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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*



### 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. 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.

### 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 2025:**

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 fifth day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the twentieth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the first day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the eighth day of June, the feast of Pentecost. On the twenty-second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On the thirtieth 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.

### JUBILEE 2025

Our Archbishop, Cardinal Leo recently wrote a letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese on the subject of the Jubilee. In that letter he wrote: "you may be aware that the Catholic Church worldwide will be celebrating a special Jubilee year in 2025. This has been a tradition dating back to the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII announced the first Jubilee, which is also referred to as a "Holy Year". The frequency has changed over time, with a Jubilee year originally celebrated every 100 years, later every 50 years and, more recently, every 25 years or at the request of the Holy Father. The Jubilee Year includes many celebrations within the city of Rome and also local initiatives in dioceses around the world. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee will be "**Pilgrims of Hope**". In the words of

Pope Francis: "*We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.*" The Holy Father will open the Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, with the official opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and continuing until January 6, 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Holy Door.



**RESOURCES FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR**

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced various resources for adults and children to help celebrate the Jubilee Year which can be accessed by visiting [www.archtoronto.org/jubilee](http://www.archtoronto.org/jubilee)  
 ~ for the Vatican Jubilee website go to <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en>

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES**

As in the past, the Archdiocese has identified various churches to serve as special pilgrimage destinations during the Holy Year. These are St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, the Martyrs Shrine in Midland, for the Central Region: St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto t. Mary's, Toronto and St. Edward the Confessor, in North York; for the Western Region: Our Lady of Sorrows, Etobicoke and St. Mary's, Brampton; for the Eastern Region: St. Barnabas, Scarborough and St. Gregory the Great, Oshawa, for the Northern Region: St. Padre Pio, Kleinburg and St. Mary's, Barrie. Further information regarding pilgrimage opportunities and information regarding indulgences for pilgrims will be forthcoming.

**FRIARS STUDENT WRITING CONTEST**

High school students aged 13-19 from Catholic Schools Boards in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event in anticipation of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by writing a 500 word essay on the 2025 theme "Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:26). Deadline for submission is January 13. Great prizes for the top three submissions. Students are encouraged to explore the resources at <https://bit.ly/3zOVHly> to gain insight into the meaning and purpose of the theme. They should also refer to the focus question available on the poster at <https://bit.ly/3XCGGgo> Entries are to be submitted at <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

Email [ecumenical@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenical@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 with any questions, or for more information.

**COMMUNICATION, INTIMACY, RELATIONSHIP**

Build a joyful marriage by learning the tools of healthy communication. . Retrouvaille, a Catholic-origin program, welcomes all couples to help get their relationship back on track. Join us on January 17-19 in Mississauga. Call 437-234-5610 or visit [torontoretrouvaille.com](http://torontoretrouvaille.com) or [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org)



**Masses For The Week**

Monday	6 January
9:00 a.m.	Repose of Joya Mary Pandry Req. by Baroi Family
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Tuesday	7 January
	<b>Saint Andre Bessette, religious</b>
9:00 a.m.	Repose of Otto & Justin Vignali Req. by Alba Vignali
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Wednesday	8 January
7:00 p.m.	Repose of Richard Sarabia Req. by St. Dunstan's School Staff
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Thursday	9 January
9:00 a.m.	Repose of Maria & Salvatore Vignali Req. by Alba Vignali
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Friday	10 January
	<i>Friday is a day of penitential observance</i>
9:00 a.m.	Repose of Amabile & Pietro Raggeri Req. by Alba Vignali
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Saturday	11 January
10:00 a.m.	Special Intention
	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>
5:00 p.m.	Special Intention
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Sunday	12 January
10:00 a.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00 noon	Repose of Eduardo Diogo Req. by Maria Diogo

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Children preparing for First Communion and candidates for Confirmation are reminded to see Father Jeff after Sunday Mass every week, to assure him of their presence.





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