

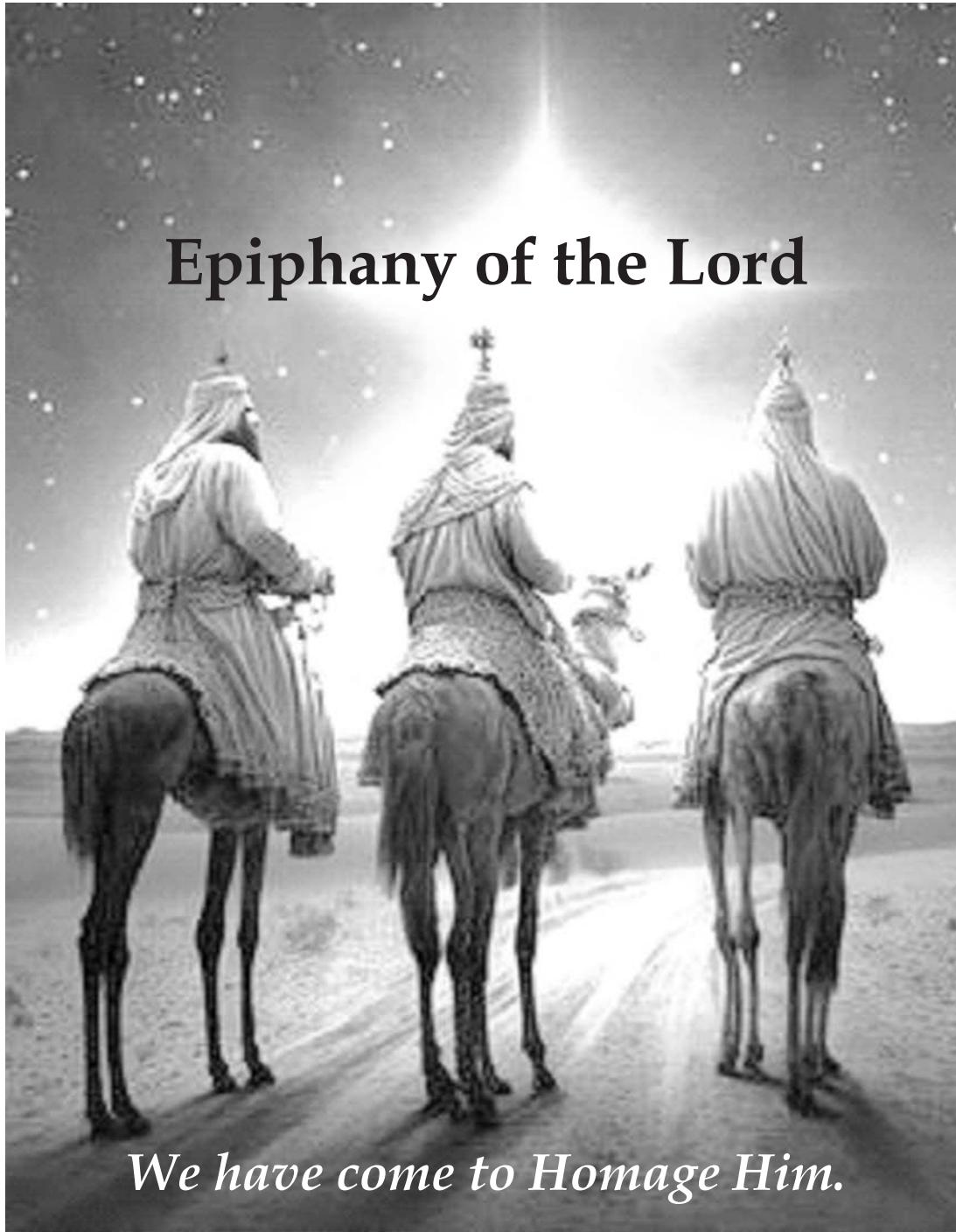
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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, January 5**

5:30 pm Elena Disimone

Tuesday, January 65:30 pm Int. of Zenobia
Andruszewski**Wednesday, January 7**5:30 pm Int. of Francesco
Yong & In Thanksgiving**Thursday, January 8**5:30 pm Int. of Michelle
Rodriques & Fabian D'Souza**Friday, January 9**5:30 pm Int. of Biruta
Ramchowskas**Saturday, January 10**

5:30 pm Int. of Fr. Anish

Sunday, January 1110:00 am The Parish
Community

12:00 pm In Thanksgiving



*The Epiphany of Our
Lord*

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to witness the awe-inspiring journey of the Magi Gentile seekers of truth who traveled from distant lands, guided by a star, to encounter the Christ Child. Their story, recounted in Matthew 2:1-12, reminds us that God's light is meant for all nations and that genuine faith often requires courage, perseverance, and openness to the Spirit.

