

JANUARY 3, 2021 – THE YOUNG MESSIAH IS REVEALED AS THE LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for the mission. It summarizes his action plan to mobilize us each month, through prayer and action, for a proposition that invites us to build a more humane and caring world.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the month of January: Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS THE UPCOMING YEAR TO BE DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY

From the Associated Press – Vatican News: The Pontiff offers simple advice to help bickering families keep peace. *On Sunday, December 27th, Pope Francis proclaimed the upcoming year be dedicated to the family as he doubled down on one of his papal priorities and urged renewed attention to his 2016 document on family life.*

Pope Francis announced the upcoming year of the family would begin on **March 19th**, the fifth anniversary of his document "The Joy of Love." Among other things, the document opened the door to letting divorced and civilly married couples to receive Communion, sparking criticism and even claims of heresy from conservative Catholics.

The Pope penned the document after summoning bishops from around the world to debate how the Catholic Church can better minister to families. While the divorce-remarriage issue dominated headlines during the back-to-back synods, the discussion also touched on ministering to gay people and other "non-traditional" families.

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"

From Vatican News: With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "**Year of Saint Joseph**" which started on December 8th, 2020 and will end on December 8th, 2021.

FRATELLI TUTTI - POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL IS NOW AVAILABLE

Pope Francis' new encyclical titled "**Fratelli Tutti**" based on fraternity and social friendship is now available. In this encyclical, Pope Francis answers the questions - what are the great ideals and what are the tangible ways to advance for those who wish to build a more just and fraternal world in their ordinary relationships, in social life, politics and institutions? If you would like to obtain a copy, please contact the Parish office. **Each copy is \$25.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2021 JANUARY 18 – JANUARY 25

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from Monday, January 18th to Monday, January 25th. The theme this year is: ***Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9).*** This calls on us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021; however, it is observed in parishes on the Sunday after February 2nd. In 2021, this day will be celebrated in parishes on February 6th and 7th, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

ONLINE EVENT TO FOCUS ON FRATELLI TUTTI

The National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) is co-sponsoring an online prayer and panel discussion on "Consecrated Life Through the Lens of Fratelli Tutti" on February 2nd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. central time.

ST. BRIGID'S & ST. ANN'S JOINT VENTURE FOOD BANK CONTINUES

We will still be accepting food and financial donations throughout 2021 for the St. Brigid's and St. Ann's Joint Venture Food Bank. **All donations can be dropped off at the Parish office.** Food donations can be left at the front porch of the Parish office. Financial donations can be left in the mailbox (front and back of the Parish office). For all financial donations, please place your donation in an envelope with your full name, the amount, and your donation envelope number.

ST. BRIGID'S COMMEMORATIVE SOUVENIRS

When you purchase **St. Brigid's – 100 Years** commemorative souvenirs, you are supporting your Church. You can still purchase your souvenirs by contacting the Parish office (416) 696-8660 or stbrigid@rogers.com

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1. Sweatshirts with the St. Brigid's embroidered Centennial logo (S-M-L-XL = \$35 / XXL = \$40). We are currently taking orders for youth sized sweatshirts. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office. A \$10 deposit will be required. 2. St. Brigid's 2021 pocket calendars/agendas with a stylus pen (\$5). 3. Tote bags with the screen-printed St. Brigid's Centennial logo (\$5). 4. Fleece-lined winter hats with the St. Brigid's embroidered logo (\$20).

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2021

THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 13 & 14

From Cardinal Collins: Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. With the uncertainty of large gatherings in early 2021 due to COVID-19 and recognizing the vulnerable in our community, the traditional annual Archdiocesan Mass will be cancelled in 2021. Nonetheless, local parishes are encouraged to acknowledge and celebrate wedding anniversaries in a variety of ways.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2021?

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2021 (25th, 40th, 50th 60+) we ask you to please email the Parish office. The Office of Formation for Discipleship is facilitating an order process where a personalized and signed certificate will be sent to our Parish. We will distribute the certificates according to the proper protocols stipulated by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Your **2020 donation tax receipts** will be ready soon and will be mailed out. We ask you to please notify the Parish office if you have changed your contact information.

