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Epiphania: A Revelation, a proclamation, a broadcast. Such is the meaning of the feast of the Epiphany, usually understood as the revelation of the incarnation to the world beyond the Chosen People, a revelation to the Gentiles.

It is a story full of the exotic: heavenly portents, mysterious wise men, precious gifts, dreams and visions, all leading the world to the astonishing mystery of God-made-flesh. The curious thing in this story is that these strange visitors from the East do not seem in the least dismayed by the discovery that this supposed king of the Jews is born in poverty. Undeterred by the humble circumstances, they pay him homage and offer their gifts.

This is an encounter replete with symbolism and meaning. What stands out is the fact that these wise men discovered the birth of the king by interpreting the signs they had observed. Not limited by presuppositions, they could see the truth and accept it, where others could not.

Let us pray with grateful hearts for the wisdom to see Christ revealed in the world around us, even when that revelation challenges our preconceptions and invites us to find him where we least expect him.

(Reflection of Fr. Len Attilia, from Living with Christ)

Welcome, Seminarian Kevin Pettit

Kevin Pettit, a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Toronto, who is in the Spiritual Year of formation at St. Augustine's Seminary, will be residing at St. Edward's Parish, for one month (January 12th – February 5th), as part of his seminary training.

The "Spiritual Year" is the first year of seminary formation. During this year, the seminarians focus on their spiritual and pastoral formation, prior to entering into the full academic program. As part of their formation, each seminarian spends one month in a parish setting, while also focusing on a Specific Ministry. Kevin will be assigned Monday – Friday to a Catholic school. He will be more present to the parish on the weekends.

Fr. Pat has accepted to welcome Kevin to the parish and invites all parishioners to keep him in their prayers. Welcome, Kevin!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2nd, 2016

4:30 p.m. + Alfredo Sollecito

Sunday, January 3rd, 2016

8:00 a.m. For all the Children of the World

9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Heres Medina

11:00 a.m. For the Health of Robert Song

Monday, January 4th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Neil Oosterman

Tuesday, January 5th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Best Wishes for Margaret Fonseca

Wednesday, January 6th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Dennis Santiago

Thursday, January 7th, 2016 – Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Maureen Pass; Anastasia Lynch

+ Rosie & James O'Dea

Friday, January 8th, 2016

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Multiple Mass Intention Masses

Fr. Pat has received permission from the Archdiocese to have at least one Mass per week, and one per weekend, designated as multi-intentional Masses.

Due to the high demand to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention, and yet finding a long waiting list, Fr. Pat will designate one Mass per week for this purpose. Please contact the office for more details or to book a Mass intention.

Family of Faith Campaign

Thank you to all who have donated, so far, to the Family of Faith campaign, in support of the Archbishop's Pastoral Plan, and with funds also assisting the projects and goals of our own parish. A special thanks to all who offered a pledge last weekend.

We are still in the process of verifying all submitted pledge forms with parishioners, to ensure accuracy, and to follow up on others who have requested specific phone calls. However, to date, we have received over \$870,000 in

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pledges. This is a tremendous accomplishment on behalf of our parish.

Fr. Pat will brief the community at the weekend Masses. Thanks be to God!

A New Year's Prayer

God of my life,
I welcome this new day
It is your gift to me,
a new creation,
a promise of resurrection.

I thank you for the grace of being
alive this morning.
I thank you for the sleep
that has refreshed me.
I thank you for this chance
to make a new beginning.

This day, Lord,
is full of promise and opportunity:
let me waste none of it.
This day is full of mystery
and the unknown:
help me to face it without
fear and anxiety.
This day is blessed with
beauty and adventure:
make me fully alive to it all.

During this day
keep me thoughtful, prayerful,
and kind.
May I be courteous
and helpful to others,
and not be turned in on myself.

Keep me from any word or deed
that would hurt, belittle or destroy,
and may the thoughts of my mind
be pleasing in your sight.
When night comes again,
may I look back on this day
with no grievance or
bitterness in my heart.

And may nobody be unhappy
because of anything I have done
or anything I have failed to do.
Lord, bless this day for me
and for everyone.
Make it a day in which we grow to
have the mind of Christ your Son.

Lord, Jesus Christ,
Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.

Amen

Toronto Serra Clubs – Vocation Seeds

“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 other in Christ’s name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997** or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

New Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet picked up the new offertory envelopes for 2016, please do so in order that you can start using them in January; they are arranged numerically. In the event you forgot your envelope number, a listing of last names and numbers is also available at the table. Please verify your number with your name on the label. New parishioners are welcome to sign up for envelopes on a special form which will be provided on the same table.

Workshop

CWL Workshop – Leadership Course
Saturday, January 30th, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Project Hope

The Project Hope Refugee Committee has informed that the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese has now processed our application to receive a refugee family. It could take a few weeks, and so we ask all parishioners to pray for the safe arrival of the family we will be sponsoring.

2016 World Day of Migrants & Refugees

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Join us for a special Eucharistic celebration by His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins and Clergy of Goan, Mangalorean, East Indian and Anglo-Indian descent.

Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

(please be in the church by 2:00 pm)

St. Joseph's Church, 5440 Durie Rd., Mississauga

Reception to follow.