The Magi offer a profound example of what it means to respond to God's revelation: they recognized the King-Messiah even before they fully understood His mission. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh symbolize Christ's kingship, priesthood, and ultimate sacrifice. As St. Augustine beautifully reflected, "The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." The Magi's journey mirrors our own spiritual pilgrimage seeking God with curiosity, devotion, and the willingness to be transformed.

The feast also calls us to remember that faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul reminds us: "Faith is a gift of God" (1 Corinthians 12). The Magi's encounter was an epiphany, a divine revelation that changed their lives forever. Similarly, every moment of grace invites us to see beyond appearances and recognize Christ in our daily lives, transforming ordinary moments into encounters with the divine.

St. John Paul II encouraged us: "Do not be afraid to open the doors to Christ... let yourselves be guided by the star of faith to the Christ of God." Like the Magi, we are called to journey toward Christ, bringing our own treasures our time, talents, and prayers to honor Him.

The Church teaches that Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles is not only historical but also ongoing: He continues to reveal Himself to those who seek Him with sincerity. St. Bede the Venerable wrote, "The manifestation of the Lord to the Gentiles teaches us that the grace of God extends to all who truly seek Him, regardless of their origins or knowledge." Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany, let us reflect on how we can become signs of God's light in the world, guiding others to the love, mercy, and truth of Christ.

May the Lord, whose light shines upon all nations, illuminate our hearts and strengthen our faith. May we, like the Magi, be moved by the Spirit to journey courageously, offer our gifts, and bear witness to the glory of Christ, our King, Priest, and Savior.

Lord Jesus, Light of the Nations, guide us on our pilgrimage of faith. May Your Spirit awaken in us a desire for truth and a love that transforms our lives. Help us to recognize You in every person and circumstance and grant us the courage to follow You faithfully. Amen.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING VIDEO AND CONVERSATION SERIES

Rooted in Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching is a body of Church teaching on economic, political, social and cultural issues that has been called the best kept secret of the Catholic Church. Every second Sunday of the month from January to April, bring your coffee and join Creation Care Ministry in the Friars' Lounge where we will watch a short video and host a conversation circle on Catholic Social Teaching after the 10 AM mass and ending by noon. We begin on January 11th with a video on the Complete History of Catholic Social Doctrine in 13 minutes. All are welcome.

MERRymakers MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Do you have a passion for cooking? The Merrymakers Team is looking for volunteers to join this joyful and rewarding ministry. Each month, our senior members gather to enjoy a delicious meal and build meaningful connections in our welcoming church hall. If you enjoy cooking for others and being part of our church community, we would love to have you join us. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 416-762-1026 or email Diane at dlauzier68@gmail.com The Merrymakers Luncheons will resume in February.



COFFEE, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

Our Coffee Ministry brings parishioners together every Sunday after the 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM Masses in the parish hall a warm space to share coffee, tea, conversation, and friendship. This beautiful ministry, led by Louis, is now in need of more volunteers. If you'd like to help build community and welcome new faces, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for being an active and vital part of our parish family.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish offers Children's Liturgy every Sunday at 10 AM (except during holiday seasons), where children learn about God and Christ in a simple and fun way. Currently led by Priscilla, some Sundays see a large number of children, making it challenging for her to manage alone. We are looking for volunteers to help teach and guide the children. If you would like to serve, please contact the Parish Office.

*On behalf of entire parish team
Wishing Everyone
a Blessed and Happy
NEW YEAR!*

2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

The 2026 Sunday Offering Envelopes are now available in the parish hall. Please note that box numbers have changed if your previous number was above 220, you have been assigned a new lower number. If you could not find your envelopes, please contact the parish office. For the first few weeks, kindly write your name and address clearly on your envelopes to help us update our records.

We also invite parishioners to consider Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), a simple and automatic way to support the parish monthly. PAG forms are available at the church entrance, in the parish office, and on our parish website. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

ADDRESS UPDATE REMINDER

If you have recently changed your address, please contact the parish office or the bookkeeper so we can update our records. This ensures your tax receipt for 2025, and any future parish communications reach you without delay. Thank you.

Please Note the parish Information has changed

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