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We saw his star in the East and have come to worship Him

'The manifestation of the Lord'



'Through the Incarnation, the generosity and mercy of God have finally appeared among us - in the life of one who is the very expression of the Father's greatness. And so, from earliest times the Church's Christmas celebration has made reference to the Epiph-

any, or "Manifestation" of the Lord – symbolised in the story of today's gospel.

'The story is filled with symbolic meaning. The Magi represent the nations of the earth finding the Saviour of the world – in contrast to the scribes of Israel, familiar with the scriptures but not recognising their fulfilment; the gifts of the Magi are symbolic of the world's confession of faith in Christ – gold for royalty, frankincense for priesthood, myrrh for the one who is to die; notoriously ruthless Herod reminds us of earthly powers that obstruct the designs of God. We should note, especially, the significance of the words, "going in they saw the child with his mother, Mary".

'While Luke's narrative of Christ's conception and birth has Mary as its central figure, Matthew's account of the virgin birth is centred on

Joseph. The words we have quoted, however, reflect the importance already given to Mary in the community that gave us Matthew's gospel.'





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VOTIVE LAMPS INTENTIONS

- 1. In loving memory of Elias Diniz. Rest in peace Dad. Offered by Flavia, Xavier and family.
- 2. We thank God for his grace, mercy and blessings received. Offered by the D'Silva family.



January 7 - 13, 2019

Monday: January 7

9:15 am - Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday, January 8

9:15 am - Thanksgiving Mass 7:15 pm + Larry Chung Cheuk Ling

Wednesday, January 9

7:15 pm - Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, January 10

7:15 pm + Maria C

Friday, January 11

9:15 am - Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday, January 12

8:30 am - Thanksgiving Mass 5:00 pm + Lenny Barretto

Sunday, January 13

8:30 am - Thanksgiving Mass 10:00 am - Thanksgiving Mass 11:30 am + Aureliano Sablan 1:00 pm - Community of Prince of Peace

With grateful hearts!

- ⇒ On behalf of Fr. Michael and Fr. Lorenzo, we would like to thank all of you for your best wishes, thoughts, gifts and prayers.
- ⇒ Many thanks to all the different ministries who worked so hard this year and specially during the Christmas season.
- ⇒ A BIG thanks to the parishioners for their continued generosity to the Church during the year, especially during Christmas. We wish you all God's Blessings and a Happy New Year.



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them

YORK CATHOLIC BOARD KINDER-GARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration begins January 7, 2019 in all York Catholic schools. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit their website at www.ycdsb.ca/admissions.

BIBLE STUDY

With Fr. Dominic Borg will resume starting January 8 at 7:45 pm.

ADULT PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meeting resumes on Thursday, January 10 at 7:45 pm in the hall. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at the 5:00 pm Mass will resume in the new year on Saturday, January 12th.

THANK YOU FROM OUT OF THE COLD PROGRAM

Thank you to ALL Volunteers, Carollers & Senior baker for sharing their time, talents and treasures on December 21-22. It was well appreciated by all guests, organizers and coordinators. It was good to share our faith and witness guests joining in 'Grace Before Meals', blessing themselves and dancing along with the Carollers. Comments from guests & facilitators were positive and uplifting.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS

PARISH MISSION

St. Justin Martyr Parish, 3898 Highway 7 East, Unionville

January 14: 6:30 pm, Rosary, 7:00 pm Mission

January 15: 6:30 pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet & 7:00 pm Mission

January 16: 7:00 pm XLT at Flato Markham Theatre

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PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE



The Marriage Preparation Course is for couples who are exploring the idea of getting married and for those who are already engaged. It's designed for those who want to give their marriage the best

possible start. The Marriage Preparation Course is a series of 6 sessions to help engaged couples or those exploring the possibility of marriage, build strong foundations for their future together.

Couples who are planning to be married in the Catholic church are required to complete a pre-marriage course. The course will be held at Prince of Peace Church beginning on the weekend of Sunday, February 3rd, - March 10th, 2019 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Please visit our website or contact the Church Office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTRY

We are looking for couple volunteers to assist in the conduct of the Marriage Preparation course in our parish. You will interact with engaged couples who are discerning their married life. If interested, please visit the parish office and complete the required form. We will communicate with you accordingly.

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING

This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish who are unable to attend Mass.

New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. Training is offered on Saturday, February 2nd and Saturday, February 9th at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 3 Combermere Drive, Scarborough.

Participants are required to attend both Saturdays. There is no cost to attend. Please bring your own lunch.

To register, please call, 416-934-3400, ext. 523 or fax the registration form available online at http://bit.ly/workshopsTO

Please register by January 28, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Amaral at 416-934-3400, ext. 518 or samara@archtoronto.org

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