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May the
Spirit of God
Lead You Through
the New Year





Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 04

4:30 pm (vigil) + Jaime Garcia
 9:00 am + Rosalie Wimbs
 10:30 am People of the Parish
 12:15 pm + Filomena Brienza

Monday, January 05

No Mass

Tuesday, January 06

8:00 am + John & Margaret

Wednesday, January 07

7:00 pm + Ida Glass

Thursday, January 08

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 09

7:00 pm + Braulio De Lima

Saturday, January 10

9:00 am + Paul O'Connor

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Nunc coepi — Begin again.

Be on your guard against discouragement; there is nothing more to be feared than this. A holy tenacity in the faithful practice of prayer will always be a source of great blessings for you. For the love of God I beg you to wage continual warfare against negative moods, and never fail to begin again. — Fr. Bruno Lanteri.

Bruno Lanteri founded the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV) in northern Italy in 1816. He is one of my favorite Saints, although he is not officially a Saint, but a Venerable. His life's work was to bring people to Christ, principally by means of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. His religious order, 200 years later, is still going strong.

What impresses me most about Fr. Lanteri is the way that he lived out his motto, *Nunc coepi* — 'Begin again.' Throughout his life he was afflicted with illness. He had a passion for preaching but his chronic asthma made this impossible. Most of his efforts, after some considerable success, ended in failure, through no fault of his own. But he always got back on his feet and started over again. This was not optimism, but supernatural confidence in the goodness of God.

Begin again! These are great words to seize on at the start of this New Year. Despite all the disappointments of the past, we can make a fresh start. New Year's resolutions are usually over-ambitious and hardly ever last, but we can always resolve on some simple practical steps to improve our lives. They do not have to be big steps, as long as they are steps in the right direction. St. Augustine says that it is better to crawl along the road than to make great strides off the road, because even if your progress is slow you will eventually arrive at your destination.

For most of us, myself included, the most important thing that we can resolve to do in this new year is to be more generous to God, especially in the time we are willing to offer him in prayer. Fr. Bruno Lanteri was famous as a spiritual director. To those who were having difficulty getting started in prayer, he wrote:

Do not wait until you have devotion to begin to pray. Begin even without devotion since that will come in time, and this is precisely the means to attain it. Devotion must be the fruit and not the cause of prayer. For the rest, you know that true devotion consists in readiness to be faithful to the Lord, and not in sentiment.

As we begin this new year, we should take comfort from this word of Scripture: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." Whatever troubles or disappointments we have experienced in the past, each day bring us a fresh opportunity to begin again.

The Epiphany of the Lord – 04 January 2026

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416 968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca or call Rev. A. Glass at 416-727-2806 or email at olfatimasc@archtoronto.org.



Next Week Readings – 11 January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Here is my chosen servant in whom
 my souls delights

1st Reading: Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7

2nd Reading: Acts 10.34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

When Jesus had been baptized he saw the Spirit of
 God coming upon him.

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

REMINDER THAT ... There is a second collection

on **January 10/11** for the **Renovation Fund**. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance and support. May God reward abundantly. *Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



**First Holy Communion & Children's Liturgy**

Classes will resume next *Sunday January 11, 2026 at 10:30am in the church hall.*

Parents' Reminder:

First Confession is on Thurs., January 15 at 6:00 pm.

We kindly encourage you to guide your children in learning the basic prayers, especially the *Act of Contrition*, as part of their growing faith. *Parents and candidate are invited to take part on Sunday's Mass as part of the program.* Thank you for your support and cooperation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will also continue meetings *Sunday, January 11*, during the **10:30 am Mass**. All children – *from 6 to 10 years old* – are welcome to participate.

Confirmation 2025-2026

Classes start on *Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 1:15 pm* in the church hall. Also, confession schedule on *Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm*. Candidates are to participate the 4:30 pm Holy Mass after each sessions. Please follow given schedule.

**R.C.I.A. Program: Oct. 2025 – Apr. 2026**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program – a journey of prayer, reflection and instruction for anyone wishing to explore the beauty of the Catholic faith – classes continues in our parish this **Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm after the 12:15 pm Mass.** *Thank you*

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service 2026 *Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8 Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to*

the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

**School Mass for January 2026**

Our Lady of Fatima School
Wed., Jan. 14, 2026 @ 9:00 am.

St. Joachim School

Thurs., Jan. 15, 2026 @ 9:30 a.m.

St. Vincent De Paul Collection for 2026

Next weekend, *January 17 and 18*, we kindly invite all parishioners to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Through your generosity, this ministry continues to assist individuals and families in our community who are facing hardship. Your prayers and contributions make a meaningful difference in bringing hope, dignity, and compassion to those in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

On the weekend of *January 10-11*, we will welcome our special guest Jonelly from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "**Handicraft Holy Land Christians**", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase

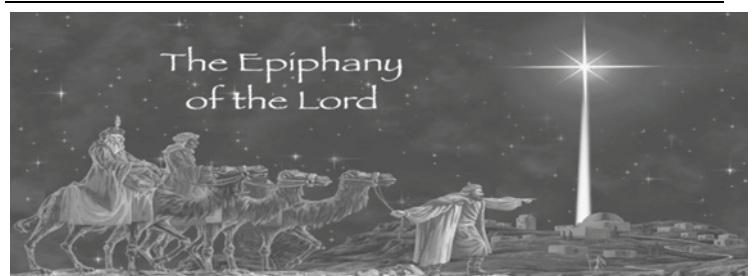


after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for you help and for your prayers." Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and

support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

Come & See 2026

St. Augustine's Seminary Fr. Matthew McCarthy, Director The Office of Vocations will be hosting a *Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older*, at *St. Augustine's Seminary on Friday, February 27 (6:30 p.m.) until Sunday, March 1 (2 p.m.)*. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comeandsee For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.



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