

# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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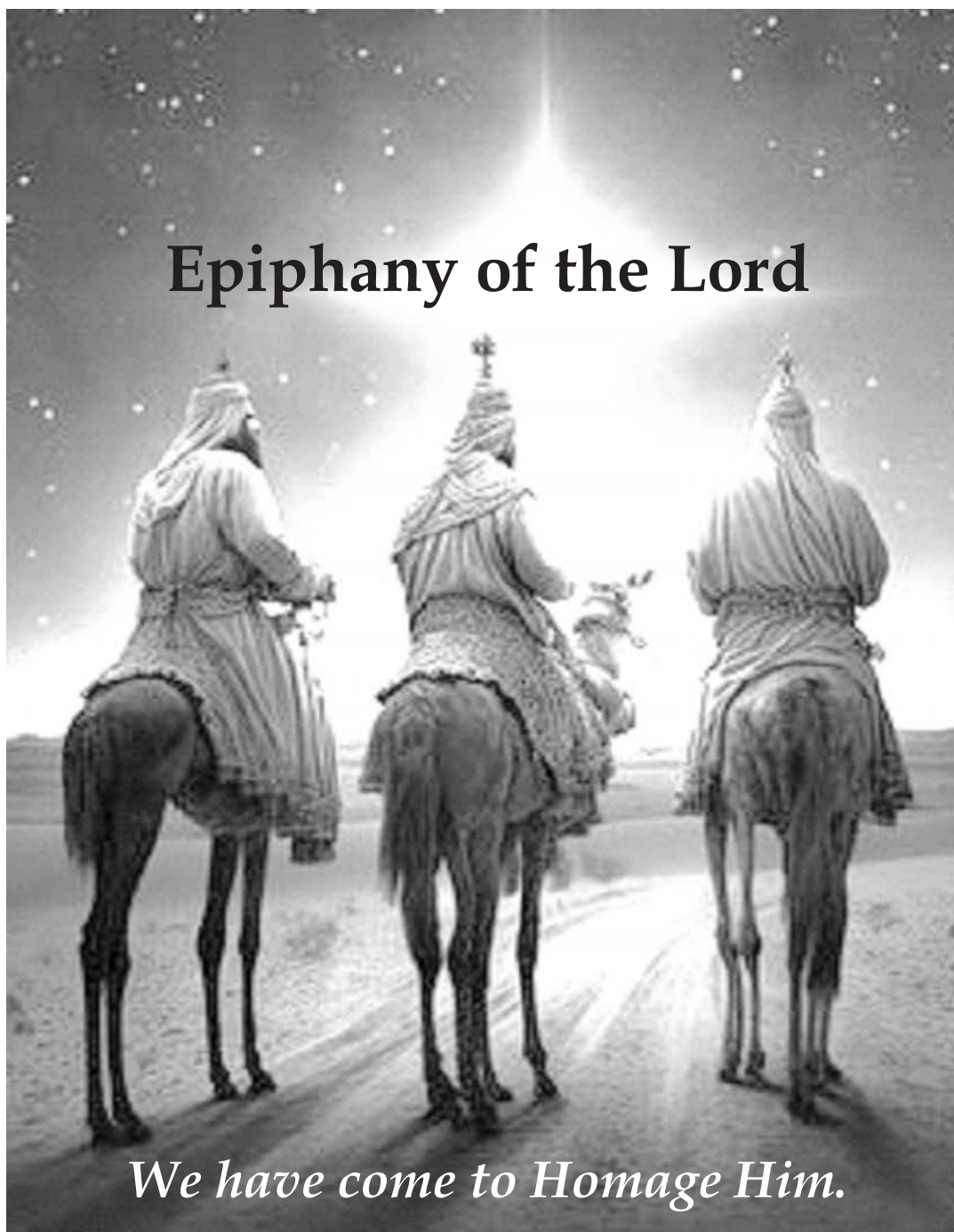
## Parish Staff

Rev. A. Maderak, Pastor

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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*



## Masses For The Week

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

5:00 pm Ellen & Vincent Proctor R.I.P. &  
Kitty Goodman R.I.P.  
- Martin & Kevin Proctor

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am The Abe Family - Charles & Prisca  
11:00 am The People of the Parish

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 pm Eric Mullaney R.I.P. - Sumandl Family

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 am Joann Kim R.I.P. - Phuong Nguyen

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 pm Vocations  
Robert McDonald R.I.P.  
- Swanek Family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 am Neftali & Sofia Cabeza R.I.P.  
- Cabeza Family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

5:00 pm Maria & Valentim Pereira R.I.P.  
- Pereira Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 am The People of the Parish  
11:00 am Elena Pupolin R.I.P.  
- Bill & Kathleen Mullally



**Sick:** That the sick may discover in their sufferings a manifestation of the Passion of Christ, especially Bill Bennett and Dora Cortese.

**Deceased:** That those who have died may share eternal glory.

**Pope's January Prayer Intention:** *For prayer with the Word of God* - Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## 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 26+  
or +20 C M B 26+

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

+20 Caspar Melchior Balthazar 26+  
or +20 C M B 26+

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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## Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026



Don't forget to pick up your Sunday Offertory envelopes for 2026 in the church foyer. If you used donation envelopes this year, there will be a box set for you with the same number. If you need assistance finding your box set of Sunday Offering envelopes please see staff at the counter. Please make sure you pick up only the box with your name on it.

**Please destroy any donation envelopes you may have from previous years.** Since donations are posted by envelope number, this will ensure that you receive the proper credit from your current envelope number for your income tax receipt.

Using envelopes allows us to know that you are a practicing member of St. John the Evangelist Parish. It is important that we have a way of knowing you when you request baptism, marriage or letters of reference.

As long as you paid income tax, using envelopes can be beneficial. Depending on the amount of income tax you paid and the amount you have contributed to charities, you may be eligible for up to 40% combined Federal and Provincial tax credit of the amount you gave to charities. Further information can be found at Canada Revenue Agency, <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>

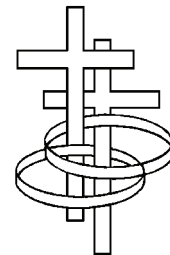
If you do not use Sunday Offering envelopes, and would like to begin, please see staff at the counter in the church foyer. Please write the name to be used for your tax receipt and full address on the first few envelopes that you use.



Due to early printing of the bulletins, because of the publisher's holiday schedule, offerings for December 28<sup>th</sup>, Christmas, and January 4<sup>th</sup> will be printed in our January 11<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

## Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop John Boissonneau February 8, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau 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 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026 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. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. 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 (<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>).

Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

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## Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026 Sunday, January 18, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

**Venue:** Runnymede United Church,  
432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

**Theme:** "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling"  
(Ephesians 4:4)

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

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