

**THOUGHTS FOR SOWING****IT'S OUR EPIPHANY TOO**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

Matthew 2:10-11

As a child, I knew it was really the Christmas season when the lights and decorations went up all around the neighbourhood. The twinkling lights got our attention, focusing our young hearts and minds on what was ahead – presents! Maybe this year a new bike?

Those lights and decorations – perhaps more than ever before – still beckon us, still draw our attention to the coming of the season. But often, they fail to direct us to the sacred moment of the birth of Jesus. They fall short of moving us from the decorated outside to the quiet interior where the baby Jesus and his parents wait patiently for us. We still need to enter that house, need to remember and worship the reality of divine love that lives beyond the glittering lights. Maybe this year a new life?

What is your hope and prayer for this new year in Christ?

Steve Givens

From: **Living Faith**

GOOD NEWS FROM ST. EUGENE'S CHAPEL

Now that we have welcomed our new **Associate Pastor, Fr. Gerardo V. Laguartilla, C.P.P.S.** who will be ministering to the St. Eugene's community, we are happy to announce that Weekday Masses will resume at St. Eugene's, beginning Tuesday, **January 4, 2022!**

St. Eugene's **Weekday Schedule:**

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.; Friday – 12 noon

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3rd – 8:20am

† **DEREK ABRANCHES** Requested by Theresa Abranches

Wednesday, January 5th – 7:00pm

† **GIOVANNA GARDINI** Requested by Ingrid Holle

Thursday, January 6th – 8:20am

† **LEA URBANC** Requested by Ingrid Holle

Friday, January 7th – 8:20am

No Intention

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 2 **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Homilist: Deacon Robert Kinghorn

Mon. Jan. 3 **8:20am Mass; Parish Office Closed**

Sat. Jan. 8 **10:00 – 11:30am PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM** meets in parish hall for review lesson #4

Sun. Jan. 9 **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Homilist: Fr. Andy Macbeth

Sun. Jan. 16 **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Michael Lehman, CSB

Sun. Jan. 23 **3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Guest homilist: Fr. Ray Douziech, C.Ss.R.

Thurs. Jan. 27 **10:00am – 12noon Meeting** of all parishes in **Zone #3**

- **7:00pm Meeting of Parish Finance Council**

PARISH OFFICE

Monday, Jan. 3rd - CLOSED

2022 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The **2022** Envelopes are available at the front of the church by the exit doors on Sunday. All parishioners are encouraged to use Sunday envelopes:

1. **Take any numbered box.** You DO NOT need to keep the same number from one year to the next.
2. Please write your **full name, complete**
3. **Mailing address and phone number clearly** on the **first three envelopes** you use and you will be assigned the number on the box.
4. **Starting January 1st 2022 you can start using your 2022 envelopes. DO NOT use your 2021 envelopes otherwise your donation will be credited to someone else.**
5. **If you're visiting or forgot your envelope DO NOT take one envelope from the numbered box use pink envelope.**

**2021 PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES**

The following envelope numbers have not been properly identified with parishioners' information. If you see your envelope number listed **please contact parish office at 416-485-7781 as soon as possible.** Thank you

Envelope numbers:

121, 183, 195, 259, 276, 289, 348, 1213, 1222, 1318

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

Our Parish is where we are married and bring our children to be baptized. It is where we come to be fed in the Holy Eucharist, be reconciled with God and the world, and hope to leave this world on our final journey to meet the God that we love.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 19, 2021

PAG	\$6,737.40	\$963.75
Budget	\$8,300.00	(\$598.85)

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Let's put People and Planet First with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new campaign!

In Canada, most people can speak out freely when injustice is committed. In many countries of the Global South, however, communities are threatened when they seek to protect their rights, especially their right to a healthy environment. This climate of insecurity is often fuelled by the presence and influence of corporations, some of which are Canadian.

Undaunted, many vulnerable communities fight courageously to defend their rights, their lands and the environment against corporate harm.

This year, Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign invites you to stand in solidarity with them and celebrate their work!

Especially take a look at our compilation of prayers celebrating the Earth and invoking its protection! Visit <https://devp.org/en> for more.

VOCATIONS OFFICE

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

THE CHURCH

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR a message of joy and optimism, read Saint Luke. Read about the joy with which the disciples announced the good news, telling people that God has come and that sinners and outcasts and everyone who needs good news could find it there in the gospel, a word that means "good news." In this same way our own church becomes a community that transmits Christ, a community that continues the homily that is Christ in a particular style. This is also marvelous: each community, each preacher, each catechist, each religious congregation, each element of the church has its own charism, its own way of being, so that we can recount, among all of us, the marvelous truth that Christ lives through his Spirit in us...

And so I repeat what I told you once before, precisely when we were afraid that one day we would be without the radio: the best microphone of God is Christ, and the best microphone of Christ is the church, and the church is all of you! Each of you, from your own position and your own vocation, should live the faith intensely whether you are married, a religious, a bishop, a priest, a student, an undergrad, a labourer, a worker, a market vendor. In your own particular situation you should feel that you are a true microphone of God our Lord... If the day comes when the forces of evil leave us without this marvelous medium, which they themselves possess in abundance while leaving the church to fight for the scraps, let us be assured that they will not have hurt us. To the contrary, we will then be even mightier microphones of the Lord and we will proclaim his word far and wide.

~ St. Oscar Romero

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18 – 25, 2022

The annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held at Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church 920 Progress Ave., Scarborough, ON on **Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook: facebook.com/TorontoArmenianChurch

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church.

The homilist is Rev. Archpriest Fr. Zareh Zargarian (Vicar of the Armenian Diocese of Canada and Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Toronto.)

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2022

A Celebration of Marriage

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, **Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB**, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating **milestone anniversaries** (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in **2022**. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

CHUCKLES FROM THE PEWS

