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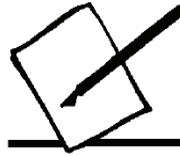


*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

Mass for the Intentions Week



Sat Jan 4 5:00	Gerry Monaghan req Don & Anne Curgin
Sun Jan 5 9:00	Jack Dalby req Marion Dalby
11:00	Patrick Boyer Arthur Spittal Dorothy Van Warmerdam Elizabeth Treanor Eugene O'Hagan Vito Grazio DeLigio
Tue Jan 7 8:30	Gerry Monaghan req Anne & Chris McHale
7:00	Living & deceased members of the CWL especially Annie Willims
Wed Jan 8 8:30	Gerry Monaghan req Agnes & family
Thur Jan 9 8:30	No Mass
Fri Jan 10 8:30	Bruno Bertolo req Linda Bertolo
Sat Jan 11 8:30	John Viscovic req Iva Bravica
5:00	Gerry Monaghan req Leonard family
Sun Jan 12 9:00	Josevina Rosa Fernandes Alcides Jeronimo Elvira & Antonio Ciardullo Giuseppe & Angela Scanga Nolito Malonosan Reyes Int Maureen & David Webster
11:00	Joseph Lynch req Florence Lynch & family



From the Pastor's Desk

Epiphany of the Lord: Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day. At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be. The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FR. JOEL WILL BE ON VACATION from **Jan. 6 to Feb. 10, 2025**. During this time, there will be **no Mass on Thursdays**, but we are blessed to have four priests who will be covering all other Masses. Please join us in praying for Fr. Joel's restful time away.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS: As we reflect on this past Christmas season, our hearts are filled with immense gratitude for each one of you selflessly gave your time, energy, and talents to serve our church family and community. From decorating the sanctuary to organizing lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, choir and ushers welcoming parishioners, your dedication was a beautiful expression of Christ's love. Through your efforts, many experienced the joy, hope, and peace that Christmas brings. Also, Fr. Joel's first Christmas at St. Mary's was truly memorable because of each of you.



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2025 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP: Please Pick up your donor boxes which will be located at the main entrance of the church. All boxes are **labeled with individuals name & address**. For **NEW** parishioners please come by the office to pick your new box envelope.

2025 CATHOLIC CEMETERIES CALENDARS:
We have limited calendars available for pick up in the parish office during office hours.



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Men of St. Mary of the People: Right now is the perfect time to join the Knights of Columbus and help our parish community. From volunteering to fund-raising, to helping spread the gospel, your help is needed. Consider joining the Knights today and change your life forever. Contact Colum Wood 289-404-8952

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church followed by meeting in the hall.

WEBSITE: Please check out our website: <https://kofc8611.org>

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus wishes you a Happy New Year!



GENERAL MEETING – The first general meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the church hall following Mass at 7 o'clock. **Note: There will be no executive meeting at the end of December prior to the January general meeting.**

2025 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE – dues \$40.00 – Members wishing to use the pink envelopes found in the Sunday offering box, place your name on the envelope, enclose \$40.00 (cash or cheque) and drop it in the collection basket. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Joey at 905-576-3386.

*St. Mary's CWL executive wishes you
a Happy, Holy New Year*

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ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE 2025:

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, 4 p.m.

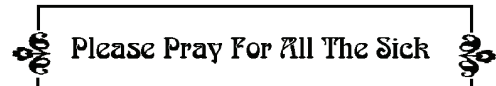
Venue: North City Church (Toronto District Christian High School, Highway 7/Kipling Ave.)

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.

JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025: Archbishop Francis Leo has chosen St. Gregory the Great Parish, Oshawa to serve as a pilgrimage church in the Eastern Region for the upcoming Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. In honour of St. Gregory's being chosen Bishop Vincent Nguyen will be here to celebrate Mass on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** For those who would like to come early to have their Confession heard, Confessions will be at 5:30pm.



And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

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| Alda Power | Elisa Pellegrino | Dolly Richards |
| Damarys Peni | Steve Kralj | Joan Hodge |
| Kim St. John | Cecilia Lam | John Margach |
| Marilyn Lyons | Mona Wannamaker | Mark Lyons |
| Paul Desroches | Natalie Judge | |

Rest in Peace

Gerry Monaghan, Ivan Viscovic, Patrick Boyer, Donato Cappuccitti, Cecilia Timperley, Jeannine MacNeil and Yvonne Gilliland

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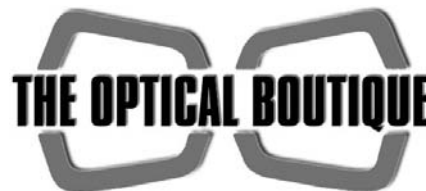
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