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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.*



REFLECTIONS

Readings
Is 52:7-10;
Heb 1:1-6;
John 1:1-18



Today, revelation has reached its climax. The hidden mystery of the old covenant has been revealed in the Word made flesh. Therefore, we need no further revelation because God himself has revealed himself fully in Christ, the radiant light of the father's glory.

What we celebrate today is love because: "...God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son (Jn 3: 16). We must be ready to share this love. God sent Christ out of love. Christ accepted to come to us because of his love for us. Also, Mary and Joseph cooperated with God to bring Christ into the world due to their love for humanity.

Today, we celebrate sacrifice. So, we, too, must be ready to sacrifice something for the good of our brothers and sisters as Christ did by leaving his heavenly throne to be with us. Today, we celebrate humility. We must learn humility from Christ, who, though was rich, became poor for our sake. Yes, he was born in the lowliest place, the manger.

Finally, today, we celebrate the reign of peace because the prince of peace is with us. Today, we celebrate hope because Christ's birth is the hope of our salvation. Today is a day of joy. Therefore, let us: "Sing psalms to the Lord with harp, with the sound of music, with trumpets and the sound of the horn, let us acclaim the King and the Lord," who is with us.

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fr. Terry.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note there will be **NO** Mass on:
Tuesday Dec, 26 and Wednesday Dec 27.



FAMILY DINNER DANCE

St. Dominic's Fundraiser Family Dinner Dance
 For the Paving of The Parking Lot

Saturday January 27th, 2024. 7.00pm

Tickets \$45.00 Adults - Children under (12yrs) \$25.00
 3 yrs and Under Free

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Sit Down Meal, Served Family Style

Menu: Chicken Cutlet, Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes. Salad. Dessert. Sweet Table. Coffee/Tea

Water and 1 bottle of Wine per table

Cash Bar and Raffle Prizes

Live DJ

For Tickets Call the office and available after the weekend Masses.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Parish office will remain closed from Friday Dec 22nd,2023 to Tuesday Jan 2nd, 2024.

The office reopens on Wednesday Jan 3rd, 2024.



Sunday, Dec 24th

9:30AM – Mass
 11:30AM – Mass
 5:00PM – Children's Mass
 7:00PM – Mass
 9:30PM – Mass
 12:00AM – Mass

Monday, Dec 25th
Christmas

9:30AM – Mass
 11:30AM – Mass

Tuesday, Dec 26th
St. Stephen

7:00PM – No Mass

Wednesday, Dec 27th
St. John the Apostle

9:15am – No Mass

Thursday, Dec 28th
The Holy Innocents

7:00PM – Diane Ouellette✙
 – Filomena Bednarczyk✙
 – Nicole St. Pieter ✙

Friday, Dec 29th
Fifth day within the Octave of Nativity

8:00AM – Mass

Saturday, Dec 30th
Sixth day within the Octave of Nativity

9:15AM – NO MASS
 5:00PM – Mass



➤ **SATB Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Monday

➤ **Folk Choir Practice**

7:30PM every Wednesday

➤ **Sunday Coffee**

Resumes on Jan 7, 2024

Dec 23rd – Dec 30th, 2023

NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Since the spring, we have raised \$41,000 for the loan repayment and we have pledges of another \$28,000 to be collected for a total of \$69,000. Our goal for the loan repayment campaign was \$200,000 since the Archdiocese has graciously allowed a matching program for our loan repayment campaign up to \$200,000. This means we are currently at 35% of our goal.

Secondly, we have raised \$24,000 for the capital campaign and have pledges of \$27,000 to be collected for a total of \$51,000 that has been raised so far. Our goal was to try to generate \$100,000 as we estimate that the resurfacing of the parking lot will cost \$150,000 and we have already previously raised \$50,000 through the family of faith campaign. That means we are at 51% of our goal, and again, this encouraging result deserves some congratulations.

We would like to thank those ministries and various parishioners who have been organizing events in support of these two concurrent campaigns. The creativity and support have been tremendous and speak to how dedicated our parishioners are to St. Dominic parish!

For those of us who would like to make a one-time donation, envelopes for the two campaigns are available at the entrances of the church and we have the ability to take online donations for each of the campaigns if you visit the St. Dominic's website (<https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org>).

Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity which has started both campaigns on a great path. Working together we can continue to make these two campaigns a success.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Thank you for your generous donation in supporting our parish through your contributions.

Offertory envelopes for 2024 are available at the main entrance of the church. We have reduced the envelopes from 500 to 400. Parishioners using 400 series are assigned new numbers. Ushers will be around to help you.

Please do not use these envelopes till 2024.

If you are not registered with the parish and would like to register and use envelopes please fill the registration card and drop it off at the office or hand them to the ushers.

If you would like to use the pre-authorized option please contact the office.

When using the 2024 envelopes for the first time please write your full name, address and telephone number so we can update the information in our system.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2024

Our Confirmation Program is a six-week on-line program designed for candidates and parents to attend together. Please register on-line through our Parish Website <https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/> under **Sacraments at St. Dominic**.

Parents and Candidates must attend an Information Meeting upstairs in the church on **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. The cost of the program is \$65 and there is a Paypal link on the registration form. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the Information Meeting or to send a scan to confirmation.stdominic@gmail.com

For more information, please contact Beverly O'Grady, Pastoral Associate at 905-278-7762 ext. 4.

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Vigil Mass Saturday Dec 30 – 5:00PM

No Morning Mass

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday Dec 31

☆ 9:30AM & 11:30AM **Regular Sunday Mass**

New Year's Eve Sunday Dec 31

☆ 5:00PM

New Year Day Monday Jan 1 2024

☆ 9:30AM

☆ 11:30AM

Seniors' Group

Our Seniors' Group is starting. If you are a Senior 60+

- Love to play Euchre, and
 - Engage in lively conversations,
- This is the group for you.

Come and join us on every Tuesday from 1-3pm in the Church Hall

Refreshments are provided.



Tai Chi

every Tuesday

11:00AM for everyone

Tuesday 12:00PM for seniors.

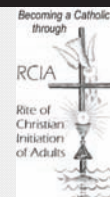
All are welcome!

NOTICE:

No Tai Chi from Dec 19 to Jan 2, 2024

RCIA

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to complete your Sacrament, please contact St. Dominic's church office, and leave your name and telephone number. Our Catechist will be in touch and let you know about the program.



ALTAR SERVERS: WELCOME

New altar servers are always welcome. Open to all children that have completed their First Holy Communion. No experience required. Contact the parish office if you are interested and the coordinators will get in touch. Volunteer screening and consent forms are mandatory.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick:

We pray for all the sick in our community.



For the Deceased:

William Cunningham†

OFFERTORY COLLECTION **Weekend Dec 17th, 2023**

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