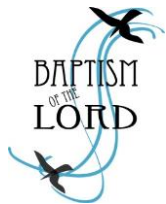


The Epiphany of the Lord



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical peak of the Advent-Christmas season.



Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is the name of the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the Baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorated the coming of the magi, The Baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord came to be celebrated as a separate feast from the Epiphany.

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman Catholic Church and in churches of the Anglican Communion.

In most parts of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast is observed on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the day after the Baptism of the Lord marks the start of the first period of ordinary time.



*Marriage Sunday*

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebration, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday February 12, 2023 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are not able to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here:

<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>  
 The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m. Please visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) to register.



Epiphany

**Sunday January 8**  
 9:30am Sr. Maria & Family (In Thanksgiving)

**Tuesday January 10**  
 6:00pm Judy Coppings (In Thanksgiving)

**Friday January 13**  
 \*\*6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 6:30pm Parish Intentions

**Sunday January 15**  
 9:30am †Cecil & Doris McCullough

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

We have a new phone system. Now, when you call the parish, you will be directly directed to a voicemail where you can choose to talk to either Sarah at the parish office by pressing 0 or to Fr. Jorge by pressing 3. Please note that there is also an emergency option by pressing 9.

THIS IS ONLY FOR AN EMERGENCY.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer**

January 18-25, 2023, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's message of Isaiah 1:17, "**Do good; seek justice**" inspires all of us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (73 Simcoe St. at King St. W., Toronto) on Sunday January 22, 2023, at 4pm. This event is jointly organized by the Office of Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

**REMINDER!!!!**

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year 2023. Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people's envelopes as this causes confusion for our records. If you are a visitor to our parish, please only use the pink visitor envelopes available in the foyer.

**Are you interested in Volunteering?**

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office either by phone at: 905-725-3275 or email us at: [stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org](mailto:stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org)

**ATTENTION MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

If you are a Minister of Communion, please contact Fr. Jorge, as only Ministers of Communion are permitted to receive communion to take home for sick or housebound parishioners.



**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Confirmation Registration is now open. Please contact the office if you have a child that would like to receive this Sacrament.

**Reminder to All Parents**

We have a Children's Liturgy every Sunday for any child that has not received 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.



**What are Mass Intentions?**

Whenever a priest celebrates Mass, he has at least two specific intentions. The first intention is to celebrate the Mass according to intention of the Church and accordingly to her teachings. The second intention, commonly called "the intention of the Mass," are special intentions offered to God as prayers of intercession and thanksgiving in and through the Eucharist. Each Eucharist has infinite graces and so many intentions can be offered up at a single Mass. However, a priest may only accept one intention at a single Mass, accordingly to the policy of the diocese, but he may have many other intentions not attached to an offering. In addition, the faithful may bring their own intentions to the Mass, which they each carry privately and place upon the altar spiritually in prayer.

**Please note that we have Mass Card which you can get from us at a donation amount of your choosing to give it to the family or person who is benefiting for the intention. Please ask for it as you request a mass intention.**

**A Mass Intention may be set for:**

- A deceased loved one
- A living person who is sick or suffering
- A living person who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special moment in their life

**A Mass Intention may not be requested for:**

- An unknown or "private" intention (If you have one, please make sure to disclose your "Private intention" to the parish priest. He will assist you!)
- A prayer intention that contradicts Catholic moral doctrine.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please note that Fr. Jorge is always available by phone or email at: 905-725-3275 or [pastor.stphilip@archtoronto.org](mailto:pastor.stphilip@archtoronto.org). If you are in the neighbourhood, please drop in, but call first to make sure he is in. Office: [stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org](mailto:stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org)

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**Sunday Offering for January 1:**

**\$1,225.00**

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