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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 *Livestream*

5:00 pm Leslie Mullally R.I.P.
- Bill & Kate Mullally

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 *Livestream*

9:00 am Caterina D'Elia Vaianisi R.I.P.
- D'Elia Family

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

No Public Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

No Public Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

No Public Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

No Public Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 *Livestream*

5:00 pm Thomas Aquino Cardozo R.I.P.
- Kathleen & Bill Mullally

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 *Livestream*

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Ben Culotta R.I.P.
- Jack & Bessie Culotta

During the lockdown, please join us every weekend for the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses as they will be livestreamed on Facebook. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses will also be livestreamed. You can watch the livestreams here: <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-the-Evangelist-Weston-101082665044541> or go to our website at stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org and click on the Facebook symbol. You do not require a Facebook account to view online.

Please call the parish office if you would like to pick up your **Sunday Offering envelopes for 2021**. We will get back to you as soon as possible to arrange a date and time for pickup.



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Eucharistic Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays will resume on Friday, January 8, 2021 and will be livestreamed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The Eucharistic Adoration begins with the Litany of the Sacred Heart, followed by the Rosary. You can watch the livestream on

YouTube by clicking on the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXUahTw6s4jhFaQXcYjSgaw>

If you would like to attend please call the office to reserve a spot. The reason we are livestreaming on YouTube is so that the School can also join us since they do not have access to Facebook.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

Have you considered using the *Pre-Authorized Giving Plan*? Through the Archdiocese of Toronto, St. John the Evangelist has established a *Pre-Authorized Giving Plan* (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of St. John the Evangelist Parish through your regular parish offerings (**this does not include special collections**). Advantages for the donor is the convenience of your offering being received automatically every month (to be withdrawn from your account on the 20th day of each month) and your continual support of your parish when you are away.

The parish office will issue tax receipts for all offertory gifts. To enroll, or for additional information, please call the parish office. You may stop PAG at any time by simply writing a letter or email us with 30 days notice or contact your financial institution to cancel.

Weekly Offering (Dec 20).....	\$4,181.05
Expenses (Dec 14 - Dec 20).....	\$2,394.88
Christmas Offering (Dec 25).....	\$4,625.35
Weekly Offering (Dec 27).....	\$3,345.00
Expenses (Dec 21 - Dec 27).....	\$1,267.58

Thank you for your contribution.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25, 2021)

The Annual Week of Prayer Service for the Greater Toronto Area will be held virtually on Sunday January 24, 2021 at 4.00 p.m. The link on Facebook is:

<https://www.facebook.com/agincourtcommunitychurch>.

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, the Sisters of Life and wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus for the Church. Our host this year is the Salvation Army. The homilist is David Wells (General Superintendent of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada).

The Making of a Jewish Nun

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A Virtual Event Hosted by the
Association for Hebrew Catholics

Raised in a conservative Jewish home in New York, Mother Miriam came to faith in Yeshua as Messiah after many years as a business executive. Then, later on, after being convinced of the “beauty, goodness and truth” of the Catholic Church, she came into full communion. Mother Miriam is a dynamic speaker, teacher, radio personality and writer who is now the founder of a religious order that promotes the faith in families and schools. In this evening she will share her amazing journey from Judaism to being a Jewish Catholic Nun. All are welcome. For more information on Mother Miriam, see: <https://bit.ly/MotherMiriam>. No registration is required but contact AHC Toronto for the Zoom link at: ahctoronto@gmail.com.

Sick: That they may be healed according to God’s will, especially Emma Darini & Barbara Pigliacelli.



Deceased: That they may be guided to eternal joy.

Pope’s January Evangelization Intention: *Human fraternity* - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. One principle episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

St. Leo the Great said that this revelation “came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.”

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky.

As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.

Summary

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord where we reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity. As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works.

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