

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



January 4 - 10, 2021

Monday, January 4

8:30 am Thanksgiving Paramanathan family

Tuesday, January 5

8:30 am - Community of Prince of Peace

Wednesday, January 6

8:30 am - Wedding anniversary blessings Anto & Jaimol

Thursday, January 7

- Community of Prince of Peace

Friday, January 8

- Birthday blessings Jethro Junta Goseng

Saturday, January 9

8:30 am + Joy George; Primrose & Naomi Samuels; 40 days death Teresita Cancio

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am - Community of Prince of Peace

'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 Epiphany, 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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Yes!
WE'RE **OPEN**

The Church is open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day for private prayer.

10 people at the time

New Year's Eve

9:00am - 12:00noon
4:00pm - 9:00pm

New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

9:00am to 1:00pm

Holy Communion is available for those who wish it. Please call the parish office at 416-291-9422.

Light a Prayer Candle



Sanctuary Lamps Offerings

- 1) Cosma Vincenzo & Giovannina, Luigi & Lucia, Francesco, Matteo & A.J. Andrews. Offered by Assunta, Giovanna & Daniela
- 2) For all those sick with The Coronavirus and those ministering to them



Let us pray!

For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them and for an end to Covid-19.

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3. Register with your name and email address
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**9 DAYS NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS
to end the Pandemic**



January 8th, 2021 to January 16th

**FEAST DAY
Sunday, January 17th, 2021**

**If you have any intentions to pray
during the Novenas, please send it
to
pop-church@rogers.com**



The city of Prague was protected from the plague on multiple occasions through devotion to the Child Jesus.

One of the most well-known devotions to the Child Jesus is represented by the **miraculous statue of the Infant of Prague**. It is a statue that has a fascinating history, and the devotion it inspired has been the source of countless miracles over the centuries.

In particular, it is recorded that on multiple occasions devotion to the Infant Jesus protected the city of Prague from an epidemic.

Fr. Peter Davies writes in his booklet, *The Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague*, how **an infectious disease** was ravaging the area, but **suddenly stopped**.

*The pestilence called the "black plague" was raging through the land. **Some of the community became ill, others had to be sent away ... In all this trouble, the Prior himself was attacked by the plague, and was brought to death's door. Father Cyril urged him to invoke the aid of the Divine Child. The Prior then and there promised that if he recovered, he would offer a novena of Masses before the statue of the Holy Infant. At once he felt relief, and in a few days was completely restored to health. He became a fervent promoter of devotion to the Divine Child, and assigned a special chapel for the veneration of the image of the little King.***

*During the seventeenth century there was an **outbreak** of the plague in Bohemia and **the disease was ravaging the country**. One night the prior saw a glow from the chapel and afraid that the votive candles had set fire to the building he rushed in to check. **Instead he saw the orb the Infant was holding, slowly turning and glowing. Seven small figures knelt before the glowing globe. As the prior looked the vision faded and the next day the plague was halted.***

*In the new year,
may you be blessed
with all the good
things God has to give.*

PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS

Dearest Jesus, tenderly loving us, Your greatest joy is to dwell among us and to bestow Your blessing upon us. Though I am not worthy that You should behold me with love, I feel myself drawn to You, O dear Infant Jesus, because You gladly pardon me and exercise Your almighty power over me. So many who turned with confidence to You have received graces and had their petitions granted. Behold me, in spirit I kneel before Your miraculous image on Your altar in Prague, and lay open my heart to You, with its prayers, petitions and hopes. Especially (mention your intentions here)... I enclose in Your loving Heart. Govern me and do with me and mine according to Your holy Will, for I know that in Your Divine wisdom and love You will ordain everything for the best. Almighty gracious Infant Jesus, do not withdraw Your hand from us, but protect and bless us forever. I pray You, sweetest Infant, in the name of Your Blessed Mother Mary who cared for You with such tenderness, and by the great reverence with which St. Joseph carried You in his arms, comfort me and make me happy that I may bless and thank You forever from all my heart. Amen

CATECHIST FORMATION PROGRAM 2021

Registration is open for the Catechist Formation Program which runs from Sunday, January 3 to Saturday, August 7, 2021. It is a combination of online courses, seminars, a retreat morning, Mass and blessing of the catechists by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Cost \$250.00 deposit, refundable upon program completion and cost of books.

Pre-requisite: Approval of the pastor. Open to parish catechists of sacramental preparation of children and adults.

For information see brochure at: <https://bit.ly/OCFP->

MARRIAGE PREPARATION - 'JOY FILLED' MARRIAGE PROGRAM TRAINING SESSIONS

The Archdiocese of Toronto are sponsoring a two-session virtual training seminar to assist parishes with using the marriage preparation program: Joy-Filled Marriage. There is no cost to attend but registration is required..

Tom McCabe, co-author of the program, will lead the sessions for marriage preparation teams and facilitations on **Friday, January 22 from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, January 23 from 10 am to 2 pm.**

For more information and to register please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriageprep.

If you have further questions, please contact Connie Price at: 416-934-3400 ext. 513 or