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***May the Spirit of God
Lead You Through the New Year***



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, January 6th

9 a.m. – Fr Douglas McCarthy requested by Fred & MaryJo Clutchey

Tuesday, January 7th

9 a.m. – Vito & Caterina Barbuto requested by Vito & Maria Brancatella

Wednesday, January 8th

9 a.m. – Saverio & Rosa Montesano requested by Vito & Maria Brancatella

Thursday, January 9th

9 a.m. – Vincenzo & Natalina Manno requested by Vito & Maria Brancatella

Friday, January 10th

9 a.m. – Vincenzina & Giovanni Barbuto requested by Vito & Maria Brancatella

Saturday, January 11th

5:30 p.m. – Maria Brancatella & Vittorio Barbuto requested by
Vito & Maria Brancatella

Sunday, January 12th

9 a.m. – Luis Dela Cruz requested by the Dela Cruz Family

10:30 a.m. – Elisabetta Manno & Rosa Spano requested by
Vito & Maria Brancatella

12 p.m. – Domenico Tucci & Franco Pizzimenti requested by
Vito & Maria Brancatella

5:30 p.m. – Vito & Elisabetta Montesano requested by
Vito & Maria Brancatella

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: That day when Jesus Christ was revealed to the world as represented by the Magi. In the Eastern Tradition, the epiphany or theophany (revelation) to the Magi is seen as one of four “manifestations” of Jesus to the world: the Nativity, the Magi, the Baptism of Jesus, and the Wedding Feast at Cana. In all of these manifestations, Jesus’ identity and mission are revealed to a wider audience.

These manifestations are created by God. God does *all* the work! We human beings have to do the *work* of receiving. Joseph and Mary worked hard to welcome Jesus into the world. The Magi traveled great distances to welcome the newborn king. John the Baptist waded into the waters of the Jordan to meet Jesus and baptize him. The stewards filled large containers with water and distributed it to the people, only to discover that the liquid was fine wine. So, yes, we people do work with God—but the initiative is from God and the power is from God.

Our job is to say yes to God’s initiative; to open our eyes to the great epiphanies going on around us; to journey to those places in life where God’s presence is being manifested; and to allow ourselves to be filled up with the living waters of Jesus and allow ourselves to be transformed so that we live under the influence of Jesus and share that most excellent vintage with others! *-Joe Paprocki, Loyola Press*

A NEW YEAR IS GOD’S GIFT (Roy Lessin)
In the joyful moments – thank Him.
In the busy moments – bless Him.
In the trying moments – trust Him.
In the quiet moments – praise Him.



NEW YEAR’S MESSAGE TO MY BELOVED PARISHIONERS:

January is named for the Roman god Janus, a doorkeeper with two faces, one looking back and the other forward. It’s an appropriate symbol for us as we enter a new year:


▶ looking back as we thank the Lord for the wonderful things God has done for us; ▶ feeling sorry for the bad life or wrong doings and decisions in the past year; ▶ looking forward to a resolution to rediscover our faith and improve our relationship with God and with one another.


It is important, therefore, that we keep intact the biblical role of Mary that we hear proclaimed in our gospel from January 1st. She continued to be a faithful disciple eager to learn about the will of God. There is hope for us in this role of Mary, who despite all odds continues to believe that God will do great things for her.

On January 1st we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. Although she was the Mother of God, Mary was a young Jewish mother who experienced the hardships, struggles and poverty of our world. Mary did not fully understand the implication of what had occurred. In this kind of situation the Gospel tells us that Mary “treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.”

What does Mary model for us as we contemplate the past year and the new year before us? We all have mysteries to ponder, sorrows to absorb, hopes to nourish for ourselves, our children and our world. Mary offers us a lens that will see everything with the eyes of faith. We have the angel’s assurance to Mary, “Don’t be afraid,” as our first response to whatever happens. We have Mary’s “Yes”, let it happen to me as God proposes, as the perfect prayer when life is difficult. This is all God asks.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! *Fr Regulo Imperial,*
Pastor

 **December 21st/22nd Collection: \$4,743.55**
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 **CWL General Meeting - Tuesday, January 7th**
at 8 p.m. in the Church Hall, after Mass and devotions. Women aged 18 and over, please join us!

