

Happy New Year!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: January 7th

8:00am - †Cajetan Lawrence and Maria Fernandes

Tuesday: January 8th

7:00pm - †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday: January 9th

8:00am - †Leonardo Sorio
(10th Anniversary of Death)
7:00pm - †Nella Santilli;
†Babu Michael

Thursday: January 10th

8:00am - †Theresa Lim

Friday: January 11th

8:00am - In Thanksgiving to St. Francis
~ Angela Palermo
7:00pm - †Antonio Colarusso

Saturday: January 12th

8:30am - †Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm - †Mary Magdalene Balthazaar

Sunday: January 13th

9:00am - For the People of the Parish
10:30am - †Francesco Nalli
12:00pm - †Bernard and Damien Drake



Theology on Tap - January 14th "Are You Worth Dating?"

All young adults (19-39) are invited to join us for Theology on Tap, an evening of thought-provoking conversation on theological topics, with munchies provided.
Come and bring a friend.

Where: Boston Pizza, 50 Courtney Park Dr. East, Mississauga

When: Monday, Jan. 14th ~ 7:00 to 9:00 pm

"Theotokos, Sorry...Theo What Now?!"

Spiritus Vitae is inviting all Young Adults (19-39) to a talk titled,

**"Theotokos, Sorry...Theo What Now?!"
All About Mary...Mary the Mother of God."**

Join Nadia Masucci as she shares how Mary, the Mother of God, our Spiritual mother and model disciple leads us to develop an intimate personal relationship with her Son, Jesus. Come, stay and meet other young adults!!!

Where: St. Benedict Parish **When:** Wed., Jan. 16th at 7:00pm



Faith and Reason Lecture ~ Thursday, January 24th

The Newman Centre Catholic Mission at the University of Toronto's St. George Campus is hosting a lecture titled,

*"The Beauty of God's Creation
~ Through the Eyes of a Molecular Biologist."*

Guest Speaker: Sr. Stephen Patrick, O.P., Ph.D.

Location: Newman Centre Catholic Mission, St. George Campus

Date: Thursday, Jan. 24th @ 7:00pm

Registration: <https://newmanjan24.eventbrite.ca>

Retrouvaille Weekend: Jan 25 - 27, 2019

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



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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 Ecumenical Prayer Service

Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service led by Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bishops along with Leaders from Christian Churches in GTA. The Theme this year will be:

"Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (Deut. 16:20)

Location: St. James Anglican Cathedral (106 King St. East Toronto)

Date: Sunday, January 27 @ 4:30pm

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



Let us pray!

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

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: \$ 6,902.00

Christmas Collection: \$13,654.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5,052.00

Thank You For Your Generosity



"They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising" - towards the place of the child who had been born king of the Jews. When the star stopped, the wise men were "overwhelmed with joy." They

entered the house and saw "the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage."

We have heard this story many times. This would be the time, when our children were young, that we would bring out the tiny camels and the wise men and place them in our Nativity crèche. It would be the last act of our Christmas story. In a few days the small figures and other decorations still up from this joyous season would be carefully put away for another year.

Astronomers debate whether the star marked the arrival of a comet, a super nova or possibly a rare celestial conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Theologians note that only Matthew records the story, and some suggest it is a pious fiction designed to integrate older writings into the birth narrative of Jesus.

Questions abound but the essential message remains. For Paul, it is the mystery now "made known to humankind." Isaiah urges rejoicing: "Arise, shine for your light has come." The Epiphany reveals that Christ now had come among us to help us navigate our destinies.

(Saskia Sivananthan, Living with Christ)

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.



Vocations Corner... By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

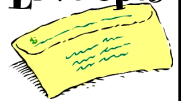
If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.**

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Web: www.vocationstoronto.ca

2019 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP!

Offering Envelopes



Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2019 Offertory Envelopes in the chapel. It is important that you discard all previous envelopes when the New Year commences.

Please enter your full name and address on the first few 2019 envelopes so that we may allocate donations correctly for income tax purposes. If you do not have envelopes and would like a box, please fill out a request form found in the church foyer or in the parish office.



Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) 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.

EDGE YOUTH CORNER **LIFE TEEN**

Are you in grade 6, 7, or 8?

All students in **grade 6 - 8** are welcome to our next **EDGE Night on Friday, Jan. 11th**, from 7pm - 9pm.

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?

Please join us for our next **LIFE TEEN - Hangout & Community Service** on **Saturday, January 19th**, from 2pm - 4pm.

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)