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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY (January 4)
 5:00 PM Open
 SUNDAY (January 5)
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Mila Stapells
 9:00 AM +Betsy D’Souza
 11:00 AM +Leonardo Maxion, Remigio Tan, +Pedro & Consuelo Hidalgo, Thanksgiving of Tony & Nelie Dungo
 12:30 PM +Percy Pereira

MONDAY (January 6)
 7:00 PM Open

TUESDAY (January 7)
 7:30 AM +Elenita Cuenca

WEDNESDAY (January 8)
 7:00 PM +Eusebio Borral

THURSDAY (January 9)
 7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (January 10)
 7:00 PM +Ciriaco Pereira, +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Jason Mistry, +Rafael Bauza

SATURDAY (January 11)
 9:00 AM Open



The Christmas season makes all of us delve more deeply into our struggles and despair, courage and perseverance, loss and grief, joy and celebration, or longing and desire than at any time of the year. The story of the Epiphany echoes those moments of our lives: “Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?’”

Their question is the focal point of their journey. They left home. We do not know how long or short their journey was. In all likelihood, it was not a straightforward journey. They searched and watched, but they kept on. Eventually, the sacrifices they made brought them to the Christ child. In one form or another, their quest is also our quest. Sometimes our journey is with calm assurance. Other times, it is a frantic cry. But we keep moving forward. Something in us is urging us on. St. Augustine once said: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?” That question is ours too. It is a question that does not necessarily seek information, but creates in us a space for God. God is continually drawing us to Himself. Paving the way, God is opening doors for us - doors of mercy and forgiveness, doors of healing and wholeness, doors of strength and courage, doors of life and hope.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 6,817.85
Building Fund	\$ 2,588.16
Mass Stipend	\$ 330.00
Candle Offering	\$ 520.65
Flower	\$ 197.00
Christmas	\$ 17,464.00
Christmas Novena	\$ 860.00
Ornaments	\$ 875.00
Missal	\$ 120.00
Flowers	\$ 72.00
Total	\$29,647.66

WELCOME TO THE INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph who welcomed the wise men from the East to their home, our parish community also welcomes the Indonesian Community to our church as they begin their first monthly Mass with us. Every First Sunday of each month at 2 PM

GRATITUDE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Celebrating Holy Mass at Christmas Time can be very difficult without the help of so many volunteers in our parish. We wish to thank everyone who offered their time and talent to make our celebration of Christ’s birth a success - to those who decorated our worship space, to our sacristans, altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, ushers, and music ministries, the Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus. We also thank our money counters. It is a ministry that many of you are unaware of. They sort out your donations, count and properly record them. May the good Lord bless all of you a thousandfold over for lending a hand. Our parish would not have been able to offer as many Masses as is possible without this assistance.

LIVING FAITH

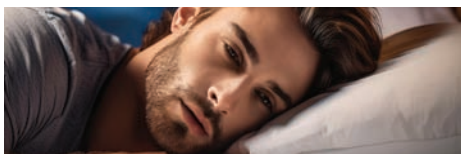
Reignite your spiritual life by joining Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR in the Living Faith series. Over the course of five episodes, Fr. Columba will teach you how to move from the crowds to truly being a disciple of Jesus. Start your New Year off right and ignite your spiritual life with Living Faith. Go to Formed.org, sign in as a member of our parish by providing your email address and watch it on your mobile device or computer.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year in Rome on the eve of Christmas, and our own Archbishop, Francis Cardinal Leo, opened it for our archdiocese last December 29 at St. Michael's Cathedral.

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." (Pope Francis)

Since so many of us may not be able to go to Rome for a pilgrimage to mark this year of grace, a number of local churches have been designated as pilgrimage destinations: First and foremost is our mother church in the Archdiocese: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. The Martyrs' shrine in Midland and for our Western Pastoral Region: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke and St. Mary's Parish in Brampton. There are other churches in other regions too which you may wish to visit. The list is available at www.archtoronto.org



BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH
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In this sleep story compilation from the Amen App, renew your hope in the new year as you listen to stories of God's companionship and healing power. This video, featuring meditations from Exodus, Psalm 23, and the Book of Tobit, can help anyone fall asleep with the comfort of God's Word.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the whole
cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

What is an indulgence?

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin." Indulgences may be applied to the living

or the dead. In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence, always by the grace of Christ, who, as Saint Paul VI wrote, "is himself our 'indulgence'".

What is the Jubilee Indulgence?

The Jubilee Indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy. It is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. All other Indulgences previously granted remain in force.

How is the Jubilee Indulgence obtained?

All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 20, §1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory.

What are the ways in which a plenary indulgence can be obtained?


Pilgrimages, Pious Visits to Sacred Places, Works of Mercy and Penance. At any sacred Jubilee site, devoutly participate in Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Way of the Cross, Recitation of the Rosary, Confession, to name a few.

May this Holy Year provide a grace-filled opportunity to nurture the seeds of faith for you and your loved ones, immersing ourselves as Pilgrims of Hope into a year-long journey of prayer, witness and service drawing on the example of Jesus, our Lord.

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