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“ARISE, SHINE, FOR your light has come,” Isaiah says. He calls us to know God’s presence. God’s light on us, around us, and commands us to spread that light.

Isaiah tells the people of Israel that the light of God’s blessing shines on them and beyond them. He sees nations streaming to them, attracted by God’s light. Some Israelites thought God’s favour was exclusively theirs. But God’s light can be shared without diminishing it.

Every year at Easter the paschal candle, the Light of Christ, comes into a dark church and light is shared so the whole church glows. We proclaim light divided but never dimmed.

Epiphany celebrates God’s light being revealed to all nations. The gospel, Paul says, has spread to the Gentiles. They have seen and received the Light of Christ. Matthew tells of even earlier Gentile observers of that light, the Magi: “We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

The light that shone on the Magi shines on us. Jesus shares his light with us and asks us to spread it. The light of our faith may seem fragile, but a small light can set the world on fire. Sharing the light of God’s love, God’s blessing does not diminish it – it grows in strength as it is shared. Let’s keep it burning brightly!

(Reflection of Dinah Simmons, from Living with Christ)

A Prayer Following Christmas

“When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings are back home,

When the Shepherds are once more with their flocks,
When Simeon and Anna have gone to their Master in peace,
Then the work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To release prisoners,
To rebuild nations,
To bring peace to all nations,
To bring peace to all people,
To make music in the Heart.”

(A Shaker Prayer)

Senior Residence Masses in January 2018

Friday, January 12th – Canterbury Place – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 12th – Lansing – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17th – Del Manor – 10:30 a.m.



Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Bernadette Carvalho

Tuesday, January 9th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Teresa Sun

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Richard McKenna

Thursday, January 11th, 2018

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving – Selwyn Almeida

Friday, January 12th, 2018

8:30 a.m. + Judy Chen

Saturday, January 13th, 2018

4:30 p.m. + Ardudu Faraf

Sunday, January 14th, 2018

8:00 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory

9:30 a.m. + Nicoletta Colaizzi

11:00 a.m. + Giovanni DeLuca

Vocations

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 to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** email vocations@archtoronto.org

Walk-in Counselling Services

Catholic Family Services of Toronto offers walk-in counselling services at two locations. The single-session consultation is aimed at helping individuals, couples, or family clients address their concerns. No appointment required.

- **Central office address:** 1155 Yonge St. Suite 100, Toronto. Every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416 921-1163.
- **North office address:** 5799 Yonge Street. Suite 300, North York. Every Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. PHONE: 416 222-0048. EMAIL: info@cfstoronto.com

New Sunday Missals

There are still a small number of the new St. Joseph Missals available for persons wishing to obtain their own copy for \$5.00 each.

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Seminarian Shawn D'Souza

As Fr. Pat mentioned at the New Year Masses, seminarian Shawn D'Souza, who recently completed his Fall Term at the parish, has requested to take a break from his formal seminary studies, and parish internship, in order to take more time to discern his vocation.

Fr. Pat expressed his gratitude to Shawn for his presence and dedicated service to the parish since his arrival in September 2017. He expressed that Shawn's decision took courage, prayerfully discerned by those guiding him. Fr. Pat expressed formation works when a person truly gives themselves over to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Shawn thanked the parishioners at Mass for their great support, prayer and inspiration. He promised to visit often.

In closing, please remember Shawn in your prayers for his continued discernment of God's plan for his life. May God bless you, Shawn, and thank you for your witness of faith amongst us during your stay with us at the parish.

ORAT (Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto)

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integrating Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age..."

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome.

Special St. Edward's Newsletter

A special newsletter highlighting the 75th Anniversary of the Parish will be released to all parishioners shortly. It will include highlights of the events surrounding the Anniversary, updates on the construction, and information on the year to come. We hope you will enjoy this special souvenir of our parish life and history.

St. Edward's – Designated a Hub Site

Fr. Pat is pleased to inform that the Archdiocese of Toronto has designated a few churches in various regions as "hub" sites, where people from the diocese can gather for presentations and/or to participate in live-streaming events sponsored by the Archdiocese. To this degree, it means that our parish hall will be equipped with a state-of-the-art projection screen and enhanced sound system.

The Archdiocese, in its Family of Faith campaign, had a number of priorities, to include enhancing how we learn and teach the faith by use of greater communication tools, particularly through the media.

Work has already commenced in our parish hall. The funding for this will be covered by the Archdiocese as part of its commitment to the vision outlined in the Family of Faith campaign. This is a great honour for our parish, and we look forward to the many events that will be held in our parish.

Fr. Pat wishes to also announce that the parish hall will be given a fresh coat of paint in January. We shall also be inserting new blinds for the windows, that will be needed when any films or live broadcasts are being viewed on the projection screen. We shall also purchase new chairs. These are separate costs that will be covered by the parish, and which have been approved by the Finance Council.

The addition of the "hub" site does not interfere with our regular parish events, since all will be carefully scheduled out.

Living With Separation and Divorce

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a psycho-educational program for those dealing with the stress of the ending of a relationship. The sessions facilitated by a clinical social worker will be held on February 13th to April 3rd, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 1155 Yonge St. There is a \$30 fee per session. Please contact Alpana Das at 416-921-1163 x2232 email adas@cfstoronto.com for more information.

New Offertory Envelopes

Those who have not yet picked up the new offertory envelopes for 2018, please do so in order that you can start using them in January. If you don't plan on using them, please advise the office and we can re-assign them to other parishioners. Thank you.