# A Faith Community Alive in Christ Jesus

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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.

# MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, Jan 7th

9:30AM - Mass

11:30AM – Carmela Attanasio ₽

- Armando Oliveira ₽

Monday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> *Baptism of the Lord*No Mass

## Tuesday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Ferial

7:00PM – Antonio & Guerino Salvatore &

## Wednesday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

9:15am - Silvano Marola ₽

#### Thursday, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

7:00PM – Liz Bakhtyari (Special Intention)

Friday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
8:00AM – Terry Dubeau&

## Saturday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> *Ferial*

9:15AM – Patricia & Gerald Thomas 한 5:00PM – Domenic Santaquida 한



> SATB Choir Practice 7:30PM every Monday

> Folk Choir Practice 7:30PM every Wednesday

#### **COFFEE SUNDAY**

Join us for coffee every Sunday after 9:30am Mass.

All are welcome!

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

# Pastor's Corner

#### **REFLECTIONS**

Readings Is 60, 1-6; Eph 3, 2-3.5-6; Mt 2, 1-12

Today God reveals himself to us because he is good and loving. The light that shines forth upon us today is the light of life from which we ourselves must get our own light and reflect it unto others. Today, Christ further demonstrates the extent of his love by allowing himself to illumine the darkness of our lives.



The three wise kings came to adore and offer gifts to the new born king, Jesus Christ. First, the three kings offered a genuine worship to Christ, the King of kings. So, our worship must be sincere like theirs. It must not be like the false proposal of king Herod.

Second, we must be ready to offer Jesus something. We must not appear before the Lord empty handed. So, we must ask ourselves today, what will I offer the Lord for his goodness to me? The best gift to offer to God is the gift of oneself, the gift of love, the gift of obedience, the gift of humility, the gift of peace, and the gift of sacrifice. Also, we must learn to be generous to others as the three wise kings were to Jesus.

Another lesson that we must learn from the wise kings is that, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us. That is, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted on our journey by the many Herods of this world.

Trusting that God will not mislead us, we must continue to watch out for the star and light of Christ that will guide us to eternity. Any time we are confused, or come to the cross road of life, we must seek and wait until the star of Christ appears to show us the way we must follow.



#### **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.

#### **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 <a href="https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/">https://stdominicsmi.archtoronto.org/</a> 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.

### Jan 06<sup>th</sup> – Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 NEW FUNDING CAMPAIGNS

Since the spring, we have raised \$44,000 for the loan repayment and we have pledges of another \$25,000 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 \$31,000 for the capital campaign and have pledges of \$22,000 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.

#### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025 NOW OPEN**

Parents/Guardians can register students online at dpcdsb.org

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) schools is now open. The DPCDSB offers the Kindergarten program in 125 Catholic elementary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon, Bolton and Orangeville.

Parents/guardians can register online at dpcdsb.org.

Registration is open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four (4) years of age by December 31, 2024.

The following documents are required to complete the registration process:

- Proof of age of the child
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate (for child and/or parent/guardian) or original baptismal certificate from a church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome or an Eastern Catholic Church.
- Immunization Reference #'s from the local Public Health Unit
- Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status
- Proof of home address
- Proof of English Separate School Support

Please refer to the Register for School webpage for accepted forms of documentations.

#### FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST 2024

Friars Student Writing Contest 2024 (November 08, 2023, to January 15, 2024) Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27) High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25. Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions. Students are to consult the resources at https://rb.gy/wajo9 to understand the meaning and purpose of the theme and address the focus question found on the poster @ https://bit.ly/3G0I4zT submit and their at. https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward.

Contact: ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 (Ext. 527) for more information or questions.

#### Seniors' Group

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

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- Engage in lively conversations,

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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:

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