

May the
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Lead You Through
the New Year



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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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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JAN. 04, 2026



Jan. 6th – Jan. 10th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Pun Siu Ho †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - Sonia Elias †

Thurs. Noon - Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Nicholas Bourque †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Vincent & Sylvia Chan †

READINGS FOR – Jan. 11th

1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17



THE WORD THIS WEEK

“They knelt down and paid him homage.”

Epiphany holds great significance in the Christian faith as it commemorates the revelation of God's son to the world. It symbolizes the inclusivity of God's love and the fulfillment of the prophecy of a Saviour for all nations.

The journey of the Magi, guided by the star to the infant Jesus, signifies the universal nature of Christ's message and the acceptance of all people into God's family.

Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation" remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

Let us be grateful today for the gift of our Saviour and Lord who willingly accepted suffering to liberate us from our difficulties. May we pray today that God will reveal to us insights into our own lives that will change us, just as the wise men were transformed by the message hidden in the stars.

As we look back on our Christmas celebrations, I would like to offer our appreciation to all those who made extra contributions to enhance our many liturgies. We thank Catherine Ger and the Decorating Committee and the Knights of Columbus who worked to beautify our church, the Liturgical Ministries – Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Society, Altar Servers, Choir Director Eugenie all our Choir Members.

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.

Peace,

Father Anthony





OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2026

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. For the first month of using your new envelopes we ask that you **CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE NEW ENVELOPES**. This helps us to make sure that your information is correct in the system. If you continue to use old envelopes, we cannot guarantee the donation will be properly processed as envelope numbers have changed over the year. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to do so, please complete a request form.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-Authorized is a way to give to our parish even if you cannot make it to church regularly. Especially during the winter months, you are still able to keep up your contributions when you cannot attend in person. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



FIRST COMMUNION 2026

Gentle reminder that first Preparation Class is on Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 a.m. for registered children receiving their First Communion.

CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass next weekend (Jan. 10th/11th). Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on Jan. 17th/18th. 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.



WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting "refundable" beer, wine and liquor bottles next weekend (Jan. 10/11) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



The York Catholic District School Board is now accepting registrations for Junior Kindergarten for children born in 2022.

York Catholic provides a Christ-centered, innovative Catholic Education in 102 schools across York Region. The YCDSB is consistently ranked as one of the top-performing school boards in the province. You can visit their website, www.ycdsb.ca, to register for classes starting in September.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit or call the office to book mass intentions for 2024. The donation for an announced Mass is \$20.00. This Mass is offered at Good Shepherd, the intention is printed in the bulletin and also mentioned at the start of the dedicated weekday Mass and during the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend. The donation for an unannounced Mass is \$10. This is a private Mass said offsite. Tax receipts are not issued for Mass offerings.

Forms available at the bookshelf.



Enthronement of the Sacred Heart
Pilgrim Virgin Statue-Visitation to the Homes



Would You Like To Have Your Home Enthroned?

Would You Like To Have The Statue of Our Lady Visit Your Home?

Visits are for a one-week period.

We will schedule welcome and farewell prayers with you and your family.

Kindly fill-in the request form and we will contact you to schedule the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart and/or Our Lady's Visit to your home.

JANUARY 17 AND 18

The Knights of Columbus invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.






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