Your **2021 donation envelopes** are ready for pick up. Due to the lockdown, we will not be placing the envelopes at the Church until we have been given approval to do so. Please contact the Parish office to set up a time to pick up your donation envelopes. If you are unable to pick them up due to mobility issues and would like for us to drop them off at your home, please let us know. **In order to reduce waste and costs, we have issued new numbers for those who were previously in the 500 series. If you have any questions, please call the Parish office.**

WEEKLY & MONTHLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for the week ending on December 27th was **\$8,250.00**. The December P.A.G. collection was **\$4,792.82**. **Please remember St. Brigid's Parish in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.).**

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE / B

Epifania vuol dire *manifestazione*. La Santa Chiesa istituì questa festa per commemorare la triplice manifestazione di Gesù: come Dio, facendosi adorare dai Magi; come uomo, ricevendo il Battesimo da San Giovanni; come operatore di miracoli, cambiando, alle nozze di Cana, l'acqua in vino.

Oggi però la liturgia ricorda in modo tutto particolare la prima manifestazione di Gesù come Dio, con l'adorazione dei Magi. Già il profeta Isaia aveva detto: « Sorgi, ricevi la tua luce, o Gerusalemme, poiché la tua luce è venuta, e la gloria del Signore è spuntata su di te».

L'INTENZIONE DI PREGHIERA DI GENNAIO

Intenzione di Preghiera per l'evangelizzazione la fraternità umana: Perché il Signore ci dia la grazia di vivere in piena fratellanza con i fratelli e le sorelle di altre religioni, pregando gli uni per gli altri, aperti a tutti.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE E MENSILE

La colletta regolare di 27 Dicembre e' stata **\$8,250.00**. La raccolta di P.A.G. per il mese di Dicembre è stata **\$4,792.82**. **Per favore, ricordate la nostra parrocchia nel vostro testamento. Avete mai pensato che la vostra parrocchia puo' essere "il terzo figlio della carità" nel vostro testamento?**

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENZIONI DELLA MESSA

ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED PRIVATELY EVERY DAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

Saturday, Jan. 2nd ~ St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Healing for all our Friends & Families

5:00 p.m. For all the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Jan. 3rd ~ Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. **Mass Pro Populo ~ Mass For All Parishioners**

9:45 a.m. +Michelo & Rita Doto, req. by the Doto Family
+Santo Visconti, req. by Antonietta Visconti & Family
+Antonio Ammirato, req. by Maria Ammirato & Family

11:00 a.m. Special Blessing for Susanna Kim, req. by the Family

Special Blessing for healing for Emanuel James, req. by Steve & Sylvia McDonald

+Pietro Altomare, req. by Marie, Francesco & Joseph
+Sheila Boudreau, req. by Brian & Lisa Dwyer
+Rosa Ascension, req. by Laura Colantoni & Ignacio

Uriarte-Tuero
+Barber Ortega, req. by Laura Colantoni & Ignacio

Uriarte-Tuero
+Marima Silva, req. by Laura Colantoni & Ignacio

Uriarte-Tuero
+Felisa, req. by Laura Colantoni & Ignacio Uriarte-Tuero

Monday, Jan. 4th ~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:00 p.m. +Roberta MacDonald, req. by John MacDonald

Tuesday, Jan. 5th ~ St. John Neumann

12:00 p.m. +Angelo & Antonio Cornacchia, req. by Gilda Cornacchia

Wednesday, Jan. 6th ~ St. André Bessette

12:00 p.m. +Paolo & Maria Calo, req. by the Children

Thursday, Jan. 7th ~ St. Raymond of Penafort

12:00 p.m. +Maria Lamanna, req. by the Family

Friday, Jan. 8th

12:00 p.m. For all the Deceased members of our Community

Saturday, Jan. 9th

9:00 a.m. +Tom Richardson, req. by the Parish

5:00 p.m. +Matilda Mary Chaisson, req. by the Parish

Please pray for all our parishioners, friends, and family suffering with illnesses and for all those that care for them. May God bless them always.