

HOLY NAME PARISH

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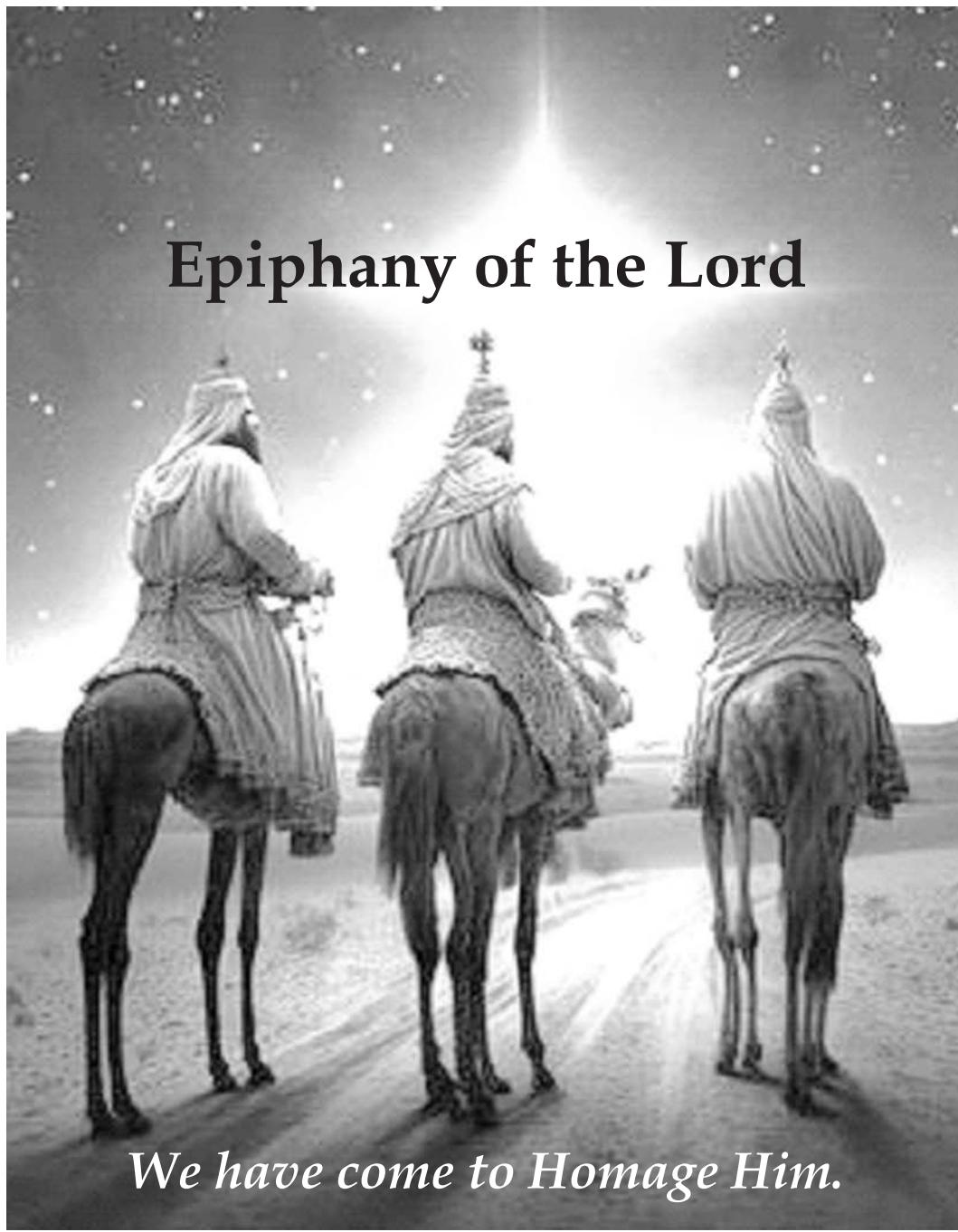
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We have come to Homage Him.

Dear parishioners,

The first week of the year brings us to the celebration of a beloved Canadian saint – St. Andre of Montreal. He is more commonly known as Brother Andre, as he was a religious brother of the Holy Cross Congregation. Here at Holy Name Parish, we are blessed with a beautiful statue and small shrine to St. Andre, under the statue of St. Joseph. For a number of years, the pastoral care of the parish was entrusted to priests of the Holy Name congregation. To commemorate the momentous occasion of Brother Andre's canonization in 2010, the statue and shrine were commissioned.

