us. So that Love could be with us, and we could know You. That we could share Love with others. Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise, in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards, in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children. Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs, so that we may know You better and better. We rejoice in the world You loved into being. Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day. We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others. Forgive us for falling short this past year. We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year knowing You will go with us. We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead, depending on You to help us do exactly what You want. I say it again, we rejoice! In Jesus name, Amen.

With prayers to God, we wish for you and your families a year full of hope, surprises, blessings, health, peace and happiness.

Fr. Lorenzo and Staff.



Let us pray!

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



Thank You for Your Financial Support

If you are unable to join us for mass at this time please consider the options of either through our [Pre-Authorized Giving Program](#), or an electronic donation by credit card through the "Donate Now" button at the top right corner of the Archdiocese of Toronto [website](#). For Information, Please call the parish office at 416-787-4547.

Parish Pastoral Planning
For information, please see the website at www.archtoronto.org

*In the new year,
may you be blessed
with all the good
things God has to give.*

Make a Difference!
DONATE

BOILER DONATION NEEDED!

Christmas time is on the air and once again, we celebrate this wonderful event of the birthday of Jesus. We will observe our traditional giving and exchange of gifts. This year, as Christmas is approaching, you might want to consider adding OLA Church in your list. As you all know, we are replacing our Boiler and it will cost us **\$246,568**. We wish to ask for your financial donation of any amount. We hope that you will grant us this simple request and the Lord will bless you with your good deeds.

Thank you and God bless!

Total cost of the Boiler project—\$246,568.00



Marriage Sunday 2022 – Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples. • Download the poster here: <https://bit.ly/MarriageSunday-Poster2022> • Download a letter from Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples: <https://bit.ly/MS-LetterToCouples> For questions, please visit the FAQ page on the Marriage Sunday website or contact us at formation@archtoronto.org.

Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program 2022

Let us help you connect your parish ministry leaders with the basics of the Catholic faith, pedagogy and the wealth of resources available to them through our Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program. It is an excellent opportunity for study, support and networking with catechists and those serving in parish ministry in the Archdiocese of Toronto. The program runs from Sunday, January 16 to Saturday, June 11, 2022. It consists of a combination of online courses, seminars and a retreat morning. There will also be a Mass with a blessing of catechists by Cardinal Collins at St. Augustine's Seminary. Cost: \$250 deposit, refundable upon program completion, and cost of books. Pre-requisite: Approval of the pastor. For information and registration visit: <https://bit.ly/2022CFP-Brochure> Contact: Connie Price, cprice@archtoronto.org Registration closes on Friday, January 7, 2022.

SYNOD on SYNODALITY



Archdiocesan Survey on Synodality

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. You are encouraged to watch a video featuring Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, explaining the synod and inviting all Catholics to participate: <https://bit.ly/SynodalityVideo>. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/



Become Part of Our Church Family

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 olaparishtoronto@rogers.com. If you're interested in becoming a registered member of the parish, please complete and submit the form available at the foyer or please call the parish office at 416-787-4548.



2022 Offertory Envelopes Pre-Authorized Giving

Offertory envelopes for 2022 are now available in the parish hall.

"[O]ur churches today have a lot of believers, but too few disciples. Believers are people who secure a place in the kingdom, but disciples are the ones who take the kingdom and bring it to earth every day and establish God's kingdom here."