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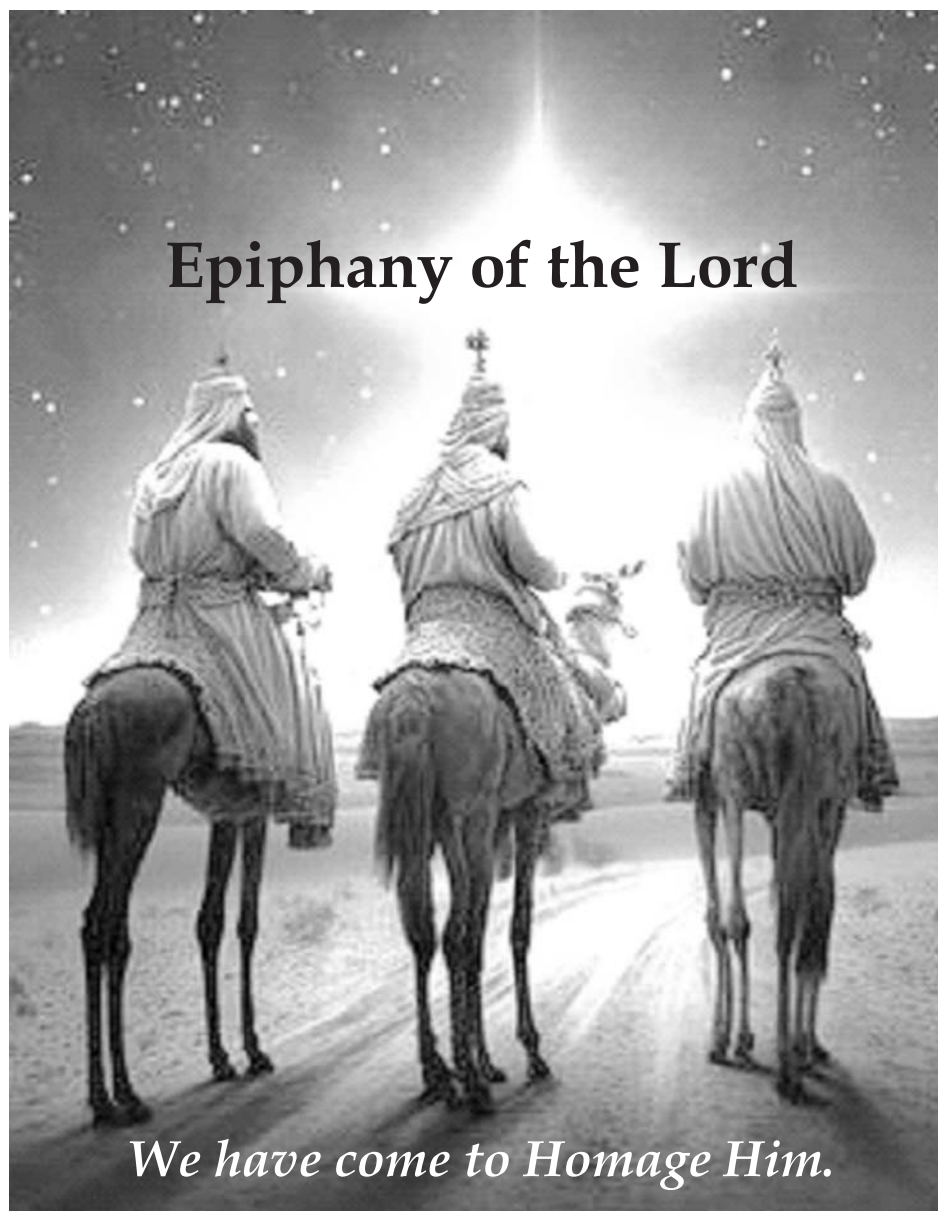
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, January 5	12:10 p.m.	† Rev. Scott Young
Tuesday, January 6	12:10 p.m.	† Vivian Chenier
Wednesday, January 7	7:00 p.m.	Int. of Teddy and Ashley Nigh
Thursday, January 8	12:10 p.m.	† Bruno Raizenne
Friday, January 9	12:10 p.m.	† John Vanden Elzen
Saturday, January 10	9:00 a.m.	† Gladys Srigley
		† Lawrence Lobsinger
		† Iracema Moreira
		† Members of the Bojorque and Lopez Families
		Int. of Lautaro and Barbara Zabala



