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

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### *The Epiphany of the Lord*



Today we celebrate another great feast of the Christmas season, the Epiphany or manifestation of the newborn Saviour to the wise men of the East who are representative of all the Gentile nations for whom the Son of God also became incarnate, indeed for the entire world. Christ is revealed as the Light for all people. Do we bring the Light of Christ to others as we should? The Person and mission of Christ were further manifested at His baptism and by His first miracle at Cana.



#### **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Income Tax Receipts for 2020 contributions to St. Dunstan's Church will be ready for pick up by the second week in February. If you have had a change of address and have not informed us of this, kindly let us know. We thank everyone who has given so generously throughout the past year, and hope for your continued support in 2021.

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION**

If you would like to have the "Sanctuary Vigil Candle" dedicated to a loved one, or a special intention, please call the parish office: 416-694-2811

The usual donation is \$20.00. The candle will burn for one week and the dedication will be placed in the bulletin (space permitting). If you have a special dedication date, be it a death anniversary etc. please book that date early so as not to be disappointed.

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Dear parishioners, we have an important request to help us serve you better. Whether you have been here at St. Dunstan's for 2 weeks, 2 years or even 42 years, if you identify St. Dunstan's your home parish, we ask that you kindly register. Those using Offertory Envelopes are of course registered and need not resubmit a registration, but we would like to know if you changed address or phone number also your e-mail address. Since this last lockdown we have been updating our e-mail data base. If you are already registered just send a simple e-mail to the parish office [stdunstan@rogers.com](mailto:stdunstan@rogers.com) to update your profile. Weekly we send out an informative e-Letter to all parishioners whose emails we have.



#### **PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY**

*Parishioners are encouraged to keep the Holy Father's intention in their daily prayers.*

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.



### **THE DATE OF EASTER**

In former times, when calendars were not available and most people could neither read nor write, the date of Easter was solemnly proclaimed at Mass on Epiphany. It was necessary to announce the date of Easter at the beginning of the year because many other liturgical celebrations depend on its date. Easter is the Christian Passover, celebrating our liberation from sin through the Paschal Mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is observed in the spring around the same time as the Jewish Passover which celebrates Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Since the fourth century, the Church has celebrated the Lord's Pasch on the Sunday following the first full moon of spring. Thus the date of Easter varies from year to year falling between March 22 and April 25. Although the dates of Easter and other feasts are now calculated and accessible years in advance, the traditional Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are commemorated each year.

#### **The following is the Proclamation for 2021:**

Know, dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour. On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fourth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the sixteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the twenty-third day of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

We still have a number of Offertory Envelopes that have not been picked up yet. Maybe you haven't had the chance, or people have moved and not informed us. ~ if you have not had the chance to pick up your 2021 Offertory Envelopes yet, please do so as soon as possible by calling the parish office to arrange a time when you are available. If you are unable to pick-up your envelopes due to mobility issues and would like for us to drop them off at your home please notify the office and we can arrange this for you.

#### **A GENTLE REMINDER**

While we are on the subject of Offertory Envelopes, we have been asked by the "Counters" if we would mention the following:

(a) Please do not use tape or staples on your Offertory Envelopes. (b) Also, please write clearly the amount of your donation on the envelope ~

To spare the counters that chore and because Jean, our secretary, records your donation from the information on empty envelopes. These things will help make counting go smoothly and ensure that accurate amounts are recorded, for Income Tax purposes. Thank you for your continued generosity and understanding.

### **POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH"**

**From Vatican News:** With the Apostolic Letter "*Patris Corde*" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope



Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in

the shadows. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" which started on December 8th, 2020 and will end on December 8th, 2021.

**Please note:** Masses will not be Live-streamed this week in order to give a break to those assisting us. Fr. Victor will continue to say private Masses for you.

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