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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*

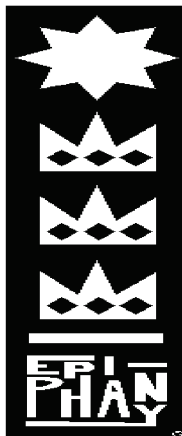
## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

 <b>Mass Intentions for the Week</b>		
Sat Jan 4	8 am	† <b>Daniel Gouveia</b> (Maria Gouveia)
	5 pm	† <b>Pat Chisholm</b> (Wife Joan)
Sun Jan 5	8:30 am	† <b>Vittorio Foschini</b> (Fiorina Foschini & Family)
	10 am	† <b>Vittorio Fuoco</b> (Pierian Fuoco)
	11:30 am	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
<b>Mon</b> Jan 6	8 am	<b>For the Intentions of Guido Di Piazza &amp; Family</b>
Tue Jan 7	8 am	† <b>John &amp; Josephine Walshe</b> (Robert & Patricia)
Wed Jan 8	7 pm	<b>All Souls of Purgatory</b> (Agnes Martinez)
Thu Jan 9	8 am	<b>Special Intentions for Emmanuel Bolletta</b> (Alexandra Goncz)
Fri Jan 10	8 am	† <b>Piero Lepore</b>
Sat Jan 11	5 pm	<b>PRO POPULO</b>
Sun Jan 12	8:30 am	† <b>Luisa Sarrapochiello</b> (Husband Frank)
	10 am	† <b>Anton Gornik</b> (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	<b>Jane Spada</b> (Sister in law Iris Purdy)

### Myrrh and Frankincense

The gifts brought by the Magi were both appropriate and expensive. The value of gold is obvious but what of the other presents? Myrrh is an aromatic substance made from the sap of Myrtle balsam trees found in India, Africa and Saudi Arabia. It is a natural antiseptic and useful as a medicine. Egyptians used myrrh for embalming mummies. It is now used for toothpaste and mouthwash. Incense is a hardened gum that also comes from trees found in the same areas. The word "Frank" comes from an old French word that means "marked." It is a stamp that the incense is "free" from contaminants or "pure". (Franking is still used for free mail rights given to members of Congress.) Incense was used primarily to cover up the smells caused by animal sacrifices. Hence it was connected with worship.

(Fr. Lonsdale Commentaries & Clip-Art)



### Holyday Thanks!!

We thank all those who made our Christmas Celebrations a welcoming spirit filled experience. Thank you to all our volunteers who throughout the year with their continued service contribute greatly to the growth of our parish. Special thanks to all our parishioners for making these joyous days a special blessing for the entire community with your presence, prayers and support. May God Bless you!



**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 First Friday of the month February 7, 2025  
 Following the 8 am Mass  
 Rosary at 7: 30am.  
 Adoration concludes with Holy Mass  
 Saturday morning February 8, 2025 @ 8 am  
 Come. See. Hear. Encounter.  
 Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

### Serra Vocation

"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 Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of  
 January is offered by Agnes Martinez:  
 For: Special Intentions & Thanksgiving.

### Sanctuary Lamp

We invite to make an offering for candle to the Blessed Sacrament, it can be made in memory of a loved one, a birthday, an anniversary or a special family occasion. The Sanctuary lamp burns continuously reminding us of Christ the eternal and everlasting light, it is scheduled on a first come first serve basis, to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone; call the parish office at 416-251-1109 the name will be listed in the bulletin.

## Thank you

Many thanks to the St. Leo's Quilters for the donation of \$2,001.00 from the draw of the sale of tickets of the handmade quilt that was raffled off this past weekend, the winner of the quilt was Gerry Boutet. We also thank all the patrons that donated baked goods for our bake sale, your kindness is so much appreciated. Thank you to so many of our parishioners that contributed with gifts, baked items and donations and many thanks to the efforts and hard work of our team of volunteers, everyone was truly great. We raised approximately \$2,000.00 and the winner of the Christmas Basket was Annette Giannini. God Bless!



Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

And for the souls of the deceased.

Communion for the homebound upon request, anointing of the sick with the seriously ill, or those undergoing surgery. Please call the parish office.

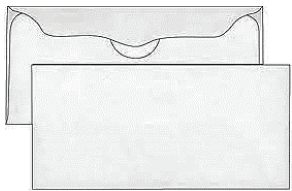
## Sunday Missals Available

We have Sunday Missals available for a donation of \$6.00 for parishioners who would like to have their personal copy. The Missals contains all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year cycle C. For help with the missal, please see one of our ushers at the back of the church.

## Contact Information

In order to keep parish records up-to-date, please notify the parish office either by phone or email when there is a change of address, telephone number and/or change of status, i.e. moved to a retirement/nursing home or in with relatives etc. And please remember when calling the rectory and leaving messages for our Pastor or for the office to please speak clearly and slowly. Thank you!

## Sunday Offering Envelopes

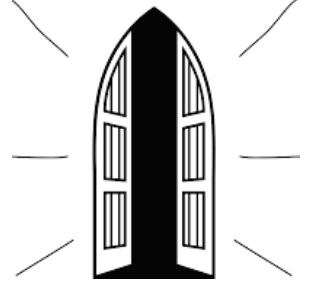


Please pick up your 2025 Sunday Offering Envelopes located at the back of the church; envelopes are in numerical order. An alphabetical list is available if you don't remember your number. New/Un-used

boxes are also available for parishioners' interested in using envelopes; please write your full name and address on the first few envelopes. If any changes or correction are needed please call the parish office during business hours. **In the New Year, we ask that you kindly discard any leftover envelopes from this or previous years. Thank you for your support.**

## Welcome and thank you for visiting our parish

As a Catholic Church and Faith Community, we give thanks to God for the gift of our Faith, for the gift of one another as Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We are all on a great journey, the journey of life itself to our heavenly homeland. If you are living in the area, we hope you will be able to come and join us



in gathering as God's family each Sunday to give thanks, praise and worship to God, here is where we come to know one another and put our gifts at the service of God's family, the Church. We hope you will follow the stirrings of your hearts which have led you here

## Catholic in Recovery

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Roch's Parish 2889 Islington Ave., Toronto

Catholic in Recovery is a non-profit organization seeking to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction) Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. CONTACT: Catholic in Recovery PHONE: 289-541-8188 EMAIL: [cirstroch@gmail.com](mailto:cirstroch@gmail.com) WEBSITE: <https://www.catholicinrecovery.com>

## The Source - Holy Hour - January 2025

Thursday, January 23, 2025 7:00-9:00 PM - St. Peter's Church, 840 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Join the Sisters of Life and the Office of Catholic Youth for an evening of prayer. Spend some time with Our Lord amidst your busy schedule with the source and summit of our faith – Jesus in the Eucharist. There will be some time for fellowship and refreshments after the Holy Hour. This event is open to all parishioners and visitors! Holy hour with music: 7 pm. Confessions available Social: 8-9 p.m.

## Healthy Communication, Intimacy, Relationship

Friday, January 17, 2025 - Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga

Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationships back on track. Registration fee \$600

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