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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year



Comment on Mt 2,1-12



Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany – the moment the Magi, or Wise Men, visited Jesus. You know, I was thinking... the Magi were kind of like the original GPS users. They didn't have Google Maps, but they followed a star across deserts and mountains – no "recalculating" or "make a U-turn" messages from Siri! But let me ask you something – have you ever felt a little lost, maybe even in the middle of all the busyness of life? Parents, I know mornings can feel like a race – trying to find missing shoes, getting kids to school, packing lunches, and somehow keeping everyone happy. And kids, I know sometimes it feels like you're following a million different directions – homework, sports, friends – it can be a lot! The Magi's journey reminds us that sometimes we just need to pause, look up, and follow the light that God places in our lives. That star led them to Jesus – and that's exactly what we need to do, too. But here's the best part – when the Magi found Jesus, they didn't just say, "Oh, cool, there He is!" and leave. They knelt down and offered Him gifts – gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Now, I know some of you kids might be wondering, "Why didn't they bring something fun, like toys or video games?" But those gifts weren't random – they were gifts fit for a King.

Join us for the Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy is back, and we can't wait to welcome your children! This is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the Mass in a way that's engaging, meaningful, and tailored just for them. During the liturgy, children will hear

the Sunday Gospel in a way that connects with their hearts and minds, helping them grow in faith and understanding. **All children are invited to join, especially those preparing for their First Reconciliation and Communion!** We strongly encourage their attendance as part of their faith journey.

Year of Jubilee – Pilgrimage for Young Adults

From: Fr. Paul Magyar, Director, Office of Catholic Youth

The Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Catholic Youth is excited to announce that the Jubilee for Youth is filling up fast, with 60 per cent of our 100 spots already taken! The pilgrimage to Rome will take place from July 23 to August 5. Registrations are open to all young adults ages 19 to 39 until the end of February 2025, so there's still time to secure a spot. Don't miss out—register today at [https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253!](https://form.jotform.com/242754342056253)

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2025

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m. EST

Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.)

377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, L4L 2V7

Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.

First communion workshop



Thursday, January 16, 7-8PM mass. All students and parents are expected to attend.

Confirmation session



Tuesday January 14, 6-8PM in the parish hall. All students are expected to attend.

RENT THE PARISH HALL

St. Nicholas of Bari Parish Hall is available for Rent for small parties. Please contact the Parish Office at (416) 654-8908 for more details.

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE- 5 GENNAIO 2025



Mass Intentions

January 5 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am –

10:30am –12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

January 6 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

January 7 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am –

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

January 8 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am –

7:30pm - Memorial Mass – for Antonio Agostini 🎵

January 9 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am – Antony Steve Merchan; Attilio Careri

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

January 10 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am –

January 11 Saturday/Sabato

8:00am –

January 12 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Michele Nicola Isabel, Andrea, Domenico, Eugenio, Flippo Isabel, Rosaria e Pasquale

10:30am –

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)



Oggi celebriamo la festa dell'Epifania, la manifestazione del Signore ai popoli di tutta la terra. È una festa di luce, di rivelazione, ed è anche una festa di speranza che parla direttamente ai nostri cuori, in ogni stagione della vita. Nel Vangelo di oggi, ascoltiamo il racconto dei Magi, questi uomini saggi che hanno viaggiato da lontano seguendo una stella, con il desiderio di trovare e adorare Gesù. I Magi non conoscevano esattamente la strada, ma avevano fiducia. E quella fiducia li ha portati fino alla grotta di Betlemme, dove hanno offerto i loro doni a Gesù: oro, incenso e mirra. Ora, vi chiedo: quante volte nella nostra vita abbiamo seguito una "stella"? Forse non una stella nel cielo, ma una speranza, un sogno, o il desiderio di fare del bene per la nostra famiglia, per i nostri figli e nipoti. Quante volte ci siamo messi in cammino con la fede che Dio ci avrebbe guidati, anche senza sapere esattamente dove ci avrebbe portato? La bellezza di questa festa è che ci ricorda che non è mai troppo tardi per cercare Gesù. I Magi erano uomini maturi, saggi, persone che avevano esperienza della vita. Eppure, hanno avuto il coraggio di partire, di rimettersi in viaggio. Questa è una grande lezione per tutti noi: la ricerca di Dio non ha età. Possiamo continuare a cercarlo, a trovarlo e ad adorarlo in ogni fase della nostra vita. E sapete una cosa? Spesso, siete proprio voi, cari anziani, ad essere come la stella per gli altri. Con la vostra esperienza, con le vostre parole di saggezza, con il vostro esempio di fede, guidate i più giovani verso Gesù. Non sottovalutate mai l'importanza della vostra testimonianza. A volte basta una parola gentile, un consiglio, o semplicemente la vostra presenza per essere una luce per chi vi circonda.

PRENOTIAMO LE MESSE PER 2024

Il libro per prenotare le Sante Messe per l'anno 2024 è ormai disponibile. Si può chiamare l'Ufficio, oppure venire personalmente per prenotare le sante messe per l'anno 2024.

COMMUNIONE & CONFESIONE PER GLI AMALATI

Si ricorda alle persone impossibilitate ad uscire di casa che, se lo desiderano, possono rivolgersi a Padre Bruno per ricevere la Santa Comunione e Confessione a casa.



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