

Happy New Year!



Kindergarten Registration: January 6 - 17

Start the Journey into Learning with us!

Elementary school admissions are open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Children born in 2015 and 2016 can start Kindergarten in September 2020. Parents/guardians have the option to register online or in-person at their designated Catholic school. Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 school year will take place January 6-17, 2020. Register online at: www.dpccdsb.org

Retrouvaille Weekend: Jan 24 - 26
Help for Troubled Marriages

If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated, but want to try again then Retrouvaille can help. This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. **Phone:** 416-281-6007



Email: info@torontoretrovaille.com **Web:** www.torontoretrovaille.com

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program:
The History of the Sacred Liturgy as Told by Its Music

Saturday, January 25th - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Presenter: Fr. John-Mark Missio. This seminar is an opportunity to listen to the music of different ages, with a brief commentary on each historical period. The overview provides some interesting insights into the use of music in Catholic worship. Enrolment is limited, pre-registration is required. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included.

Cost: \$50 (includes lunch) **Contact:** St. Augustine's Seminary
Phone: 416-261-7207 **Email:** layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org

An Evening at the Seminary - January 27th
St. Augustine's Seminary

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux, and a tour of the seminary. Registration is open to men in Grade 12 and above. Those aged 17 and under must be accompanied by their parish priest.



Register online: www.vocationstoronto.ca.

Time: 4:45pm to 8:00pm **Email:** vocations@archtoronto.org
For more info: Contact the Vocation Office at 416-968-0997



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020
Ecumenical Prayer Service

Theme: "They showed us unusual kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2)

Join us in an ecumenical prayer service led by Christian Church Leaders in the GTA. His Eminence Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto will be reflecting on the Word of God.

Location: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church (1585 Yonge St., Toronto)

Date: Sunday, January 26 @ 7:00pm

For more information contact: The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at (416) 934-3400 ext. 344 or ext. 527 or ecumenical@archtoronto.org

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

Monday: January 6th

8:00am - †Cajetan Lawrence & Maria Fernandes

Tuesday: January 7th

7:00pm - †Silvana Nigro (4th Anniversary of Death)

Wednesday: January 8th

8:00am - †Theresa Lim
7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: January 9th

8:00am - †Leonardo Sorio (11th Anniversary of Death)

Friday: January 10th

8:00am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00pm - †Bernard and Damien Drake

Saturday: January 11th

8:30am - †Flora Thirmizi
5:00pm - †Mary Magdalene Balthazaar

Sunday: January 12th

9:00am - For the People of Our Parish
10:30am - †Francesco Nalli
12:00pm - †Pires Mendonca

"The Magi are filled with awe by what they see; heaven on earth and earth in heaven; man in God and God in man"

~ St. Peter Chrysologus

Eucharistic Adoration



Our parish has Eucharistic Adoration in the church every Friday from 8:30am to 7pm. Can you spare a few moments from your busy schedule to come and spend some time before Jesus in prayer and adoration?

Weekly Offertory



4th Sunday of Advent: \$ 5,767.70

Christmas Collection: \$12,891.40

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,300.80

Thank You For Your Generosity

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Una stella ha guidato i Magi fino a Betlemme perché là scoprissero "il re dei Giudei che è nato" e lo adorassero. Matteo aggiunge nel suo Vangelo: "Entrati nella casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, e prostratisi lo adorarono".

Il viaggio dall'Oriente, la ricerca, la stella apparsa ai Magi, la vista del Salvatore e la sua adorazione costituiscono le tappe che i popoli e gli individui dovevano percorrere nel loro andare incontro al Salvatore del mondo. La luce e il suo richiamo non sono cose passate, poiché ad esse si richiama la storia della fede di ognuno di noi.

Perché potessero provare la gioia del vedere Cristo, dell'adorarlo e dell'offrirgli i loro doni, i Magi sono passati per situazioni in cui hanno dovuto sempre chiedere, sempre seguire il segno inviato loro da Dio.

La fermezza, la costanza, soprattutto nella fede, è impossibile senza sacrifici, ma è proprio da qui che nasce la gioia indicibile della contemplazione di Dio che si rivela a noi, così come la gioia di dare o di darsi a Dio. "Al vedere la stella, essi provarono una grandissima gioia".

Noi possiamo vedere la stella nella dottrina e nei sacramenti della Chiesa, nei segni dei tempi, nelle parole sagge e nei buoni consigli che, insieme, costituiscono la risposta alle nostre domande sulla salvezza e sul Salvatore.

Ralleghiamoci, anche noi, per il fatto che Dio, vegliando sempre, nella sua misericordia, su chi cammina guidato da una stella ci rivela in tanti modi la vera luce, il Cristo, il Re Salvatore.



New Beginnings - Men's Retreat Saturday January 11th

Attention All Catholic Men: Looking to start the year 2020 with new perspective and insight? You're invited to "New Beginnings 2020" Men's Retreat sponsored by the Knights of Columbus! Learn more about the Knights of Columbus, and our four core main principles, (Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism) and the power of forgiveness. Admission is FREE!

When: Saturday January 11th from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Where: Transfiguration of Our Lord, Etobicoke

Speakers: Fr. Charles Egbulefu and Robert Pella

For registration contact: Douglas McRonney-Apaw at 416-744-7771 or dmcronney7771@rogers.com

OLA Pre-Authorized Giving Program



We offer the option to give your offertory through Pre-Authorized Giving Program. PAG allows you to make your regular Sunday offering using the "direct debit" system. It is a giving option to provide convenience and ease of use for our parishioners. When you register for PAG, your Sunday offering is only withdrawn from your account once a month and deposited into the parish account. PAG is also used in other parishes, and we want to offer PAG to those who would like to use it. If you are ready to join the program, please bring a void cheque with you.

For more information, please call our church office.



Are you in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 5 - 8** are welcome to our next EDGE Night on **Friday, January 10th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

EDGE Registration Fee: \$25

September 2019 to June 2020 Session
(EDGE t-shirt included with registration)

Registration forms available in the church foyer.

For registration info, please contact 905-677-4615 or email: OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com

Calling all "OLA Teens" in grades 9 - 12!

Are you looking for service hour opportunities?

Teens in need of volunteer hours for High School graduation are asked to email OLAYouthministry@hotmail.com to get on the list for **Parish Service Projects and Youth Events** which will require volunteers.

Follow us on Instagram: [ourladyairwaysyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ourladyairwaysyouth)

OLA Young Adults

Programs and Events for ages 19 - 39.

Follow us on Twitter: [@Airways_YA](https://twitter.com/Airways_YA)