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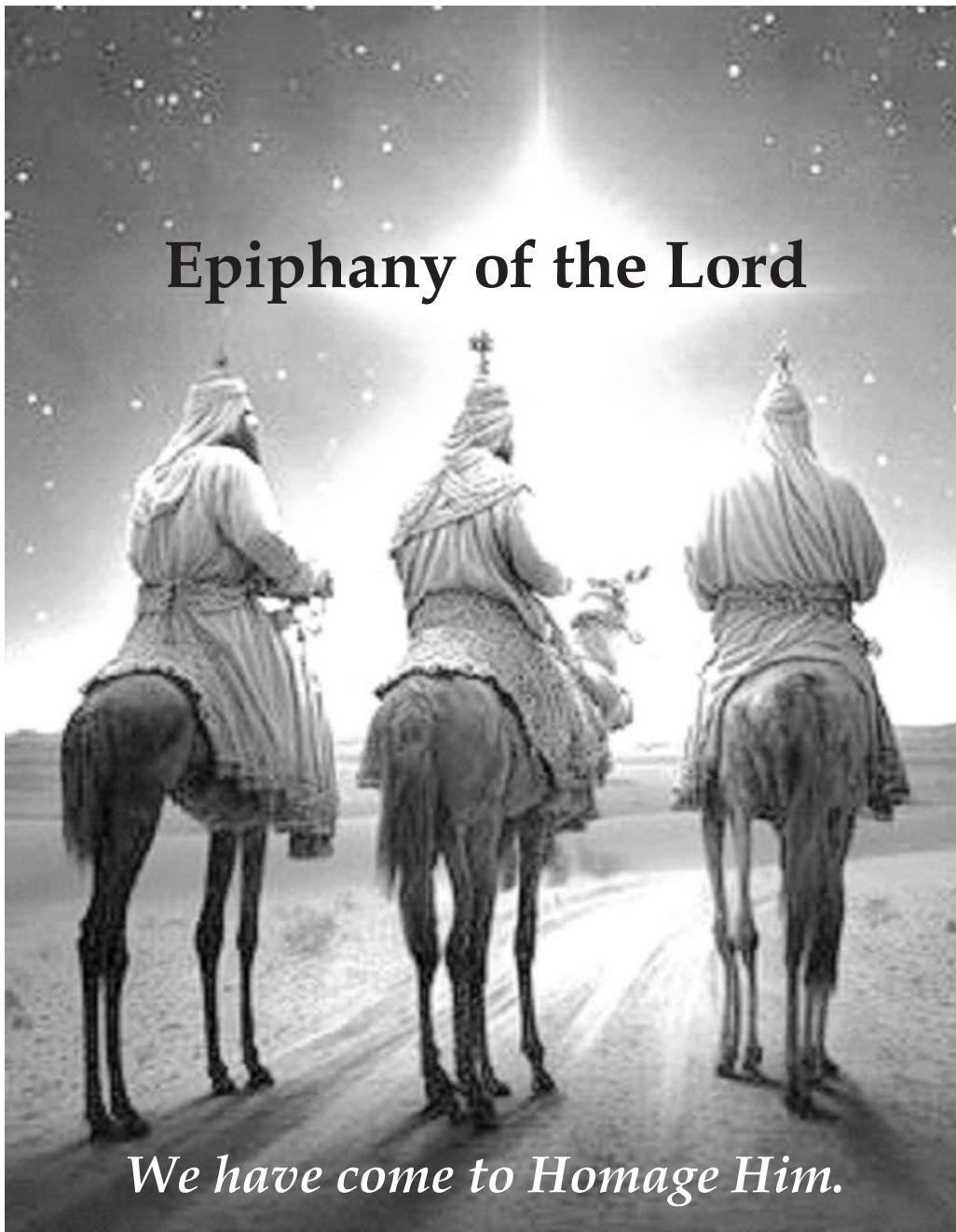
PARISH OFFICE

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Luis Calleja

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Monday, January 5th

8:30am Intentions of Danny Biscoe

Wednesday, January 7th

12:10pm Ints of Justin Gormley

Thursday, January 8th

8:30am + Severino Pulla, Basil Bell

Friday, January 9th

12:10pm Ints of Rose & Winston McIntosh

Saturday, January 10th

5:00pm + Avelino & Brizida Desousa

Sunday, January 11th

9:00am + Carmen Ciarlariello, Suliena
& Donato Romano

11:00am + Dorothy & Raymond McCabe

6:15pm For Our Parish Community



Thank you to all who helped prepare and serve during our Christmas Season celebrations:

- Msgr. Alfred Grima for celebrating Masses
- Our decorating team
- Our parish family volunteer caretakers, Our Altar society,
- Our musicians,
- Counters, Ushers, Sacristans, Children's Liturgy leaders, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers
- Teresa and Geoffrey in the office and Deacon Andrew and his wife Ava
- Our Outreach team who did great work assisting families leading up to Christmas

May God bless you all for your faith and generous service.

Wishing each of you a very Happy New Year!

Fr. Luis Calleja

2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally!

Metro Toronto Convention Center on March 14th!

Our theme this year is **No Greater Love**, drawing from John 15:13: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Join our powerful lineup of speakers for a day of encouragement, encounter, and empowerment. Tickets are on sale now at www.ljhr.ca! Invite a friend!

**ST. GREGORY'S PARISH, OSHAWA
YOUNG ADULT EVENTS (18-39years)**

Every first Saturday of the month, a social at 6:30 pm at St. Gregory's hall (190 Simcoe St N, Oshawa). Every Friday, play volleyball at 8 pm, following adoration and Mass at the church.

All Saints Nigerian Catholic chaplaincy at Holy Cross Parish, led by Fr. Peter Paul. Masses every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 2 pm

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is not currently in operation, so please hold back on any donations at this time.

VOCATIONS

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. email vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

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

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honor 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, Feb. 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.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prayer Service Sunday, January 18, 4 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.

CATHOLICISM Series Coming in January Registration Spaces Still Available

The 10 part series "Catholicism" is a visually compelling and engaging format. Both long time Catholics and new Catholics seeking to learn more will find the program deepens their understanding of the Church's essential teachings.

The series runs Thursdays, January 22nd to March 26th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. COME in person or attend via ZOOM. There is no cost to attend the series. The optional but highly recommended Study Guide is available for \$40. Please register after any weekend Mass or via the St. Gertrude's website. For more information, contact Beth Cook at bethcook905@outlook.com or 905-925-9871.

Come & See – Discernment Weekend Retreat – February 27 – March 1 St. Augustine's Seminary

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older. This Retreat offers a way for men to discern a possible call to priesthood at our seminary. Registration must be done online at www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee. For more information, please email vocations@archtoronto.org.

Missions Office Webpage

The webpage for the Archdiocesan Missions Office is now live. You can find it on the Archdiocese of Toronto website under Offices & Ministries – Pastoral Ministries – Office of Archdiocesan Missions. Over the coming months, the page will be updated and expanded to include information and news on the mission of the Universal Church and the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Bill C-9 - Action Still Required

While Parliament is on recess until the New Year, Catholics are still encouraged to reach out to their Member of Parliament regarding Bill C-9. For more details refer to Cardinal Leo's Dec. 5 statement: <https://bit.ly/CardinalLeoBillC9>. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

EPIPHANY

Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.

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