

### The Epiphany of the Lord

The journey of the wise men or magi is one of the favorite stories of the Gospel. It's a story of the journey of life, of guidance on the way, of delight in finding faith and God, of the intrigue of a greedy and envious king, and of the victory of the good over the evil.



### Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 8)

The Baptism of the Lord is the name of the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the Baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorated the coming of the magi, The Baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord came to be celebrated as a separate feast from the Epiphany.

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman Catholic Church and in church communities of the Anglican Communion.

In most parts of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast is observed on the first Sunday after Epiphany.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the day after the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of ordinary time.



### DCDSB - Kindergarten Registration

Opens January 10, 2024

To register your child, they must be turning 4 years of age by December 31, 2024 to register in Junior Kindergarten and 5 years of age for Senior Kindergarten. To complete your online registration please visit:

<https://osas.dcdsb.ca/Account/Home>

### Renovation Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Parish Renovation Fund.



### St. Vincent de Paul of St. Gertrude's Parish.

Help line, 905-431-1796

## MASS Intentions

### Saturday January 6

4:30pm

†Wanda Visneski

### Sunday January 7 (Epiphany of the Lord)

12-noon

For Our Parish Family

### Tuesday January 9

St. Gregory the Great at 12:10 p.m.

### Wednesday January 10

8:30am

†Peter Bombini

### Thursday January 11

8:30am

†Tilly Van Mil

### Friday January 12 (St. Marguerite de Bourgeoys)

Confessions at St. Gregory's - 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

St. Gregory the Great at 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday January 13

Confessions here 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

4:30pm

For Our Parish Family

### Sunday January 14

St. Gregory the Great at 8:00 a.m.

St. Gregory the Great at 9:30 a.m.

12noon

†Maricelle Panco

### Guest Speaker from The Chalice

THIS weekend, we welcome Deacon Thomas Aquino from the Archdiocese of Toronto who will speak to us on behalf of Chalice. Chalice is a Catholic international aid charity focused on child, family and community development. He will be here to talk to you about sponsoring a boy or a girl, or an adult.



## Marriage Sunday

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at

[www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

Please remember Holy Cross Parish in your Will.

## Sacramental Prep

Did you miss Registration for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion or Confirmation? It's not too late.  
Please attend a Prep Class.

First Communion Prep Class #3 at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday January 14, 2024 at St. Gregory the Great  
Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N.)

Confirmation Prep Class #3 at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday January 21, 2024 in Holy Cross Parish Hall.



### CWL CORNER

Monthly Meeting: **Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup>.**  
Rosary at 6:40pm followed by Meeting at  
7:00pm in Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome.

### REMINDER!!!!

Please remember to date offertory cheques with the year 2024. Please do not use envelopes from previous years or other people's envelopes as this causes confusion for our records. If you are a visitor to our parish, please only use the pink visitor envelopes available in the foyer.

### Sacrament of Baptism

If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please request a registration form from the priest after attending Sunday Mass.

### How to become a fully initiated Catholic?

Are you a non-Catholic or a non-Christian who would like to become a Catholic Christian, or even a Roman-Catholic who didn't receive First Communion or Confirmation? If yes, please speak with Fr. Marijan.

### Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "*Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things*". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's message of Luke 10:27, "**You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself**" inspires us to pray and work together for the unity willed by Christ for the Church.

Join Archbishop Francis on Sunday, January 21, 2024, 4 p.m. at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral.

### 2024 Envelopes

Thank you to all those who have picked up their envelopes. This is the last weekend they will be available in the foyer. After this weekend you can pick them up from the office during office hours.

### Join our new Sunday noon choir!

Due to interest and enthusiasm among some of our Parishioners regarding singing at Mass, we are looking for volunteer singers to sing in our mixed choir (adults, youth, and children). Our Sunday noon musicians Karen and Allan will have a tryout for potential choir members immediately after the Sunday Masses. The rehearsals for the choir singers will be one hour before Sunday noon Mass. The singers will be expected to come to church by 10:50 am on Sundays. Even if you are not sure how, come and (learn to) sing.



### Join Us at Faith Formation Study: Theology of the Body - Part 2 -

### Redemption of the Body

You are invited to join us for a Faith Formation Study: Theology of the Body of St. John Paul II, presented by Paul Coates, (M.Div.). In Part II we will reflect on the mystery of Redemption of our bodies by our Lord Jesus Christ. Join us at St. Gregory's Parish Hall (190 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa), for eight Thursdays beginning January 25 to March 21, 2024, except March 14, from 7 pm to 9 pm. The cost is \$40 per person, students may make a donation, and everyone is welcome!

REGISTER AT: <https://bit.ly/TOBSTGTWO>



### Job opportunity in youth ministry

St. Gregory the Great and Holy Cross Parishes in Oshawa are looking to hire a full-time youth minister. The deadline for application is February 16, 2024. More information at, (<https://bit.ly/workasYMatHCSTG>) OR, (<https://bit.ly/3vg6lQ4>)