

## **Immaculate Conception R.C. Church**

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## **Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church**

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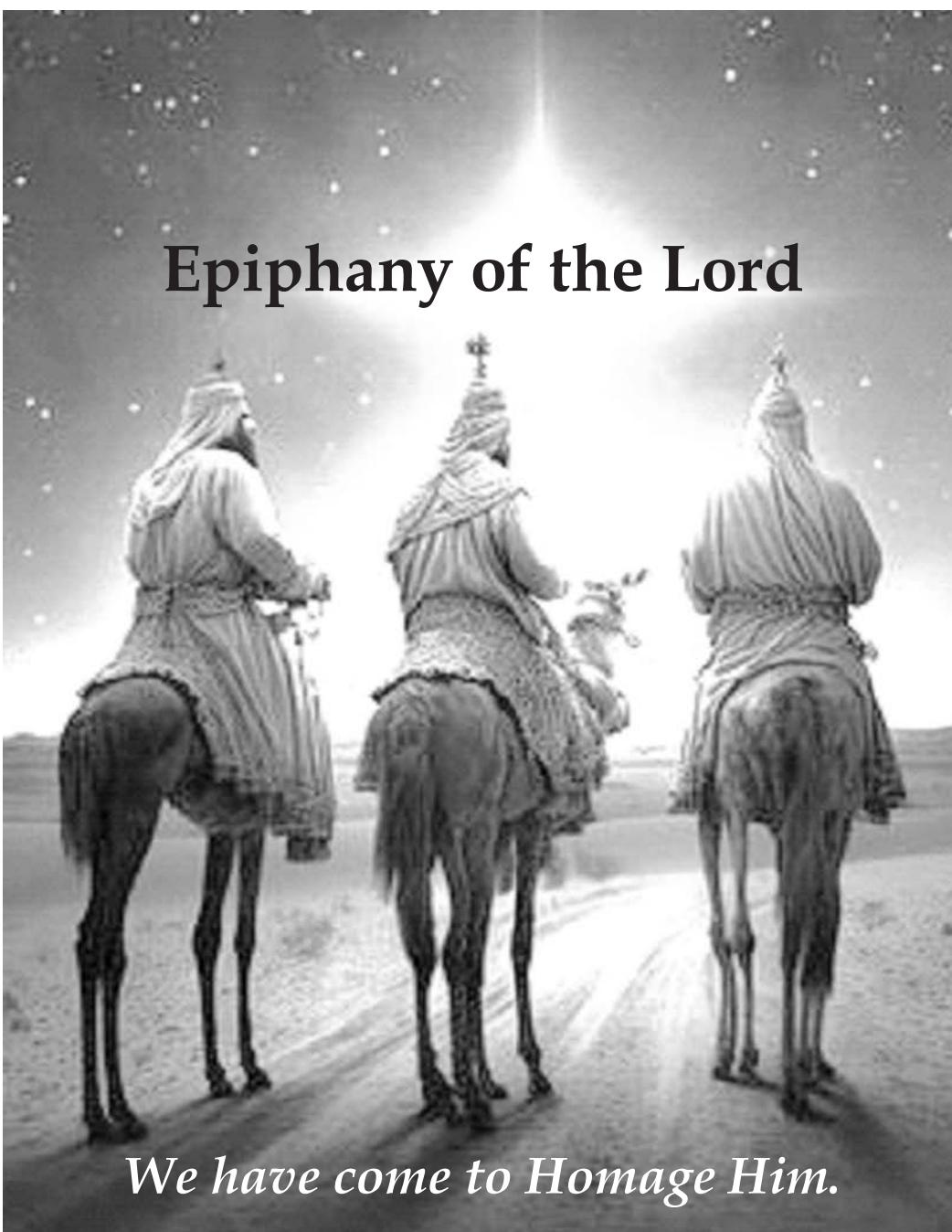
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## **Epiphany of the Lord**



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### SUTTON - MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues. Jan. 6	7:00pm: <b>special intentions for Maureen Crawford</b>
Wed. Jan. 7	8:30am: <b>for Christians to find the Truth</b> req. Kitty & Joe Vaessen
Sat. <b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>5:30pm: Parishioners (Pro Populo)</b>
Sun. <b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>8:30am: (Anonymous request)</b>



The sanctuary light in **Sutton** burns this week  
In loving memory of  
**Raymond & Bernadette**

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering **Mass intentions**.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life", the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not.

#### Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Light

Please call the Office if you would like to have a Mass offered (\$20) or Sanctuary Light lit (\$15).

**In Keswick, you can also personally light a special candle for Our Blessed Mother Mary and for St. Anthony (each \$8). Please contact the Office.**

#### Knitting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm in Keswick at the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to join, knit together and socialize.

#### Palm Leaves

Please bring palm leaves that were blessed on Passion Sundays in the past years to Church to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year. Thank you.



### KESWICK – MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Thurs. Jan. 8	7:00pm:
Fri. Jan. 9	8:30am:
Sat. <b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>4:00pm: in honour of St. Anthony</b>
Sun. <b>Jan. 11</b>	<b>10:30am: in memory of +Nishanth</b> req. Rohine Keerthapongalan

The sanctuary light in **Keswick** burns this week  
in loving memory of  
**Nishanth**

<b>Weekend Collection (Dec. 20/21)</b>	<b>\$3,491.05</b>
<b>Building Maintenance Fund (Dec. 20/21)</b>	<b>\$10,385.00</b>
<b>PAG December</b>	<b>\$3,660.12</b>

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Any parishioner who made a donation to the World Day of the Poor using tap and who requires a receipt, please call 437-601-7041 with the amount you donated, as well as your address or Parish envelope number and one will be issued to you by the end of January.

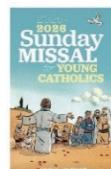
#### Coffee Sunday in Keswick

If you and your family would like the opportunity to help further our Parish connection, please consider hosting a Coffee Fellowship after the 10:30am Mass. Along with setting up the room for the occasion, you will be asked to provide cream, milk and some goodies, as well as preparing tea and coffee (this will be supplied by the Parish), and tidying up after. If you would like to volunteer, a sign-up sheet can be found at the entrance of the Church.

#### 2026 Sunday Missals for Young Catholics

We have received a donation of the 2026 Young Catholics Sunday Missals. They have been placed in the pews for use by young and old alike during the Sunday liturgy for Advent and 2026.

**Please do not remove them from the pews.**



## January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt.

Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship.

Frankincense is a symbol of His divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically, several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including His birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, His baptism by John, and His first miracle at Cana. *Loyola Press*

### **Plastic Milk Bags**

#### **for the Homeless in our Community**

Save your clean, three-litre milk bags to help homeless people and reduce plastic in landfill sites. We are asking all our parishioners to start collecting, cleaning and donating their plastic outer-shell milk bags to both our Churches. There will be bins provided and you can leave your milk bags (best folded) in the bins. They must be clean and dry to avoid mold. Drying Tip: Turn bags inside out – no wiping – air dry. They will be picked up once a month and then turned into mats that will be given to the homeless. It takes 500 bags to make one mat and many hours to complete. The mats are water-resistant and provide insulation from the cold and wet ground. Thank you for your support!

## Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00pm**

**Venue:** Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Road, 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.

### **Celebration of Marriage Mass**

**February 8, 2026 at 2:30pm**

**with Bishop John Boissonneau**

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 2:30pm 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. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage)



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"The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants for us." *St. Josephine Bakhita*

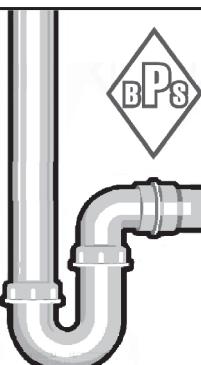
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