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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

Epiphany of the Lord



Communion Reflection

The Star of Bethlehem...

Gordon Wilson's daughter was killed by a bomb in Enniskillen on Remembrance Day 1987. Instead of calling for revenge, he forgave her killers and began a campaign for peace and reconciliation. He said: 'I am a very ordinary sort of man.

I have few personal ambitions and no political aspirations.

I just want to live and let live.

Life has been kind to me in the main, and I have tried to live by the Good Book.

I do not profess to be a good man, but I aim to be.

I would like to leave the world a better place than I found it, but I have no exaggerated ideas of my ability to do so.

I have hitched my wagon to a star, a star of hope, the star of Bethlehem.'

*St. Joseph Vigil Lamp
Burns for the intentions of
Joel Bangalan*

*St John the Evangelist Vigil Lamp
Burns in memory of
Rita Brett*

Masses of Intentions

Monday – Vicky Mascardo + / John S. Black +

Tuesday – Sonny Salamat + / Gertrude McMaster +

Wednesday – Rita Brett + / Rodrigo Bernal +

Thursday – Maria Tellis (INT) / Bridgid Tellis (INT)

Friday – Mario Bazzocchi + / Louise Murray + / Margaret Beaudry (INT) / Allison & Sam Lee (INT)

Please keep in your prayers the sick:

Rosemarie Chapeskie, Joe & Rita Di Diodato,
Matteo Di Folco, Marcus Gibbons, Sarah Holroyde,
Brenda McGuire, Mare Olito

Please call the parish office to have a name added to the sick list.

2020 ENVELOPES - Please pick up your 2020 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 2019 or any other year! **Recycle your outdated envelopes.** If you did not pick up your 2019 envelopes, your name was removed from the envelope list so please pick a new box up in the Loretto Room. Your envelopes that you use here at Blessed Sacrament are not valid at other parishes. If you use them there you may not get a tax receipt from that parish. 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.

There are 191 boxes of envelopes left at the back of the church. Please pick up. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

Childrens' Liturgy–will resume on Sunday, January 12th

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.

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 16th. All are welcome; there is an elevator to assist you to the parish hall.

“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 God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**

email vocations@archtoronto.org

www.vocationstoronto.ca

**Wishing you a Blessed and Healthy New Year of 2020
Fr. Larry, Fr. Joseph, the Pastoral Team and the parish staff.**

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

January 5, 2020

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem (Matthew 2.1)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Sacrament Dates

First Communion will be on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at 2:30 pm

Confirmation will be on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm

First Reconciliation, First Communion Classes

Classes are Sunday's 9:00 – 10:00 am or Tuesday's 4:30-5:30 pm. Classes are held in the Parish Hall. Sunday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 6, Nov. 3,~~ Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 2, Mar. 1, Apr. 5 & May 3. Tuesday Class dates are: ~~Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 3,~~ Jan. 14, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5.

First Reconciliation to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 8, 2020

First Communion on Sunday, May 24, 2020 Times to be determined

Confirmation Classes

Classes are Sunday's 11:00 am – 12:30 pm or Wednesday's 4:30 – 6:00 pm, Classes are held in the parish hall. Sunday Class dates: ~~Oct. 6, Nov. 3,~~ Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 2, Mar. 1 & Apr. 5. Wednesday Class dates: ~~Oct. 9, Nov. 6,~~ Dec. 4, Jan. 15, Feb. 5, Mar. 4 & Apr. 8

**Confirmation Retreat date is Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 10:30 am – 5:30 pm
(includes attending 4:30 pm Mass)**

Confirmation date is Wednesday, May 13, 2020 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 at annmarieroz@gmail.com.

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

BOOK CLUB – Meets on Thursday, January 9th at 2:00 pm in the Loretto Room. The book is The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, January 8th, Blessed Sacrament Parish will begin Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. This study will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall, starting on January 8, 2020 and will run as follows: Parts 1-6 : January 8 through to February 19 (There will be no study on February 12), Break for Lent, Parts 7-15: April 15 through to June 17 (There will be no study on May 13), Break for Summer, Parts 16-24: October 14 through to December 9. For more information or to register, the parish office at (416) 481-2256 or by e-mailing blessed@bellnet.ca The cost is for student materials only - \$36 tax included. Anyone needing financial assistance to purchase the student materials should send a request to the above email address.



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