



*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.*

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Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

**Deacons:** Michael Gennaro  
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## **Celebration of The Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Second Sunday of the Month  
By appointment only.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.  
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

## **Parish School**

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# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – Jan. 5, 2020

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – Otilia Lee †

Wed. 8:30 am – Viola Athaide - Sp. Int.

Thurs. Noon – Adam Gilbert & Thomas Hendry †

Fri. 8:30 am – Dr. Mickey Lowe †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Silvia Kim & Andrea Park †

## READINGS FOR – January 12<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17



*Dear Parishioners,*

*On behalf of Deacon James, Deacon Michael and myself, I want to thank all of you for your many kindnesses over the past year, and especially during this Christmas Season. Your generosity, in so many ways, continues to be humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that you have given to us, both tangibly and spiritually. Please accept this note of appreciation as gratitude for all your varied gifts.*

*At this time, Deacon Michael Gennaro, Deacon James Shaughnessy and I would like to wish each and every one of you all the very best for a most Holy and Happy New Year. May it continue to call us into a deeper union with our God and one another within the family of Good Shepherd Parish.*

*I am blessed to be your pastor, and I thank God for allowing me to be so. Please continue to pray for the deacons and for me, and we will continue to pray for you. May you have a blessed 2020.*

*Father Anthony*



## *Making Christ Manifest to All the World*

This Sunday we celebrate the feast for the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means “to manifest” or “to make known.” This is what God did in the Incarnation. He made Himself known to humanity. One principle event is the visit of the foreign Magi, representing all the nations coming to know Christ.



Even 2000 years later, Christ still desires to make Himself known to the ends of the earth and we as stewards have the great privilege of helping in this important mission. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship says that, “God wishes human being to be his collaborators in the work of creation, redemption and sanctification; and such collaboration involves stewardship in its most profound sense.” The USCCB also says that the “practice of authentic Christian stewardship inevitably leads to evangelization.”

Therefore, to be true and authentic stewards means that we cannot keep the gift of the Gospel for ourselves, but we must go out into the world and proclaim it to others. How often do we realize our important role in evangelization? Let us strive to use our time and talents well by sharing the faith with those around us, with our family members, our co-workers and our neighbours. Perhaps one tangible act we can do this week is invite someone we know who has fallen away from their faith to join us for Mass next Sunday. In doing this, we will take seriously the dismissal at the end of Mass to “go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.”

This Epiphany, let us advance the fulfillment of the promise by inviting and welcoming all who want to praise Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

***"We saw his star and have come to do the King  
homage."***

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2020

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. They do so much more good in your hands than in ours. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form in the foyer.



## 2020 Youth Awards Program

For the Education component of Catholic Women's League of Canada Education and Health Committee, the 2020 Youth Awards Program is comprised for Grades 7 through 12

with the following contests:

- Mary Matthews Public Speaking for Grades 7 & 8
- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry for Grades 7 through 12
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award for ages 15 to 18
- St. Michael's College Scholarship for Grade 12 females only

All registrations must be received by January, 20, 2020. Good Shepherd Parish contest for "Mary Matthews Public Speaking" will be held on Sun., Jan. 26, 2020 after 11:00 a.m. Mass. For information and to receive contest package, please email [catherine.ger@outlook.com](mailto:catherine.ger@outlook.com)

## His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto – The Importance of the Word of God

*Tuesday, January 14, 2020 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

3220 Blessed Trinity Parish  
Bayview Avenue, Toronto

This year Pope Francis will inaugurate "Word of God Sunday"—the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Sacred Scriptures. Accordingly, our own Cardinal Collins will be speaking about the importance of the Word of God, the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer. His engaging style and love for Jesus and the Church will be most evident as he shares with us his thoughtful insights on the central place the Bible has for Catholics today. All are welcome.

## TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

"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, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Arch. of Toronto at 416-968-0997 or email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

WITH CARDINAL COLLINS

FEBRUARY 9, 2020 AT 3:00 P.M.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 Celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2020, they are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave. East - Pickering). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend—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](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or by calling (416) 934-3400 X523.



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18 TO 25, 2020

The theme for this year's Week of Prayer For Christian Unity is "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2). Welcoming strangers - whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees - is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love. There will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service led by Christian Church leaders in the GTA. His Eminence Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto will be reflecting on the Word of God on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Yorkminster Park Baptist Church (1585 Yonge Street, Toronto). Refreshments to follow. If you would like more information, please contact the Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at the Arch. of Toronto at: (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or by emailing: [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org).



## FEED THE HUNGRY

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend. Please return your frozen casseroles the weekend of January 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Next weekend, the Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine, liquor bottles and cans as well as pop cans which can be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.





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