

HOLY NAME PARISH

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

Dear parishioners,

The Feast of the Epiphany is considered to be the conclusion of the major Christmas feasts. It was traditionally celebrated on January 6th every year, at the end of the proverbial 12 Days of Christmas. Nowadays, we usually move the feast to the closest Sunday to make it easier for everyone to attend Mass. There are still some places in the world, though, that celebrate Epiphany on January 6th, no matter what day of the week. The Vatican, for instance, is one of those places – the Holy Father still celebrates the Epiphany on its traditional day of January 6th.

I remember from my years in Rome that there is a short saying in Italian about the Feast of the Epiphany: *L'Epifania...tutte le feste porta via*. It roughly translates as “The Epiphany...takes away all of the feasts”. It means that the Epiphany is the last of the celebrations that has the Birth of Jesus at the centre.

We gathered with Our Lady and St. Joseph on Christmas night. The shepherds joined us, under the glorious chorus of the angels who announced the Saviour’s birth. We prayed at the manger with St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents, during their feast days. And then we especially honoured the Holy Family and Our Blessed Mother with their great feast days. Finally, we have welcomed the Three Kings, who come to join us in adoring the King of Kings, born in Bethlehem.

To say that the Epiphany takes away all of these feasts does not mean that they are simply gone, not to be considered until next year. What we hope happens is that everything that we have celebrated over these last few weeks will continue to take root in our hearts and bear fruit over the coming years. The celebrations might be over, the decorations will be taken away, but let us pray that the meaning of these great Christmas feasts will remain.

May the lasting effect of Christmas – the peace, joy, and hope that Christ brings – continue throughout the year. And may the light of Christ continue to shine through our darkness and guide us through the coming months.

Fr. Eric



Mass Intentions

- Mon. January 6th
12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Ceana Klump
For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan
Maria Lauro +**
- Tues. January 7th
12:05 pm: **Nicole Houston +**
- Wed. January 8th
12:05 pm: **Tas Venesanopoulos +**
- Thurs. January 9th
12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**
- Fri. January 10th
12:05 pm: **Marie D'Sousa +**
- Sat. January 11th
5:00 pm: **Nigel Bogle +**

**Readings for
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 12th, 2024**

- 1st Reading:** Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10
Second Reading: Acts 10.34-38
Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22



**Welcome to Our Parish Family
Baptized
Sunday, January 5th, 2025**

**Ayomide Elizabeth Ogundele
daughter of Taofeek (David) & Victoria**

First Reconciliation and First Communion class

*will begin in January. Parents wishing to have their grade 2 and older children prepared for these sacraments are invited to the **Parent Meeting on January 7, 2025 at 7 pm** in the church. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to register your child and to receive the schedule and to purchase the program. From January to March the children will be working on the First Reconciliation (Confession) program at a cost of \$25 for the booklet. First Communion classes will start in May and finish at the end of June. That booklet is also \$25. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the parish office 416-466-8281. Parents are the first teachers and we will need your help as you journey through these two sacraments with your children.*

Offertory Envelope Boxes for 2025 are available at the entrance of the church

Please call or email Pamela at the Parish Office holynameto@archtoronto.org during office hours

- ***You have a change in your name and address***
- ***If you would like a box of envelopes please fill in registration card and place in the collection basket at offertory – please print clearly envelopes will be provided for you the following weekend***
- ***Please always use the proper year envelopes, write your name and address on the envelope and importantly seal your envelopes.***

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 9th after 12:05 pm
Mass Senior's Lunch in the large hall.

Confirmation Preparation Program **- Reminder**

The 2025 Confirmation Classes will begin on Saturday, January 11th, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall downstairs. Entry is from Gough Avenue. For further information contact HolyNameTO@archtoronto.org or call 416-466-8281.

2025 MASS INTENTIONS

There are many openings for Mass Intentions. Please consider booking a Mass for a Repose of the Soul, In Memory of a Loved One or For the Intention of Someone Special. The donation is \$20.00. You are given a date and time which will be placed in the bulletin, a Mass card and is announced at the Mass. Thank you.

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the “forgotten members” in our community, and their families and caregivers. “Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love.” especially

Kateri Ryan, Darryl Smart, Carl Wilcox, G. Pitrolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Mae Bradley, Jaden Babcock, Valrie Lashley and Maria Jose Bouey.

Did you know you can give your offertory donation through Pre-Authorized Giving?

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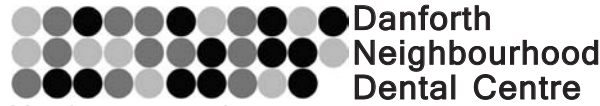
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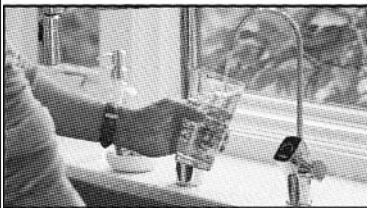
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