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*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.*

Epiphany of the Lord



Communion Reflection *The light of Christ...*

Christ's light was not lit once in Bethlehem and then extinguished.

For two thousand years His light has shone upon the world. And it will continue to shine for all who believe in Him and follow Him.

The light of Christ is a persistent light, and has the power to draw people to its shining.

It shines in the midst of disasters and upheavals.

It is a defiant light, which no darkness can overpower.

Its purpose is not to judge us, but to show us the way to the Father's kingdom.

God has called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son.

We must live as children of the light.

So, let us imitate the Magi, and walk in the light of the Lord.

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Adam Lobo*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Sr. Mary Joanne Teefy*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – William & Ellen Simms + / Dennis & Myrna Simms +

Tuesday – Rita Brett + / Anthony Pillai +

Wednesday – Peter Barnicke + / J.J. Barnicke +

Thursday – Msgr. Ken Robitaille + / Michele Laurienzo +

Friday - Mario Bazzocchi + / Roseanne Simon + / Honnor Family (INT) / Valenti Family (INT) / Ho Family (INT)

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Michael Chiarotto, George Hallan, Vince Pelletier

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

First Communion will be on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm

First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Sunday's 11:00-12:00 pm or Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 14, Nov. 4~~, Dec. 2, Jan. 13, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5. Tuesday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4~~, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 9 & May 7.

First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 9, 2019

First Communion on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm for the Sunday Class & 4:00 pm for the Tuesday Class

Confirmation Classes

Classes are Wednesday's 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Classes are held in the parish hall. Classes are: ~~Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12~~, Jan. 30, Feb. 27 & Mar. 27. A mandatory teaching Mass will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Parents, along with their child, must attend a prayer and information night on ~~Wednesday, October 17, 2018~~ at 7:00 pm in the church.

Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Students are required to attend all classes and the Confirmation Retreat.

The **Out of the Cold** dinner program serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community is sponsored by Glenview Presbyterian, St. Leonard's Anglican and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The program runs every Sunday from the first Sunday in November to last Sunday in March at the Glenview Presbyterian Church at 1 Glenview Avenue. The Blessed Sacrament Church is responsible for the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month. Volunteers are needed to prepare NUT FREE desserts that are easy to carry away like muffins, cookies, brownies, squares, etc. Desserts can be dropped off at Glenview Presbyterian Church on Sundays at 4pm during this period. In addition, donations for NEW socks, mittens, gloves, and undergarments are always welcome as well. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to this year's Out of the Cold leaders. 2nd Sunday: Sandra Girard and Nina Spinosa at ootc.secondsunday@gmail.com. 3rd Sunday: Ann Marie and Bill Rosenitsch annmarieroz@gmail.com.

Scripture : Isaiah 60.1-6, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12

January 6, 2019

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1.15)

Blessed Sacrament Card Group - Meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the Parish Hall from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, January 17th. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

Jeff Cavins "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"

Bible Study beginning Thursday, January 17, 2019 for 8 weeks (no class February 21).

Contact Elisa Wever at elisa.wever@gmail.com or the parish office at 416-481-2256.

See the bulletin insert for more information.

2019 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2019 envelopes at the back of the church. **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF THERE IS AN ERROR WITH YOUR BOX NUMBER. Please DO NOT use any leftover envelopes from 2018 or any other year!**

Recycle your outdated envelopes. If you did not pick up your 2018 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. If you would like to be an envelope user, please pick up a new box in the Loretto Room as well. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes used so we can update the parish data for 2019. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, January 20, 2019

Parking - We understand the difficulty of finding parking during the winter but please do not block our neighbours' driveways, it is illegal as well as a danger to the people in emergency situations. Please make sure when parking on the streets around the church that there is room for emergency vehicles to get by safely. The Toronto Police asked if parishioners would park on streets west of Duplex, on Yonge Street or Lawrence. Thanks, Fr. Larry

Women's Group –

– The Book club is meeting on Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 pm in the Loretto Room.

Everyone is welcome. The current book is "My Antonia" by Willa Cather

-The Knitting Group will be meeting on Monday, January 21 at 1:30 pm in the Loretto Room. Everyone is welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTRE – *in need of Casseroles, recipes and pans are available at the bottom of the south stairs to the parish hall. Community volunteer hours will be given to grade 7 Confirmation students and high school students.*

The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) would like to invite you to join the TV Mass congregation for the taping of our Daily TV Masses. Masses are held at the Loretto Abbey Chapel at 101 Mason Blvd on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm.
For more information call the NCBC at 905-884-6899 or by email at info@ncbc.ca

“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 you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon,

contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997
email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

Our prayer to St. Michael will be on-going at the conclusion of each Sunday Mass.



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