

Guardian Angels Parish

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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, January 5

- 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving-Teodoro & Nancy Alivio
10:30 a.m. +Rufina Magbanua by Maria Socorro Pangantihon
+Fernandes Family by Lorraine & Caesar Fernandes
+D'Souza Family by Lorraine & Caesar Fernandes
+Gonsalves Family by Lorraine & Caesar Fernandes
+Collco Family by Lorraine & Caesar Fernandes
+All Souls in Purgatory by Lorraine & Caesar Fernandes

Monday, January 6

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 9

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

Friday, January 10

7:30 a.m. No Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 11

5:00 p.m. No Mass Intentions

THE LORD'S PROMISE:

For he shall rescue the poor...and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. (Ps. 72:12)

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, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997, vocations@archtoronto.org, www.vocationstoronto.ca



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of labourers for Your church, fellow labourers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION on the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

The Light That Shines for All

Excerpts from young-catholics.com

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of a great light shining upon Jerusalem. This light attracts nations and kings. It shows the presence of God and marks the beginning of a new time. This prophecy points to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He is the light for all people.

Isaiah mentions gifts of gold and frankincense. These gifts are the same as those the Magi brought to Jesus. This connection ties the Old Testament to the New Testament. It shows how the prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi honor Jesus as king and God.

The Epiphany is not just about an event long ago. It reminds us that Jesus' mission is for everyone. He came for all nations and all people. The light of Jesus shines on us today, guiding us and showing us the way. This light invites us to follow Jesus and to share His light with others.

Magi and the Humble King

Excerpts from young-catholics.com

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This is more than a story about wise men bringing gifts. It shows that Jesus is the Messiah for all people. The star guiding the Magi symbolizes God's light leading all nations to Jesus. This light is different from the power of King Herod. Herod is powerful and fearful. Jesus, though a baby, shows a different kind of kingship. He is humble and vulnerable, yet He changes the world.

Matthew's account highlights that Jesus' mission is for everyone, not just for the Jews. Some think Matthew added details to show this point. But even without proof against it, this story is important in our faith. It shows that from the start, Jesus' life was marked by signs for all people, beyond Israel.

The contrast between Jesus and Herod is clear. Herod hears of a new king and reacts with violence. He orders the killing of male children to protect his power. Jesus, as a baby, is innocent and helpless. Yet, He represents a new kind of authority. This story sets the stage for Jesus' ministry, which challenges traditional views of power.


Jesus' kingship is marked by humility and love. He does not come with force but with gentleness. The Magi, wise and powerful in their own right, bow down to this humble king. This act shows that true wisdom recognizes the value of humility and love.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates this revelation. It shows us that God's kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms. In God's kingdom, the humble are lifted up, and true power is found in love and service. Jesus came for all people, and His light shines on everyone.

As we reflect on the Epiphany, we are reminded to follow the example of the Magi. We are called to seek Jesus, recognize His light, and honor Him as our king. Let us embrace the humility and love that Jesus shows us and share His light with the world.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN
Feast day: January 5

SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard



St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He tried becoming a priest but was rejected due to an overage of ordinations in Europe.

A bishop in NY accepted him and assigned him to western New York state. He spent most of his time traveling village to village visiting the sick, teaching and celebrating Mass.

As bishop of Philadelphia he founded the first Diocesan Catholic school. He also increased the number of schools in the diocese from 2 to 100. John passed away in 1860 at the age of 48.

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