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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 6 th - 9 a.m. – Geoffrey Cooper ☩
Tuesday, January 7 th - 9 a.m. – Youssef Sawaya ☩
Wednesday, January 8 th - 9 a.m. – Carmel, Saveria & Family ☩ – Claudette Slattery ☩
Thursday, January 9 th - 9 a.m. – Carole Pitcher ☩
Friday, January 10 th - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory ☩
Saturday, January 11 th - 9 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory ☩ – Adelino Garcia ☩ – Luis dela Cruz – Carole Pitcher ☩



Offertory:



December 22 nd :	\$ 5,862.60	Building Fund:	\$ 4,020.00
December 25 th :	\$10,537.85	Building Fund:	\$ 5,020.00
December 29 th :	\$ 8,567.05	ShareLife:	\$ 500.00

We thank all of you who regularly give your weekly offering using envelopes. **Please remember to write your name on the outside of the envelope every week, and especially if you are a new registrant to our parish or just new to using envelopes.** We want to make sure that the envelope number matches the name so we can allocate the donation to the correct person. Thank you for your cooperation!

2025 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up. Boxes are not attached to any name. There is no need to look for your name and/or box number. In January, when you begin using these new envelopes, please write your name & address on the outside of the envelopes for a few weeks as we register the box to you and allocate your donation for your income tax receipt.



UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION! We continue to expand our database to be able to communicate with parishioners more easily. Parishioners are asked to email their contact information to stjohnfisherbr@archtoronto.org. Please include:
 ❶ Name(s) ❷ Mailing Address ❸ Email Address ❹ Phone Number
 Thank you for your cooperation!

Do you have gifts and talents that you can share with our parish? Join a parish ministry today! Volunteer what you can, when you can and as often as you can. No contribution is too small. Training and support will be provided. We especially need: **Lectors, Ushers, & Sacristans.** Call or email the office to sign up!



Our **Society of St Vincent de Paul** thanks all who helped the needy families in our community this Christmas Season by providing Walmart gift cards. We raised over \$5,000 in gift cards. Thank you for your generosity towards our neighbours in need!



CWL General Meeting

Tuesday, January 7th at 7 pm in the Church Hall. Women aged 16 and over, please join us!

The Catholic Women's League is pleased to announce that the **Mary Matthews Speech Contest** will be on: **Sunday, February 2nd at 2 p.m. in the Church Hall**. All are welcome to come out and support the student contestants from our three parish schools.



LIVING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SHARELIFE

We have reached our parish campaign goal of \$35,000. Thank you for your generosity! You may still donate to ShareLife at sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18-25
 Celebrating 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS? (John 11:26)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. **Sunday, January 19th at 4 p.m.**
 North City Church, 377 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge
 This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS: As part of **Marriage Sunday 2025** celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2025 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment. Click the register button at: <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>
Sunday, February 9th at 2:30 pm at St Michael's Cathedral
 Watch the Mass via livestream: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT
 The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow 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.
Sat Feb 15th at 9 am – Sun Feb 16th at 2 pm
 St Margaret Mary Church, 8500 Islington Ave, Woodbridge



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Through the guidance of a heavenly sign (the Star of Bethlehem), Wise Men come from the East to find where the new King of Israel is born. This encounter does not only signify the completion of a journey of faith and hope for the Wise Men, but it implies the revealing of the Messiah to the world beyond the Israelite people. This journey of faith and hope is now ours and is especially manifested in this year of 2025.

As you have no doubt been hearing, this year is a Jubilee Year. What does this mean? Below is an explanation from our Archdiocesan website:

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee Year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father.

The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome, and local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis: "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."

As we enter this sacred time of Jubilee, I encourage all parishioners to grow in your love of the Lord so that at the end of this Jubilee Year 2025 you will be true Pilgrims of Hope for the world.

BLESSINGS, Fr. Liborio

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I think your lights might be too bright this year.

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"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,
 Call Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Vocations Director, ArchToronto
 416-968-0997/ vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

THEME OF THE MESSAGE FOR WORLD PEACE DAY 2025

"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace"



is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the World Day of Peace 2025.

This Message corresponds to the biblical and ecclesial understanding of the Jubilee Year. It is inspired in particular by the Encyclical Letters Laudato si' and Fratelli Tutti, and above all by the concepts of Hope and Forgiveness, which are at the heart of the Jubilee, a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to bring about reconciliation & peace.

When considering the reality of conflicts and social sins afflicting humanity today in light of the hope inherent in the Jubilee tradition of the forgiveness of sins and the cancellation of debts, together with the reflections of the Fathers of the Church in this regard, concrete principles emerge that can lead to a much needed spiritual, social, economic, ecological and cultural change.

Only from a genuine conversion on all levels – personal, local and international – will true peace be able to flourish, not only in the cessation of conflicts but also in a new reality in which wounds are healed and each person's dignity is recognized.

FINDING HOPE THROUGH HOPELINE: For many people, an end-of-life diagnosis can seem completely overwhelming. It's often described as time stopping, but for those who work in hospice and palliative care, the diagnosis is just the beginning. The HopeLine was created to help newly diagnosed patients, caregivers and family members identify resources that can support them on their end-of-life journey. It's easy to access (just call 416-619-5700) and takes a customized approach with one of our compassionate team members working directly with callers to help pinpoint resources with hospice palliative care options within their home community. The HopeLine is open to any individual residing within the Archdiocese of Toronto who requires end-of-life support services and holistic care for patients, caregivers and extended family and friend networks.

The Archdiocese offers the Horizons of Hope program designed to empower and educate parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment and bereavement in a holistic fashion. All are encouraged to access these resources, start important conversations with loved ones, and of course, to call the HopeLine when they need extra support. To learn more about Horizons of Hope, please visit: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/horizons-of-hope-a-toolkit-for-catholic-parishes-on-palliative-care/>.

Fr. Dr. Matthew M. Durham, D.Min: Executive Director, Hospice Palliative Care & Community Development, Saint Elizabeth Foundation.



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