With Sincere Thanks

As we celebrate the visit of the three wise men to Jesus we mark the end of the Christmas season. We have so much to be thankful for in St. Mary's Parish.

To our music ministry, led by Shannon Barks, who have enriched our liturgies and to our lectors, communion ministers, altar servers and ushers, a heartfelt thank you for all you do! Thank you also to those who bring communion to our nursing homes, care facilities, and to all shut-ins. Thank you to Robert Lynn for his dedication and commitment changing the votive candles that burn in the church year-round and to Nadia De Amicis and Anne Marie Martyniuk who decorated our beautiful planters! Thank you to Paul Spicer and John Barks who installed the "Joy" decoration and Christmas lights in the tree and to all those who came out to decorate the church.

We are grateful for our parish schools: principals, teachers, administration and staff who work for Catholic Education. We hope you had a good break! And to all who shared their good cheer with kind words and actions, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Let us look to this New Year with great promise and hope.

Thank you for
your hard work
and **dedication!**

Fr. Larry, Fr. Neil, Fr. Jerry and Fr. Cyrille

Praying for the Sick: If you or a family member is sick please let us know and we shall add their name to our prayer list which is posted in the gathering space of the church.



† We remember in prayer those who have died recently. We pray for all deceased members of our parish.

H IN THE HOSPITAL Visiting the Hospital: if you or a family member are admitted to RVH please let them know you are Catholic and call the parish office to inform us. If you wish to receive Holy Communion please let the parish office know and one of our pastoral visitors will come to see you.

Sunday January 4th Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

The word Epiphany means manifestation. On this feast the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. On this feast the Church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. Christ is revealed as the light of the Gentiles. During the coming week as part of your family time you can talk about how your family is a sign of God's loving presence.

Reminder for all Families who have formally registered to prepare for first Holy Communion!
Parent Child Meeting # 1

Tuesdays in January 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Each family will attend the first parent child meeting. The dates have been sent via Flocknote. If you have any questions / concerns please email Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org) or David Murdoch (dmurdoch@archtoronto.org)

Sincere Thanks!

The parish wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the following:

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Adams, once again, generously provided poinsettias that were used to decorate the church at Christmas and the parish calendars that so many parishioners utilize.

Catholic Women's League Membership and Hospitality Weekend – this weekend!

The CWL is hosting hospitality after all masses. You're invited into the parish hall to enjoy refreshments and timbits and learn more about the CWL. Membership renewals and new members are welcome. Annual membership is \$37.00. Membership dues may be paid by cash or e-transfer. The Catholic Women's League is many things to many people, whether it's faith, service, social justice or sisterhood, our sisters have found fulfillment by becoming members. We support charities both at home and abroad. For more information contact CWL Vice President Cindy at tclabas@hotmail.com or 705-970-4266

Celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with Children
We will celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children on January 25, February 8 and 22, March 8 and 22 during the 12pm and 4pm Masses. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 are invited to participate.

With best wishes for the coming year

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Saint John's Illuminated Bible is coming to St. Mary's Parish on Thursday, January 29 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



We have arranged for a presentation and showing of one volume of the Saint John's Bible. The Diocese of Hamilton is home to a Heritage Edition, a full-size reproduction of the hand-written and hand illuminated original. You may read more about the Saint John's Bible at <https://saintjohnsbible.org/>. All are welcome to attend this informative and enlightening event. If you have any questions please contact Catherine Ecker (cecker@archtoronto.org).

