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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4
5 PM +Antonio Lobo

Sunday, January 5
7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM Than ksgiving of Mila Stapells
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Tony & Nellie Dungo, +Virginia Dungo, +Ted Rynkun, +Lucja Gaska
12:30 PM, +Jaime, Jose, and Maria Prollamante

Monday, January 6
7 PM Rev. Guenter Petricek

Tuesday, January 7
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Manelia & Cipriano Orfano, +Manuel Quinsay

Wednesday, January 8
7 PM Open

Thursday, January 9
7:30 AM Intention of Fr. Mark

Friday, January 10
7 PM Special intention of Maria Borja

Saturday, January 11
9 AM +Antonio Constantini, +Manuel D'Cruz

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is the lighted candle that is hanging above the tabernacle to signify the presence of Jesus in our midst. If you wish to sponsor a candle, please see the Parish Desk for more information.

January 7 +Beatriz Litonje de Vera
January 11 Tbanksgiving of Branzuda Family
January 15 Special Intention of Dorothy Pereira

Closing of the Books of the Parish and Issuance of Tax Receipts

We are now in the process of closing the books of the Parish and issuance of Tax Receipts. We ask that you please discard any unuse 2019 Donation Envelopes to avoid confusion at the Parish Office. Please inform the Desk if any of your information has changed. Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued support of the Parish.

We hope to generate your Tax Receipts in the next few weeks to ensure that you get them early for your Tax purposes.

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphainen, a verb that means “to manifest” or “to make known.” This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself k own to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.

Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in thier Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that “God wishes human beings to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sens.” The USCCB also says that the “practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization.”

Therefore, to be true and authentic steward means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to “go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

Discover the Source of True Freedom

The Exodus event can be seen as the defining moment in Israel’s history, for it was then that God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as his people. We will study the Book of Exodus together through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that, more than just seeking to free his people physically from the domination of Pharao, God desired to free his people from the far more dangerous grip of sin. Because of this, the Exodus story is not just Israel’s story, but our story as well; it reveals to us who God is and what he calls us to be.

Bible Study

every Tuesday, January 21, 28, February 4, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Everyone is invited

FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE

Friday, January 10, 2020
Rosary at 6:30 PM
Holy Mass at 7 PM



Fellowship after the Mass in the Parish Hall

Contact: Evelyn (905) 828-7872 Tessie (905) 507-1902

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18 to 25, 2020. The theme is “They Showed Us Unusual Kindness” (cf. Acts 28:2). Welcoming strangers — whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees — is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ’s love. We should extend the same kindness to people in need that St. Paul encountered in Malta. For more information, <http://bit.ly/WeekofPrayerChristianUnity>.

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Tuesday, January 14 – 7 to 9 p.m.
Blessed Trinity Parish Hall
3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto

Pope Francis will inaugurate “Word of God Sunday” on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, 2020. This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Scriptures. Accordingly, Cardinal Collins will speak about the importance of the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer. Cardinal Collins has a PhD in Sacred Scripture with a focus on the Book of Revelation. He regularly broadcasts “Lectio Divina” sessions on the Bible. His engaging style and love for Jesus and the Church will be evident as he shares his thoughtful insights on the central place the Bible has for Catholics today. All are welcome.

CONTACT: Fellowship of St. Joseph of the Association for Hebrew Catholics
EMAIL: ahctoronto@gmail.com

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,712,983.86
Less Payment	\$ 8,917.75
Total Loan to date	\$4,704,066.11

Offering of December 20, 2019	
Offertory	\$ 4,621.70
Building Fund	\$ 4,309.95
Candle Offering	\$ 262.35
Mass Stipend	\$ 190
Blinds	\$ 200
Statue	\$ 50
Total	\$ 9,634

Offering of December 25, 2019	
Building Fund	\$ 4,607.80
Christmas Offering	\$18,321.20
Total	\$22,929

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

All these years we have been blessed to have Boyer and Cora del Rosario spearhead our Art and Environment. They have been assisted by other volunteers in decorating our worship space throughout the year. We need new volunteers for this most important ministry. Liturgical art enhances the beauty of God's house and enables the community to pray more. If you have any interest in the arts, flower arranging, and vesting the altar and other devotional spaces, please sign up with Agnes, our volunteer coordinator, in the parish office.

