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Epiphany of the Lord

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



1st Reading:
Isaiah 60.1-6

2nd Reading:
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:
Matthew 2.1-12
(The Visit of the Wise Men)

Becoming a Star

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principal episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

St. Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.”

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity, we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

Summary

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

Regular Mass Schedule Weekday Masses:

Daily morning mass is celebrated Tuesday to Friday at 8:30 am

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday (Vigil) Mass **5:00 pm**

Sunday Masses **9:00 am, 10:30 am and
12:00 noon**

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Mass Intentions for the Week – January 6 – 7, 2024

Saturday January 6th

5:00 pm + Norie Cadhit (1st Death Anniversary)
- Intentions for God's Help
- Quinlan John (Birthday Blessing)

Sunday January 7th

9:00 am + Andrew D'Cruz
+ Deceased members of the Don Paul Family

10:30 am + Juanito & Emiliana Ayco
+ Jose & Dominga Barnachea

12:00 pm + Marina & Samuel Jayatilake

Monday January 8th

9:00 am - Thanksgiving for Favours Received
and for all Souls in Purgatory
+ Liam Traynor

Tuesday January 9th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Favours Received
and for all Souls in Purgatory
+ Mark DeSouza

Wednesday January 10th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Favours Received
and for all Souls in Purgatory
+ Rosario & Giovanna DiFalco
+ George Tidona

Thursday January 11th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Favours Received
and for all Souls in Purgatory

Friday January 12th

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Favours Received
and for all Souls in Purgatory
- For Favours Received from
Mr. & Mrs. Lebel



A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honor rather than destroy.

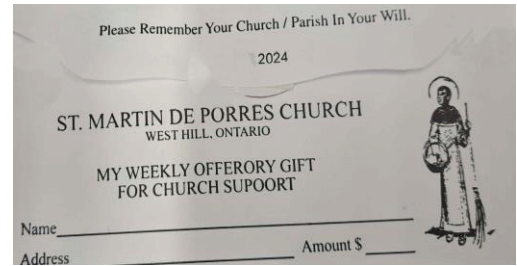
Lover of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love. May we cast off the small, vindictive god our fears have made.

May the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and, in the days, ahead
Amen.



Let us Pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



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Thank you.

Parish Weekly Fact

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning 'manifestation.' In Christian tradition it refers to the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). Tradition has come to refer to them as kings and to believe that they were three in number because of their rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In reality, they probably had a large entourage to travel from the East in safety from robbers and persecution.

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