

# EPIPHANY SUNDAY

For us who follow the Lord Jesus, Epiphany is when the divinity of Jesus is made manifest, when that divinity appears or when it is revealed. We often think of this Epiphany celebration in relationship to the Three Kings: Jesus being made manifest as God to kings or wise men who have come from far distant lands.

For us there is still the spiritual challenge: can we recognize this Savior of the Jewish people as our personal Savior and the Savior of all?

When we do recognize Jesus as our Savior, when we have that Epiphany in a personal way, we begin to rejoice because the Lord has come to us and we have recognized Him. Our lives begin to be transformed as we seek to live in relationship to the Lord that we now recognize as our Savior and the Savior of all.

Thus as we celebrate this great Solemnity of the Epiphany, we rejoice that God became man and lived among us. We rejoice because faith has allowed us to see the face of God. We rejoice because we are called to adore Him and be transformed by Him. Alleluia.



## Mass Intentions

Monday	Soul of <b>Kathleen Reid</b>
Tuesday	Souls of <b>Doris Jenkins, Ray Allan Romero, and Shannon Stephens</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>Keun Yong Lee</b>
Thursday	Soul of Departed Soul
Friday	Soul of <b>John Frederick Jack Wilson</b>

## OUR PATHS ARE ILLUMINED BY OUR DIVINE STAR

At times we can feel stuck with others and God, regarding our relationships as static or regressing rather than growing and we are not sure why. During such moments we often plea for some sort of guidance and we feel a wave of relief when whatever it is, is resolved. The clarity that we receive is something being revealed to us – a type of epiphany.

It is common to hear the word “epiphany” thrown around – it can be used to describe anything from someone declaring that they have some great insight about their future to something as simple as discovering a quicker route home. As with anything, the word can lose its meaning when constantly used. In any instance, we use the word to acknowledge that we have received some newfound clarity.

In the case of The Epiphany, which the Church celebrates this weekend, the three Magi received a sign that they were to go and worship the newborn Jesus. In that moment, God revealed Himself to the Magi in a very real way and they were never the same. This event that transpired some 2000 years ago means one very important thing for us: God is continually revealing Himself to us.

The reality of Epiphany gives us the privilege of seeking God, just as the Magi sought (and found!) Him so many years ago. Although most of us will never receive a bright star in the sky, we all have a Saviour who not only came to us as a baby, but from the beginning of His life chose to reveal Himself to all who choose to seek Him.

Part of the beauty in the story of the Magi is that they were forever changed because they chose to not only follow the path that had been set out for them, but they were willing to let the presence of God change them, and these promptings we receive from God are always made clearer when brought to God in prayer.

Everyday epiphanies are meant to remind us that God is working in a real way not only in our lives, but in our world. Just as the Magi travelled in a pack of three, we will find these everyday epiphanies with the companionship of others. God uses whatever He can to show us His will for our life, and this great feast of the Church is proof that the Christian life is often clearer when walked with other people.

The challenge for us is to go forward as the Magi did – not following a star, but choosing to seek and find God in every part of our lives. By actively searching out these everyday epiphanies, we will receive that clarity we so desire and let God’s light illumine our paths.

John Humphries.

**PRAYER REQUEST LINE**  
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## York Catholic District School Board Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins **January 8, 2015** in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, check the parish bulletin board or visit our website at

[www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions)

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON DROP

Will resume this Friday, January 12th.

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

*All are welcome*

## The Faces of Christ in the Book of Revelation

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

St. Augustine's Seminary

2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

Join us for a day to learn about "The Faces of Christ in the Book of Revelation." From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ambrosic Room. Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel followed by lunch.

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## WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Archdiocese of Toronto together with the Chaldean Catholic Community invites you to a special Mass on the occasion of the 104<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

**Sunday, January 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m.**

**Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral Parish**

**2 High Meadow Place, North York**

Homilist: Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. Refreshments to follow in parish hall.

## **MOSAIC INTERFAITH EVENT**

### **“A CARING VILLAGE”**

*Presentation by Clovis Grant, CEO of 360° kids*

**Sunday, January 14 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Temple Har Zion**

**7360 Bayview Ave.**

How can we as a community work together to wrap our arms around young people, particularly those most vulnerable, to help them achieve their full potential. Light refreshments will be served following the program

## **FROM JEW TO EVANGELICAL TO CATHOLIC NUN**

*The Life and Ministry of Mother Miriam of the Lamb  
of God (Rosalind Moss)*

*Blessed Trinity Church*

*3220 Bayview Ave., Toronto*

*Tuesday, January 16, 2018; 7:00-9:00 pm*

A video from EWTN Live highlights the story of Rosalind Moss, now Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God O.S.B. Raised as a Conservative Jew in New York, she became a Catholic teacher and evangelist. Sensing a vocation to the religious life, Mother Miriam became the foundress of an order of sisters: “Daughters of Mary, Mother of Israel’s Hope.” Her testimony will inspire and convince us of the Jewishness of the Gospel.