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Epiphany of the Lord



The Wise Still Seek Him.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word, will resume this Sunday **of January 4**th at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Happy New Year!

COME & SEE WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREAT



The Office of Vocations is hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for single Catholic men 18 years and older, St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, February 27 (6:30 PM), until Sunday, March 1 (2:00 PM), to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives.

There will be time for

prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest.

For more information, contact the Office of Vocations via email: vocations@archtoronto.org.

Registrations can be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER PARTY

Join us for a special Valentine's Day Dinner Party hosted by the Mississauga El Shaddai Community—an evening of great food, warm company, and unforgettable vibes.

Date and Time: February 14, 2026 Saturday 5pm to 11pm **Location**: Sts. Martha and Mary Catholic Church Basement Hall

Ticket Price: \$50 it will be available at the entrance of the hall

Food that will be served:

- Roast Beef.
- Carbonara Pasta,
- Fried Chicken,
- Spring Roll (Filipino Food),
- Lechon (Filipino Roast Pork),
- Fish Fillet,
- · a lot of Dessert

Contact person this event is Mrs. Virgy Custodio Contact number is 647-609-8637

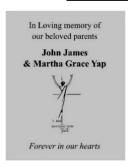


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – TOONIE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



There will be a Toonie Collection after all masses this weekend. Your contribution and participation are greatly appreciated. We thank you for continuing to support our Neighbours in Need through the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES



The name of a beloved family member may be engraved on a memorial plaque as a lasting tribute. Would you like to honour someone from your family in this special way? St. Martha and Mary Parish will soon introduce a *Wall of Remembrance* to commemorate loved ones.

Each plaque, pewter in colour and measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6", features the image of the Risen Christ and

personalized wording of your choice. The names inscribed on the Wall of Remembrance will be included in the *Prayers* of the Faithful at every weekend Mass. A donation of \$600.00 per plaque is requested. To reserve a plaque or learn more, please contact Anne Au-Yong at 905-625-5670 ext. 7.

SENIORS IN FRIENDSHIP Wednesday, January 7, 2026 JFK Hall 1 to 3pm Rescheduled MOVIE AFTERNOON!



We will enjoy a **true classic**, the 1951 adaptation of **A Christmas Carol**, starring the esteemed British actor, **Alistair Sims**, considered to be the best Ebenezer **Scrooge** of them

all. Come and spend a relaxing afternoon with fellow parishioners, some of whom are celebrating the Orthodox Christmas, in Charles Dickens' Merrie Olde England. We will follow Ebenezer on a Christmas Eve adventure as he discovers the true meaning of Christmas. We will fall in love with **Tiny Tim** Cratchit, who symbolizes hope, and known for his famous words **"God Bless us, every one".** Light refreshments and popcorn will be available.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 PM, Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8



Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling"

(Ephesians 4:4)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 5 - Sunday, January 11

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 9:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 A.M. + Joe Paolone

+ Rogelio Sanchez

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 A.M.

7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 A.M.

4:30 P.M. + Neil Simpson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

DID YOU KNOW?...



The word *Epiphany* comes from the Latin *epiphania* and the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "appearance" or "manifestation."

Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world, especially to the Gentiles. The feast celebrates the adoration of

Jesus by the wise men (Magi) from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

Frankincense and myrrh are both aromatic resins produced from tree sap—a sticky substance many trees "bleed" when they are cut. Frankincense is milky white and is produced by a small tree, *Boswellia sacra* (which grows in Oman, Yemen, and Somalia), while myrrh is reddish and is produced by *Commiphora myrrha* (a tree that grows in Oman, Yemen, and parts of Africa, including Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, and northeast Kenya).

The word *myrrh* comes from the Aramaic *mur*, which means "bitter." Indeed, myrrh has a bitter taste. It has various healing effects and is used to treat arthritic, rheumatic, and circulatory problems, to name just a few. It was also used to embalm or anoint the dead. In ancient times, myrrh was very valuable, having the same value as gold.

CARDINAL LEO AFFIRMS CONCERNS OF CANADIAN BISHOPS RE: BILL C-9

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you today to convey my support of the 4 December letter (tinyurl.com/y4vbexen) to Prime Minister Carney issued by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) concerning proposed amendments to Bill C-9 and the possible removal of the long-



standing "good faith" religious-text defence in the Criminal Code.

As Catholics, we must always firmly reject all forms of hatred and discrimination, and we stand in solidarity with those who suffer from violence, intimidation, or prejudice. Our faith calls us to uphold the dignity of every human person and to contribute to a society marked by justice, peace, and respect for all.

At the same time, the concerns highlighted by the CCCB deserve serious attention. The ability to express and teach our faith freely—without fear that sincere, good-faith proclamation of the Gospel might be misunderstood as unlawful—is a cornerstone of a healthy, democratic Canada. Removing this narrow but important safeguard risks creating uncertainty for clergy, educators, and all people of faith who seek to pass on the teachings of the Church with charity and integrity.

I encourage you to read the CCCB Permanent Council's letter (tinyurl.com/y4vbexen) in full and to stay informed about the discussions surrounding Bill C-9. I also ask that you join me in praying that our elected officials will work collaboratively with religious communities and legal experts to ensure that efforts to curb hatred do not unintentionally undermine the constitutional freedoms that allow people of all faiths to flourish in our country.

I am sharing this letter and the communication from the Permanent Council of the CCCB with every elected Member of Parliament in the Archdiocese of Toronto so that they are aware of our deep concerns. You are also encouraged to respectfully contact your own Member of Parliament (MP). You can find contact information for your local MP by clicking here.

Let us continue to witness to Christ with confidence, compassion, and truth, trusting always in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Be assured of my continued gratitude and ongoing prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus with Mary,

Frank Cardinal Leo Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



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