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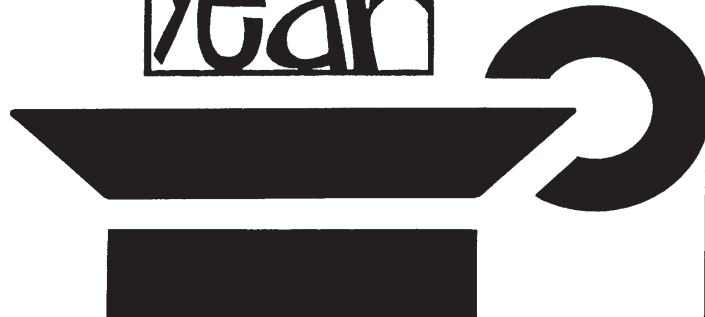
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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year





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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 05

- 9:00 a.m. +Magdalena Salazar
10:30 a.m. Victims of Palestine Conflict
12:15 p.m. +Michele & Antonietta Flammia

Monday, January 06

No Mass

Tuesday, January 7

- 8:00 a.m. +Ida Glass

Wednesday, January 08

- 7:00 pm Antony Family (I) Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 09

- 8:00 a.m. +Christopher Counsel

Friday, January 10

- 8:00 am +Guiseppeina Gucardi

Saturday, January 11

- 9:00 a.m. +Keith Jacob & Dolan Fernandes
4:30 p.m. +Antonio Bondoc Jr.

Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Rev. Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997 email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Fr. Alan Glass at 416-757-2806 or email olfatimasc@archtoronto.org for information.

Next Week Readings

Baptism of the Lord
The Baptism of Jesus

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14, 3.4-7

Gospel: Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

Becoming Role Models

Latin Songs: can be found on Catholic Book of Worship (Pages 299 A, D, E, F, & G).

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Peace on earth

Long enough have I had my dwelling among those who hate peace. I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for fighting! — King David, Psalm 120

On the eighth day of Christmas we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Coincidentally, it is also the first day of the New Year and the annual World Day of Peace.

Pope Paul VI declared the first World Day of Peace in 1968. At that time he wrote:

Men must always speak of Peace. The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it. We must arouse in the men of our time and of future generations the sense and love of Peace.

Peace is not pacifism; it does not mask a base and slothful concept of life, but it proclaims the highest and most universal values of life: truth, justice, freedom, and love. We invite men and nations to raise the banner of Peace which must guide the ship of civilization through the inescapable storms of history to the harbor of its highest destiny.

Considering that the twentieth century was the most deadly era in all of human history, we ought to expect that, by now, other means besides war could have been found to resolve disputes. The United Nations organization, founded in the aftermath of the Second World War, has sadly failed in its primary mission to preserve peace among nations.

Pope John XXIII issued his landmark social encyclical Pacem in Terris (peace on earth) in 1963. With unwarranted optimism he stated:

Men are becoming more and more convinced that any disputes which may arise between nations must be resolved by negotiation and agreement, and not by recourse to arms. This conviction owes its origin chiefly to the terrifying destructive force of modern weapons. It no longer makes sense to maintain that war is a fit instrument with which to repair the violation of justice.

How is it possible that a quarter of the way into the twenty-first century, the world is still ravaged by war? The war in Ukraine has so far cost more Ukrainian lives than the total number of Canadians killed in two World Wars — and the actual number may be two or three times greater — and this does not count the loss of life on the Russian side of the conflict. Meanwhile, Israel is engaged in a war with Hamas and Hezbollah, and we have just witnessed the violent overthrow of the Assad regime in Syria by Islamist forces, displacing thousands of people from their ancestral homes, especially among the Christian communities of that land.

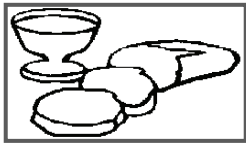
At the start of this New Year, we pray for God's abundant blessing on every people — and especially for the blessing of peace on earth.



FR. GLASS BIRTHDAY TODAY!

Join us as we give thanks to God for the life and ministry of our beloved Pastor Fr. Glass, who is celebrating his birthday today. We are truly blessed by his unwavering faith, wisdom, and dedication to God's work. Let us come together in love and gratitude to honor this special servant of the Lord. "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." – Jeremiah. 3:15

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES & CHILDREN'S LITURGY



classes will resume on Sunday January 12, 2025 at 10:30 am in the church hall. On Thursday, January 14 communicant will have their First confession at 6:00 pm in the church. Parents and candidate are ask to attend weekly Mass. Parents are encourage to teach your children the basic prayers.

CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Classes start on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 1:15 pm. Also, confession schedule on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Candidates are to participate Holy Mass after each sessions. Thank you.



R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2024 – Apr. 2025



This year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) are on **Sundays in the church hall from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.** For more info call the office.

The Program continues on Sunday's January 12, 2025

Bible Study 2025

Join us for a Bible Study at our church! Weekly session will resume on **Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the church hall basement (RCIA Room).** We'll gather for a time of reflection and meaningful discussion on **The First and Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.** Come as you are, whether you're new to Bible Study or looking to deepen your faith. Bring your own Bible. All are welcome.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

School Mass for January 2025
Our Lady of Fatima School
Wed., Jan. 15, 2024 @ 9:00 am.
St. Joachim School
Thurs., Jan. 16, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.



REMINDER THAT ... There is a second collection - next weekend **January 11/12** for the **Renovation Fund.** Thank you in advance for your kind assistance and support. May God reward abundantly. **Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**



DONATION ENVELOPES BOXES FOR 2025



Parishioners are reminded to pick up their box of donation envelopes for 2025 from the back of the church. These are sorted in trays – in alphabetical order – according to the family's last name. We thank those who have already collected their box. Boxes still uncollected by mid-February will be recycled and registration restricted or cancelled. Families who have recently moved to our area are encouraged to register with us by calling the parish office at 416-757-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2025

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m. EST Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.) 377 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge, L4L 2V7 Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau (Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto) and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for His Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches and celebrates the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.



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