

# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor

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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*



## Masses For The Week

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:00 pm Creglia & Molinari Families  
- Clara Creglia

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

9:00 am Intentions of Julia Creglia - Clara Creglia  
11:00 am The People of the Parish

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 pm Maria Nhiem Tran R.I.P.  
- Phuong Nguyen

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 am Leonara Carbonara R.I.P.  
- Ruscitto Family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 pm Jeremiah & Ivy Pumphrey R.I.P. &  
Deceased Members of the Family  
- Family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 am Dominic Tho Tran R.I.P. - Ngo Family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 pm Samy Vandaiyar R.I.P. - Ngo Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 am Vincenzo Cristello R.I.P.  
- Elizabeth Tavone  
11:00 am The People of the Parish



**Sick:** That all who are experiencing despair, pain and sickness may discover peace and healing, especially James Burch and Guiliana Della Rovere.

**Deceased:** That they may be guided to eternal joy, especially Rev. Rodolfo Imperial and Rev. Daniel Palillo.

**Pope's January Prayer Intention:** *For the right to an education* - Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## An Epiphany House Blessing

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

All make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: "Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Reader: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance:

+20 Christus Mansionem Benedicat 25+  
or +20 C M B 25+

These words mean. "May Christ bless this house" or you may use the names of the Magi

+20 Caspar Melchior Balthazar 25+  
or +20 C M B 25+

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Upcoming Building Fund Changes

For those parishioner who have been looking at our weekly offertory and expenses published most weeks, you will see that often times, we have far more expenses than revenue. Our revenue has actually dropped 16% over the last 10 years. As you know, the price of almost everything has gone up over those 10 years. We have also tried to cut expenses as much as we could. Most years, we have been at a deficit by the end of the year. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, our Building Fund has done well. Up to this point, the Building Fund has been strictly used for repairs and upgrades on the Church, rectory and property.

In consultation with our Finance Council, and with the approval of the Chancery, starting in January 2025, we will also use any new Building Fund monies collected to pay for utilities for the Church, and grounds keeping such as snow removal and lawn care. It is also important to keep the existing building fund money designated for the repair of the church since, in the future, there will be large expenses for major roof repairs and replacement of our 4 church/hall furnaces.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of the parish and your prayers.

Fr. Maderak

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**PARISH  
SUPPORT**

Weekly Offering (Dec 22) . . . . .	\$3,654.00
Expenses (Dec 16 - Dec 22) . . . . .	\$4,796.29
Christmas Offering (Dec 25) . . . . .	\$6,648.50
Weekly Offering (Dec 29) . . . . .	\$3,246.35
Expenses (Dec 23 - Dec 29) . . . . .	\$244.48

***Thank you for your contribution.***

Due to early printing of this bulletin, because of publisher's holiday schedule, offerings for New Year's Day will be printed in the January 12 bulletin.

## Catholic in Recovery

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

St. Roch's Parish

2889 Islington Ave., North York

Catholic in Recovery is a non-profit organization seeking to serve those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments (including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction).

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Contact: Catholic in Recovery

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Website: <https://www.catholicinrecovery.com>

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## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri



As part of Marriage Sunday 2025 celebrations, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025** at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Registration and other important information can be found at <https://www.archtoronto.org/marriage>.

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**Please note that next Sunday, January 12, we will have a Baptism during the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

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