Brother Andre spent the majority of his religious life as the porter for his community. This means that he would welcome visitors to the community and attend to their initial needs. Fairly soon, he was recognized as a man of deep faith and prayer. He would often pray with those who came to visit, especially those who were sick. Eventually, it was reported that many people experience healing of their sicknesses after visiting Brother Andre and praying with him. He himself never took the credit; almost always, he would entrust the visitors and their needs to the intercession of St. Joseph. As the years went on, his reputation grew throughout Montreal, and large numbers of visitors would come to see him. A larger community house was soon needed to accommodate the crowds. Eventually, the new shrine built became the great St. Joseph's Oratory, one of today's major landmarks in Montreal. When Brother Andre died in 1945, it was reported that almost one million people came to pay their respects.

Every morning when I come into our church to pray, I go around to the statues and ask the saints for their prayers. When I reach St. Andre, I ask him to pray for all those who come through the doors of our parish church. I also ask him to pray for all those who do not come through the doors, in the hopes that eventually they will!

Through the prayers of St. Andre, may all of us experience the protective love of St. Joseph, that they may both guide us to a safe and holy New Year.

Fr. Eric



Mass Intentions

Mon. January 5th

12:05 pm: **Deceased Members of the Presta Family**

Tues. January 6th

12:05 pm: **Mary Bernadette Parker +**

Wed. January 7th

12:05 pm: **For the Intentions of Kateri Ryan**

Thurs. January 8th

12:05 pm: **Mary & Harry Keane +**

Fri. January 9th

12:05 pm: **Deceased Members of Jerina Family**

Sat. January 10th

5:00 pm: **Gladys Keeble +**

SANCTUARY LAMP

is lit this week

For the Mussio Family

requested by Holy Name Choir

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

Ivan Raspor, Kateri Ryan, Carl Wilcox, G. Pirolo, Ann Gilbride, Paul Ryan, Sherry MacEachern, Daniel Giles, Jaden Babcock and Maria Jose Bouey.

Thank You Craft Sale Results

The parish made \$1,840.00 from the Craft Sale. A Big thanks to Azadeh Siedlecka who was instrumental in bringing in the vendors and for promoting the event. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made this event possible with the volunteering of time and efforts and baked goods.

You're a TAP away to help YOUR PARISH!

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- No. The 'tiptap' device does not store any information. It also cannot be hacked as any tampering triggers a signal that shuts down the device.

Having Issues?

Contact the parish office for help.



Seniors Group

Our next biweekly luncheon will be on **Thursday, January 8th, 2026** after the 12:05 Mass in the parish hall.

Lectors' Workshop – Saturday, January 17th, 10:00AM

Attention all lectors, both new and old! On Saturday, January 17th, we will be having a workshop in the church from 10:00-11:00am. We will go over the meaning of being a lector and outline some of the practical details of our celebrations. This will culminate with a special blessing ceremony for all lectors the weekend of January 24th/25th, when the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God.

Please mark these dates in your calendars and plan to attend. For those who are interested in becoming a new lector, please contact Fr. Eric at erodrigues@archtoronto.org

Offertory Envelope Boxes for 2026 are available at the entrance of the church

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

- To keep us informed of any changes to be made to our parish database.
- If you would like a box of envelopes please fill in registration form that are at the entrances of the church and place in the collection basket at the 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.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

Parishioners are invited to join Bishop John A. Boisonneau on **Sunday, January 18, 2025, 4 p.m.** at Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

Theme: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4) *This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.*

Bereavement Ministry Formation and Training – Registration Now Open

The annual archdiocesan formation and training for bereavement ministry will be offered online on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 2026, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This program is designed for new and seasoned parish bereavement ministers. It will explore ways to begin a bereavement ministry in your parish or enhance your present bereavement ministry programs. Registrants are required to participate in all online sessions, complete pre-homework and pass final assessment. There is no cost to attend but register early as capacity is limited. **REGISTER:** <https://bit.ly/BMT-Register2026> by February 23, 2026.

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