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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

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 9, 2022



Jan 11th - Jan 15th

Tues. 8:30 am – C.P. Fok Family †
Wed. 8:30 am – Olga Kozlowski †
Thurs. Noon – Wai Chu – Sp. Intention
Fri. 8:30 am – Andrew Rubaszek †
Sat. 4:30 pm - Joseph Zulema †



READINGS FOR – January 16th

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.4-11
Gospel: John 2.1-12



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2021 will be available by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2022 will count towards next year's tax receipt.) As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.



PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

If you are you currently signed up for the pre-authorized giving (PAG) plan please consider an increase in 2022. PAG is administered by the Archdiocese and donations to the church are taken directly from your bank account on a monthly basis. PAG saves time and administrative costs associated with processing donations. The PAG form is available in the foyer at the back of the church.



Please note the office will be open Monday through Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for those needing administrative assistance.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

In order to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to adhere to the regulations of the Government of Ontario during this state of emergency, all churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto have limited attendance capacity at this time.



At a time like this it can be uncomfortable to talk about giving. Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our parishioners. However, these difficult circumstances show just how important the offertory is to the life of our parishes. The reality is that our parishes rely on the support of their parishioners to operate – parish salaries, programs and ongoing operating costs (heating, water, electricity, etc.) are funded through the generosity of it parishioners. It will be a challenge for a parish to maintain operations without the usual weekly offertory collection.

If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, there are several ways you can continue to support your parish at this time:

- Drop off or mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish office.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving if your parish offers it. You can obtain a form from your parish office. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.
- You can contribute to the offertory via on-line banking. To do this, we need to send you your unique account number. Please e-mail us at campaign@archtoronto.org. In the body of the email provide us with your name, address, parish name and municipality. We will email you your account information which you can use to set up the Archdiocese of Toronto as a payee in your on-line banking. Your gift will be forwarded to your parish. You can make a one time or recurring gift to your offertory.

If you have any questions we'll be pleased to assist in our Development Office at the Archdiocese of Toronto, 416-934-3400, ext. 540.



The Word This Week



"While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened."

In today's liturgy, Jesus experiences a river-baptism, and God's voice is heard proclaiming Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God with the visible presence of the Holy Spirit bearing witness. It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved".

This Gospel recounts the final event we celebrate in the Christmas season. The Christmas season looks beyond the baby in Bethlehem. Each feast peels back the layers a little further, each revealing the truth of Jesus of Nazareth from a different perspective. Jesus is the one in whom God keeps the promises made through Isaiah. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power and abundant love of God.

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved. He will show to the world the glory, justice, power and abundant love of God.

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time in our liturgical year. The hope of Christmas, though, never ends. Through baptism into Christ, we share in His life in God and in His promise-keeping mission in the world.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS



**FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT
2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
St. Michael's Cathedral**

Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows. Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple will be able to register to attend (for a total of a group of 3). Other couples, family, and friends are welcome to participate in the celebration via the [Livestream](#).

For more information and to register visit: www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Registration will close on February 4, 2022 or when we reach maximum capacity at the Cathedral. We look forward to meeting and serving all the married couples who have registered for this event.



USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA

Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. During the month of January, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table. Thank you.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION FEED MY LAMBS



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Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Jan. 15/16). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Wednesday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Jan 22&23. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our City. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Knights are collecting "returnable" bottles, beer cans and aluminum pop cans on Saturday, January 15th. The truck will be available from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. ONLY**. Proceeds will go to the Wheelchair Fund. Please bring your bottles and cans only at this time, not in advance. We thank you for your support of this project.

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