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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6, 2019

“...they knelt down and paid him homage”



If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. *"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace"* (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came, that both Jew and Gentile, might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Thank You

Our Parish Christmas and New Year celebrations were truly wonderful and I thank all parishioners and their families and friends who came to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, with us.

I am especially grateful to all our parish volunteers who helped make our celebrations beautiful acts of worship to God. The decorating group worked tirelessly to beautify the church, the ushers helped with parking and other duties, the eucharistic ministers and lectors served our various Masses and the altar servers assisted at the altar. I thank Helen Edwards, Alan Lemay and Emely Mancilla for organizing and supervising the Children's Christmas pageant.

Thank you also to Fr. Roger, Fr. Milton & Fr. Lester for their assistance throughout the year. And last but certainly not least, thank you to our two wonderful deacons, Deacon Don and Deacon Richard.

May the Christ Child bring you peace and abundant blessings in the new year.

Fr. Bernard

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Antony Amalraj Fernando

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 – 8:00 A.M.

Intention Available

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 – 7:00 P.M.

Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 – 8:00 A.M.

In reparation for offences committed against the Most Holy Eucharist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 – 7:00 P.M.

+ Vincent Borg

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 – 5:00 P.M.

S.I. Members of the Maloney and McCaig Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 A.M. + Natalie Lagoda

10:00 A.M. S.I. Parish Community

12:00 P.M. Intention Available

INFORMATION SESSION

On January 9, 2019 the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education and Learning Services Department will host a Kindergarten entry planning and information session. This meeting is for families of children with differing abilities, such as vision, hearing, speech, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays in the cognitive and/or motor areas, who are entering Kindergarten in September 2019. The meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For more info about this session, please call 905-890-0708 ext. 24011.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year will begin on November 26, 2018. Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. The online registration will begin on November 26 at www.dpcdsb.org. For those unable to register at the school during school hours, a registration evening has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2019 (Snow Date: January 17, 2019). For more information, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school, visit the Board website at www.dpcdsb.org, or call the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at 905-890-1221.

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory envelope boxes for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. Please take any box and **PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on the first 4 envelopes you use in JANUARY 2019. Please remember to finish using your 2018 offertory envelopes before using the 2019 ones. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you would rather make your regular offerings through Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), kindly complete a PAG Form, which are available at the back of the Church with the envelopes, and return to the Office. Please note you still need a box of envelopes for the other Special Collections.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS IN NEED



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting non-perishable food items after Masses on January 26/27 and February 2/3. Our collected food will be delivered, sorted and stocked by the Knights at Eden Food for Change, our neighbourhood food bank serving those in need in our very own Erin Mills community. Thank you for your support.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 4:00 PM on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling 416-934-3400, x 523.

40 DAYS IN THE WORD



Beginning January 10th, 2019, at 7:30pm St Francis of Assisi Prayer Group will be hosting a DVD series entitled "40 days in the Word" by Rick Warren. This series shows you how to not just hear the Word, but to be a doer of the Word as well. The series runs for 6 weeks. All are welcome.

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