Please begin using your **2020 ENVELOPES** now. Please throw out all envelopes from previous years. If you haven’t picked up your envelopes yet, they are available for pick-up at the main entrance, in alphabetical order. Please complete the outside of the envelope for the first 3 weeks so we can verify the information. If you would like to start using envelopes and don’t yet have them, please contact the church office. Thank you.



“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, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, ArchToronto 416-968-0997 / vocations@archtoronto.org / www.vocationstoronto.ca



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS on Sunday, February 9th @ 3 pm

St Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave., Pickering) As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. A reception will follow Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online or by phone. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400 x523

INFORMATION SESSION TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES INTO SCHOOL 2020

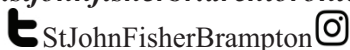
Hosted by The Special Education and Learning Services Department for families of children with differing abilities who are transitioning into the DPCDSB in September 2020. The Catholic Education Centre, 40 Matheson Blvd West, Room 301 Wednesday, January 29th from 7 – 8:30 pm Snow date Thursday, January 30th from 7-8:30 pm Families are asked to contact their local school or visit www.dpcdsb.org for additional info and for a list of required registration documents.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2020

“They showed us unusual kindness” (cf. Acts 28:2) Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church Leaders His Eminence Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto will be sharing the Word of God with other leaders **Sunday, January 26th @ 7 pm** - Refreshments to follow Yorkminster Park Baptist Church 1585 Yonge St, Toronto, M4T 1Z9 info@yorkminsterpark.com 416-922-1167 For further information, please contact: The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or ecumenical@archtoronto.org

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD** Tuesday, January 14th – 7 to 9 pm 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. Cardinal Collins will speak about the importance of the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer.

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Families of Grade 2 Students:

▶ Registration forms for First Communion are now available at the back of the church. Please complete and drop them off at the back of the church or in the Rectory Mailbox. Remember to include a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate.

▶ Families of the First Communion Candidates must attend the Sunday Eucharist regularly. Parents should be registered members of St John Fisher Parish. If you are not registered yet, please do so by completing the yellow cards at the main entrance of the church and dropping them off in the Rectory mailbox.

▶ **Mandatory Meeting** for Parents: Tuesday, February 4th at 7 pm in the Church Hall.

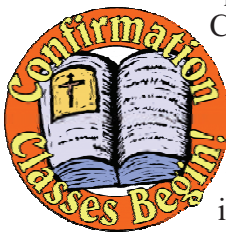
▶ **First Communion Dates:**
St John Fisher School: May 9th @ 5:30 pm
St John Henry Newman School: May 23rd @ 5:30 pm
Georges Vanier School: May 24th @ 12 pm

Please note: According to the Archdiocese of Toronto, the **Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation** must take place in the Parish where the family attends weekend masses on a regular basis. Sacraments are NOT a school-based event.

Confirmation Update: In order to be Confirmed, Candidates must complete ALL 6 sessions. By not doing so, we presume that the candidate is not fully ready for the reception of the Sacrament. Consider if celebrating this Sacrament in the future is a better option.

All sessions are on Saturdays from 4-5:15 pm and then the class will attend the 5:30 pm mass together.

- ▶ January 25th: Intro & the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- ▶ February 1st: Prayer & the Seven Sacraments
- ▶ March 7th: Social Justice
- ▶ March 14th: Social Justice II
- ▶ March 28th: Confirmation Liturgy
- ▶ April 4th: Called for Missioning
- ▶ **Confirmation Mass**, celebrated by our Pastor: Thursday, June 11th at 7 pm



Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Saturday February 1st to Sunday February 9th – 9 am to 9 pm This Vatican approved exhibit was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis and features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allows you to “virtually visit” the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit’s purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration. St Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 4260 Cawthra Rd., Mississauga

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