HOSPITALITY IS A COMMUNAL ACTIVITY

What can we do to show that the Eucharist is a communal activity? Greeting people at the door is a start. It alerts us to the fact that we are going to do something with others. "Welcome" implies "I am happy that you have come." The first impression a visitor receives is extremely important. But hospitality is everybody's ministry. We practice hospitality in choosing where we sit. Do we take the aisle seat and block access to the rest of the pew or chairs? Are those who come after us forced to crawl over us to find a place? What does it say to latecomers when the only open places are way up front? And how do we acknowledge the presence of those who come in and sit next to us? Hospitality is not restricted to the ministers at the church door.

An Evening at the Seminary
January 25 starting at 4:45 pm
St. Augustine's Seminary
2661 Kingston Road, Toronto

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux, and a tour of the seminary. CONTACT: Office of Vocations
PHONE: 416-968-0997
EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org

Third Gathering for First Reconciliation and First Communion Candidates
January 19, 2020
January 26, 2020
starting at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall

Raptors 905

February 1, 2010
2:00 pm
Paramount Fine Foods Centre
5500 Rose Cherry Place, Mississauga

Join the Raptors 905 for a post-game "Faith & Family" panel with Chaplain Herbie Kuhn (team chaplain for the Toronto Raptors & Raptors 905). Enjoy fellowship with the panel as they discuss the importance of their faith. We'll have coaches and players run drills with everyone in attendance on the court from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! CONTACT: Andrew Fraser PHONE: 416-815-6174 EMAIL: Andrew.Fraser@mlse.com

Bottle Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting bottles this weekend. Proceeds will go to Special Olympic.

Basketball Free throw

January 18, 2020
St. Faustina School
Please register with the Knights of Columbus.

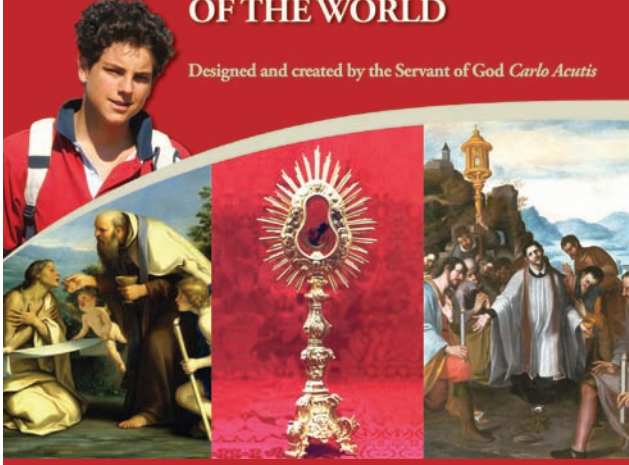
February 29 to March 8, 2020

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Join Fr. Mark on a Tour and Pilgrimage to Bulgaria, Serbia, Medjugorje, Croatia, and Slovenia

from May 24 to June 6, 2020 (15 days) - \$4,190 (Toronto departure, hotel accommodation, 2 meals daily, all sightseeing as per itinerary, including all taxes and tips) arranged by International Heritage Tours Tel. 416-444-6666.

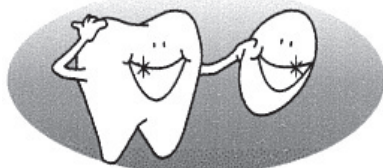
See flyerj in the Bulletin Board or take a copy from the Reception Desk for more information.

Altar Servers Needed!

We are inviting children who may be interested to serve at the Altar. This ministry is open to boys and girls who have already receive their First Communion. Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this form of ministry.

Summer Activity for our children

We are hoping to offer the Summer Bible Camp to the children of the parish. In order make this possible, we need volunteers. Would you be interested?



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