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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.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CWL

The St Charles Borromeo Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Fundraiser Brunch for the Bethlehem Crèche on Sunday, January 26th at Venu Event Centre from 11am to 3pm. There will be raffles and door prizes. All proceeds in support of the Bethlehem Crèche run by the Sisters of St Vincent de Paul, an orphanage for abandoned babies and children in need in the Holy Land. The Sisters rely on the generosity of donors and do not receive any governmental funding. The Bethlehem Crèche has struggled over the years of the pandemic and now with the war.

Tickets can be purchased in the parish office. Tickets are \$100 a person with a cash bar.

INCOME TAX ENVELOPE

In your **2024** offertory envelope boxes, the last envelope is the income tax envelope. Should you require a tax receipt, please deposit the envelope (empty) in the collection basket. Please make sure to fill out your name and FULL address. We would appreciate it, if you would put a stamp on the envelope to help defray the cost of postage.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Francesca Mazzulla, Luigina De Simone, Vincenzo Pietroniro, Rosina Manna, Silvia Taddio whose funerals were celebrated during these past 2 weeks in our Church.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2025

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year holds special significance, as Ecclesial Communities across the Greater Toronto Area jointly commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. This provides a unique opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate our common faith as expressed in the Creed formulated at this historic council.

We invite you to join Bishop John A. Boissonneau, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, Northern Region, and distinguished Christian leaders from various traditions, as we pray together for the restoration of the full visible unity that Jesus Christ willed for His Church. This gathering is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. Sunday, January 19 4:00PM at North City Church 377 Woodbridge Avenue, Woodbridge.

NAVIGATING AI WITH FAITH AND WISDOM: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

In a world where artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping how we live, work, and interact, it's essential to understand its potential and challenges through a lens of faith and responsibility. This engaging session will provide you with:

A clear understanding of AI and its impact on our world. Insight into the skills needed to thrive in an AI-driven era.

Practical strategies to make wise choices about AI and technology in your life.

We'll also explore common misconceptions about AI, address ethical challenges and consider the Vatican's guidance on ensuring AI respects human dignity, community well-being and Catholic values. This interactive session is designed to equip you and your family with the tools to navigate AI confidently and faithfully, while remaining grounded in the principles of our faith. Whether you're a tech enthusiast, a cautious observer or somewhere in between, this session offers something valuable for everyone. Join us for an enlightening and faith-centred discussion on embracing the opportunities and challenges of AI responsibly. (Parents are welcome to bring children aged 13 and older.) Saturday, January 25 9:30AM -11:30AM at All Saints Church 1415 Royal York Road, Etobicoke register at <https://bit.ly/JAN25AI>

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT AT ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH

St. Margaret Mary Parish, 8500 Islington Ave., Woodbridge will host the Vatican approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit on Saturday, February 15 9:00AM -6:00PM & Sunday, February 16 8:00AM-2:00PM The exhibit, which was designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place. The exhibit's purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

For more information please CONTACT: St. Margaret Mary Parish Office PHONE: 905-851-2661 or visit their website <https://stmargmary.com/>

EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE

La festa dell'Epifania, l'ultima delle feste natalizie, che il consumismo in molte regioni ha ridotto ad una manifestazione esteriore, prendendo pretesto del regalo ai bambini, sia per noi motivo di riflessione sul senso della nostra presenza in questo mondo e in questo ambiente.

Brevi vesperti presi dalla lunga descrizione della futura gloria di Gerusalemme. Autore è il terzo Isaia, che scriveva dopo il ritorno dall'esilio di Babilonia. Gerusalemme appare come il centro del mondo e ad essa accorrono tutti i popoli: chiara allusione ai magi.

Per Paolo è un grande mistero l'intenzione di Dio di chiamare i pagani a formare un sol popolo con gli israeliti in Gesù Cristo, per mezzo dello Spirito Santo. Purtroppo, il giorno della unificazione del genere umano attorno a Cristo sembra allontanarsi e non avvicinarsi.

Muovendo da un imprecisato paese d'oriente, misteriosi personaggi, tra l'indifferenza di Gerusalemme e dei suoi abitanti, non si danno pace fin quando non trovano il Bambino. Racconto carico di significati. In evidenza il fatto che i lontani spesso sono più pronti dei vicini ad accogliere gli inviti di Dio.

CERTIFICATO DELLE TASSE

Nel pacchetto delle buste parrocchiali, c'è una busta speciale che si usa per il certificato delle tasse (è l'ultima busta nel pacchetto). Se volete ricevere il certificato, depositate questa busta (vuota) nella colletta. Se non vi dispiace, potete mettere un francobollo per aiutarci con le spese postali. Per favore, non dimenticate di includere il nome, indirizzo e numero delle buste sulla busta.

LE DONNE DELL'AZIONE CATTOLICA

Le Donne dell'Azione Cattolica di San Carlo Borromeo ospiteranno un brunch per una raccolta fondi per l'asilo nido di Betlemme, domenica 26 gennaio, 2025, presso il "Venu Event Centre" dalle 11:00 alle 15:00. Ci saranno lotterie e premi all'ingresso. Tutto il ricavato è a sostegno dell'asilo nido di Betlemme, gestito dalle Suore di San Vincenzo de' Paoli, un orfanotrofio per neonati abbandonati e bambini bisognosi in Terra Santa. Le suore contano sulla generosità dei donatori e non ricevono alcun finanziamento governativo. Il presepe di Betlemme ha lottato negli anni della pandemia e ora con la guerra.

I biglietti possono essere acquistati presso il nostro ufficio parrocchiale. I biglietti costano \$ 100 a persona, (non incluse le bevande).

Masses of the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:30PM Pro Populo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM Benito Ferrari

9:30AM Mass Association

11:00AM Angelo e Maria Azzoli, Rosario e Calogera Falzone, Piero Colacino

12:30 PM Vittoria Pezzo

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00AM Luigi e Marta Di Matteo

12:05PM Mass Association

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Luisa & Giovanni Celenza, John Mores & Santo Giordano

7:00 PM Francesco Diamante

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM Roberto Silverio

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00AM Defunti Iscritti Alle Messe Perpetue

12:05PM For the Intentions of the Donor, For the Tabaldo & Callo Families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00AM Maddalena Malavenida

12:05PM Mass Association

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:30PM Rosaria Mangiardi, Francesco Riga, Francesca Mazzulla

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH – DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 78 Clifton Rd. will have Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every first Wednesday of the Month. Beginning Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00PM. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are two significant expressions of Catholic spirituality, focusing on the love and mercy of Jesus and the compassion and purity of Mary.

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