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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	Jan. 7	1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues	Jan. 8	1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Wed	Jan. 9	1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
Thurs	Jan. 10	1 John 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22a
Fri	Jan. 11	1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
Sat	Jan. 12	1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30
Sun	Jan. 13	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

CHURCH

Tue	Jan. 8	Adult Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Wed	Jan. 9	Band Practice 8:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 10	Folk Choir Practice 8:00-10:00pm

SEMINAR ROOM

Mon	Jan. 7	RCIA 7:00-9:00pm
Tue	Jan. 8	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Wed	Jan. 9	Prime Time Crafts 1:30-4:30 pm
Wed	Jan. 9	RCIC Group 2 6:30-7:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Mon	Jan. 7	Knights of Columbus 7:00-9:30pm
Tue	Jan. 8	Prime Time Line Dancing 1:00-2:30pm
Wed	Jan. 9	RCIC Group 1 6:30-7:30pm
Wed	Jan. 9	Knights of Columbus 7:00-10:00pm
Thurs	Jan. 10	Knights of Columbus 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs	Jan. 10	St. Vincent de Paul Society 7:00-9:00pm
Fri	Jan. 11	ABC LIFETEEN 6:30-8:30pm

BOARD ROOM

Wed	Jan. 9	Sacramental Preparation 6:30-7:30pm
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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star in the East, and have come to worship him" (Mt 2:2).

The Magi thus personify all those who believe, those who long for God, who yearn for their home, their heavenly homeland. They reflect the image of all those who in their lives have not let their hearts be anesthetized. A holy longing for God wells up in the heart of believers because they know that the Gospel is not an event of the past but of the present. A holy longing for God helps us keep alert in the face of every attempt to reduce and impoverish our life. A holy longing for God is the memory of faith, which rebels before all prophets of doom. That longing keeps hope alive in the community of believers, which from week to week continues to plead: "Come, Lord Jesus".

An entirely different attitude reigned in the palace of Herod, a short distance from Bethlehem, where no one realized what was taking place. As the Magi made their way, Jerusalem slept. It slept in collusion with a Herod who, rather than seeking, also slept. He slept, anesthetized by a cauterized conscience. He was bewildered, afraid. "You kill the little ones in their bodies, because fear is killing you in your heart" (Saint Quodvultdeus, *Sermon 2 on the Creed*: PL 40, 655).

We want to worship. Those men came from the East to worship, and they came to do so in the place befitting a king: a palace. This is significant. Their quest led them there, for it was fitting that a king should be born in a palace, amid a court and all his subjects. For that is a sign of power, success, a life of achievement. They had to discover that what they sought was not in a palace, but elsewhere, both existentially and geographically. There, in the palace, they did not see the star guiding them to discover a God who wants to be loved. For only under the banner of freedom, not tyranny, is it possible to realize that



Would you like one of the priests or the deacon from St. John of the Cross Parish visit you while you are in the hospital? Or would you like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick? *Please let us know by calling the parish office.*

**WEDNESDAY EVENING
MASSES, 7pm
FOLLOWED BY THE NOVENA
TO OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP
COMMUNITY ROSARY, 6:30pm**



BRING YOUR FAMILY!

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Source: Fr. Ivan Vanheusen, www.catholic-link.org)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Telephone voice mail extensions at the parish for questions regarding sacramental preparation for baptized children attending Catholic school. Message will be returned by Sacramental Team.

905.821.1331 x 225 1st Communion / Reconciliation

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Messages left on these voice mails will be returned by members of the Sacramental Team.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"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 you think God may be calling you to be a priest, religious, or deacon in His church, contact **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto, 416.968.0997** or email vocations@archtoronto.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please use only 2019 Offertory Envelopes. Discard any unused 2018 envelopes that you may still have. *Thank you!*

A CARMELITE MOMENT ST. PETER THOMAS



Prayer:

Lord, you inspired in your bishop, St. Peter Thomas an intense desire to promote peace and Christian unity. Following his example, may we live steadfast in the faith and work perseveringly for peace. We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



SAVE THE DATE

Knight of Hearts Annual Valentine Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 2nd at Swagat Banquet Hall.

Tickets are \$50/person and will be sold after masses on the weekends of January 12, 19, and 26. For tickets, contact Mike, 905.819.1414 or Trevor, 905.785.2973.

PRIME TIME CLUB - (a social group for those over 50)
Membership - \$10 per year.

Held occasionally are outings, Saturday evening dinners in Nessinger hall and luncheons in local restaurants. Held weekly are Line Dancing on Tuesdays at 1pm and Craft Group on Wednesdays at 2pm.

Contact Mary at 905.824.8537.

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These are now available for pick-up outside the parish office.

Envelopes are arranged numerically.

If you do not know your envelope number, please refer to the list on the table by the boxes of envelopes.

Verify the labels on the box to make sure that your name and address is correct.

Notify the office if your address has changed.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish Community! We are happy to have you. We are here to help you come closer to God. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr. Joseph, Fr. Sebastian, or Fr. Felix. Come by the parish office when you get a chance and register as a new parishioner.

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