The Spirituality of Retirement Series

Beginning **Wednesday, January 7, 2026** for six Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in our parish hall. Retirement opens a new rhythm of life – one inviting reflection, renewal, and rediscovery. Join Deacon Del Allan as we explore retirement from a holistic perspective of mind, body, and spirit. Discover how this season can be a season not just of slowing down, but of growing closer to God, to others, and to your truest self. All are welcome. No registration required. For more information, please contact Deacon Del at: ddallan@archtoronto.org.



If you are interested in any of the following programs, please contact David at dmurdoch@archtoronto.org.

- **Classic Movies at St. Mary's Parish** - Twice a month in the parish hall we offer great movies at no cost (free will offering). Snacks and drinks included! All are welcome. No sign up – Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Our next film is on **January 13**. A comedy drama *A Letter to Three Wives* (1949). Starring Ann Southern, Kirk Douglas, Linda Darnell.
- **Just Sing!** - You're invited to join us for song and fellowship as we come together to JUST SING our way through folk, pop, gospel and traditional music. No sign up – just come and just sing! Cookies and tea included. Come out on **Tuesday, January 22nd at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Joseph's Room as we travel the world and share in the beauty of global melodies.



Enrolment for Confirmation: Reminder to Candidates!

All young people who have formally registered in the preparation process for Confirmation will bring their letter to Father Larry to the Enrolment. The letter will be presented during one of the Saturday evening or Sunday Masses on **January 10/11 or January 17/18, 2026**. On the day of Enrolment, as a tangible sign of our membership in the Body of Christ and commitment to living as disciples each candidate is asked to bring new socks, gloves or hot paws. (Please no mitts.) The items will be shared with those who are unhoused.

Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry

Welcome! We have something for everyone; babies to young adult! Please contact Shannon Barks at stmarysyouthministrybarrie@gmail.com or call Shannon at (705) 229-7426 for further information.

PLAY GROUP: Inviting all Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Caregivers! **Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** for babies and toddlers! Crafts, snacks and songs in the Youth Room. **Our next date is Mon., January 5, 2026.**

M.E.R.C.Y. (Ministry to Educate Roman Catholic Youth) is for youth grades Kindergarten to Grade 4. M.E.R.C.Y. runs once a month on a Friday night, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. where we explore our faith in a dynamic way through activities, games, crafts and music. Our next date is **Friday, January 9, 2026.**

EDGE is for youth Grades 5 - 8, to come together once a month on a Friday night from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. EDGE is a ministry for youth to encounter Christ in a safe, fun environment, where they will get answers to their questions about faith, and most importantly to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Our next date is **Friday, January 23, 2026.**

LIFE TEEN is a ministry for teens interested in diving deeper into their faith, relationship with Jesus, scripture, and each other. We have discussions, panels, and time of prayer to discuss the issues and teachings surrounding our teens today. Included are sports, music, and games to help strengthen the friendships made. Our next date is **Sunday, January 11, 2026 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Spiritus North is a ministry for Catholic young adults (18-35) that gathers once a month for a time of Praise and Worship, Adoration, Speaker, followed by refreshments and a discussion. Spiritus North's purpose is to create a strong sense of community with young adults, addressing catechetical teaching, social issues and spiritual facets of life through the lens of our Catholic Faith. Our next gathering is **Friday, January 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

All Adults 55+ - Ministry with Maturing Adults

All are welcome to attend the various sessions offered for those in the second half of life.

VON SMART (Seniors Maintaining Active Roles Together) Exercise Program is held on Tuesday mornings. For details regarding registration please call: VON at **705 737 5044 ext. 8108.**



Christian Meditation an ancient form of contemplative prayer is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. We will meet on **Tuesday, January 6th at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom.** If you would like

information on Christian Meditation or to receive the link for the session please contact Catherine Ecker cecker@archtoronto.org or 705 728 2985 ext. 115

Save the Date! Begin 2026 with an afternoon of fun! Everyone is invited to attend our **Birthday Party on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** There will be refreshments, games, cake and some door prizes. All are welcome.



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