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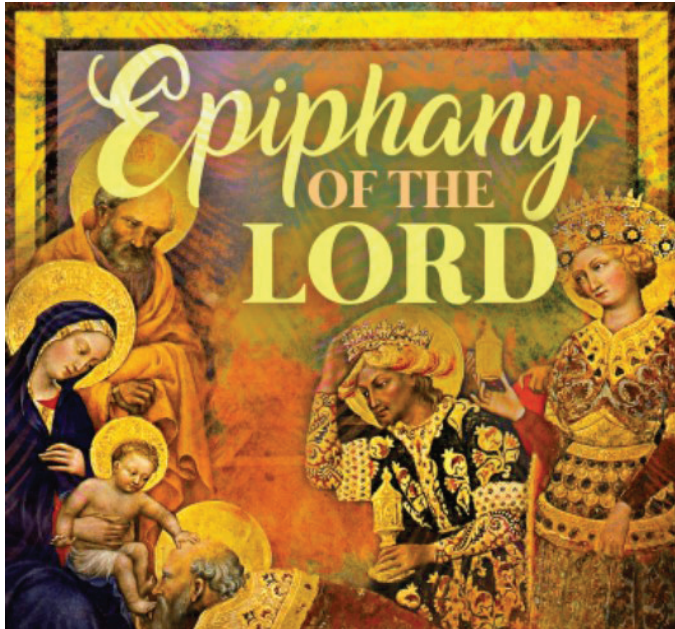
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

Welcome home to St. Andrew
The Epiphany of the Lord -Year B

A Manifestation to the World



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” Matthew 2:1–2

The Magi were most likely from Persia, modern-day Iran. They were men who regularly engaged in a study of the stars. They were not Jewish but were most likely aware of the popular belief of the Jewish people that a king would be born who would save them.

These Magi were called by God to encounter the Savior of the World. Interestingly, God used something very familiar to them as an instrument of their calling: the stars. It was among their belief that when someone of great importance was born, this birth was accompanied by a new star. So when they saw this new, bright and brilliant star, they were filled with curiosity and hope. One of the most significant aspects of this story is that they responded. God called them through the use of a star, and they chose to follow this sign, embarking on a long and arduous journey.

God often uses those things most familiar to us that are part of our daily life to send forth His calling. Recall, for example, that many of the Apostles were fishermen, and Jesus used their occupation to call them, making them “fishers of men.” He especially used the miraculous catch of fish to clearly indicate to them that they had a new calling.

In our own lives, God is constantly calling us to seek Him out and worship Him. He will often use some of the most ordinary parts of our lives to send forth that calling. How is He calling you? In what way is He sending you a star to follow? Many times when God speaks, we ignore His voice. We must learn from these Magi and diligently respond when He calls. We must not hesitate and must seek to daily be attentive to the ways that God invites us to deeper trust, surrender and worship.

Reflect, today, upon God’s call in your life. Are you listening? Are you responding? Are you ready and willing to abandon all else in life so as to serve His holy will? Seek Him, wait on Him and respond. Doing so will be the best decision you ever make.

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WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Jan 6 – St. André Bessette

8:30 am - (No Intention)

5:30 pm - Thanksgiving for Cheryl Hill on her birthday, by friends

Sunday, Jan 7 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8 am - † Jack Draguzel, by family

9:30 am - (Italian Mass) † Maria Iadisernia, by Felicia della Pasta

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Tony Filici, by Rea family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm – (Spanish Mass)

Monday, Jan 8 - The Baptism of the Lord

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Tuesday, Jan 9

8 am – (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Wednesday, Jan 10

8 am – Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, by Gilda Pulmano

7 pm - (No Intention)

Thursday, Jan 11

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - (No Intention)

Friday, Jan 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

8 am - (No Intention)

7 pm - † Arcadio Delos Reyes, by Delos Reyes family

Saturday, Jan 13

8:30 am - (No Intention)

5:30 pm - † Lorraine Chan and Mrs. Ho, by Chan family

Sunday, Jan 14 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 am - (No Intention)

9:30 am - (Italian Mass) † Angelo Sergnese, Filomena & Giovanni Sardella, by family

11 am - For the people of the Parish

12:30pm - † Edgar Falzon, by family

2 pm - (Twi Ghana)

5:30 pm – (Spanish Mass)

St. Andrew's Parish Stewardship

New Year's Collection

Sunday Offertory \$ 13,584.75

*Congratulations on your
25th Anniversary
as a Priest*

Fr. George



*May you continue to be
sustained by His grace,
and may your
life in God's service
always be filled with joy.*

The Parish of St. Andrew thanks wholeheartedly all its members for their generosity at the time of Christmas.

There were many Volunteers – members of Groups and Ministries and others – who have made themselves available during the time leading up to Christmas and the New Year: They all served in many ways and capacities, with great generosity of time and dedicated service, for the wellbeing of the wider community and for the glory of the name of the Lord.

Thank you – May the Lord's Blessings and gifts be abundant upon you all, and upon your loved ones!

DONATIONS 2023

Any donations received in January 2024 cannot be applied towards the 2023 Taxation year. They will be put towards Year 2024. It will be announce when Tax receipts for Year 2023 are ready. We thank everyone for your continued support of our parish.



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Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo

“Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, “Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things”. This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.



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