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

Mass Intentions



for the Week

- Jan. 5: 5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 Jan. 6: 8:30 a.m. Ursula Purvis Kelly
 10:00 a.m. Za zmarłych z rodziny Burzawa
 i Wojciechowskich
 11:30 a.m. Ernst Doebeli (9th anniversary)
 Jan. 7: 7:00 p.m. Za Tadeusza Zycha (13-tą rocz.),
 i za zmarłych z rodzin Zychów
 i Skoczylasów
 Jan. 8: 9:00 a.m. Michalina Gadzala
 Jan. 9: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 Jan.10: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
 Jan.11: 9:00 a.m. Emmanuel Lee
 Jan.12: 5:00 p.m. Gertrude and Lucjan Kocleyda
 Jan.13: 8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's
 10:00 a.m. Za Genowefę Chrobot
 11:30 a.m. Felix Rodrigues

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY: The word “Epiphany” comes from the Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation”. Today we honour the revelation Our Lord made of himself to the wise men, or magi, who, inspired by almighty God, came to worship him and gave him presents. Of the four evangelists, only St. Matthew relates the events described in today’s Gospel. He says some “wise men” came to Jesus. He does not name them, but by tradition, they have been known as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Their remains are believed to have been taken to Cologne, Germany, and are enshrined in the cathedral there. These were the first of the Gentiles, that is, the non-Jews, to come to see the King of the Jews. That is really the main point of today’s feast. Our Lord has come as Saviour of all peoples, of all nations, of whom the Magi were the first to come and worship Our Lord.

BLESSED CHALK ON THE SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY: Gold and frankincense was blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany in the 15th/16th centuries. Blessing of chalk was first introduced in the 18th century. This beautiful tradition is carried out in many countries, including Poland. The Blessed Chalk is used to inscribe the first letters of the names of the Magi and the current year (K+M+B 2019) on the front door of Catholic homes. Following Mass, a small

piece of chalk may be taken home and the following is said with family and friends gathered at the front door:

Leader: And the Word was made Flesh.
All: And dwelt among us.
Leader: May Christ dwell in our midst.
All: Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA: **Sunday, January 6,** at St. Michael’s Cathedral, with Cardinal Collins. Lectio Divina (“divine, or sacred, reading”) is the name given to a form of prayer which involves reading a short scripture passage, reflecting on it, and a short period of silence. This month’s theme: *Pentecost (Acts 1:21-2:13)*. We begin with Vespers (Evening Prayer) at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. All are welcome. The full schedule for 2018-2019 is available at archtoronto.org/lectio.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS for 2018 will be distributed or mailed in January.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2019: These have been placed on tables at the back of the Church, *in numerical order*. Blank boxes (with no names) for those who have not been using them this year are now available on the tables at the back.

TCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
 TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for Junior Kindergarten for September 2019. Children born in 2015 are eligible for kindergarten. Registration options: Online—Parents can complete their application online, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 16 at SOAR.tcdsb.org, and follow up with a visit to the school to present required documents. In-person: Parents can register at their local school, with required documents beginning January 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. TCDSB tel.: 416-222-8282, ext. 5314; tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration; email: commdept@tcdsb.org.

NEW ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS are for sale for **\$5.00** each from Fr. Koroway.

PERFUME IN CHURCH: Many people suffer from allergies or respiratory difficulties. Perfumes and other scents can be a challenge for them. Please try to avoid using perfumes or other scents in Church. Thank you!

Step by Step

God does not lead me year by year
 Nor even day by day;
 But step by step my path unfolds
 As He directs my way.
 Tomorrow's plans I do not know;
 I only know this hour.
 And Him who bids me walk each step
 Supported by His power.
 And I am glad that it is so
 Today's enough to bear.
 And when tomorrow comes, His grace
 Will far exceed my care.
 What need to worry then or fret?
 My Lord, who gave His Son,
 Holds all my moments in His hand
 And gives them one by one.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego

MĘDRCY W BETLEJEM. W święta Bożego Narodzenia cieszyliśmy się, że Bóg stał się człowiekiem i narodził się z Maryi Dziewicy w ubogiej stajni w Betlejem. W uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego serca nasze wypełnia radość, że Bóg objawił swego Syna wszystkim narodom, które oddały Mu pokłon w osobach Mędrców ze Wschodu. Spełniły się w ten sposób słowa psalmu: Uwielbią Pana wszystkie ludy ziemi.

Trzej Mędrcy ze Wschodu ujrzeli gwiazdę Boga Wcielonego, która wzbudziła w nich nadzieję zbawienia. Poszli za tą gwiazdą, a ona zaprowadziła ich do Betlejem. Tam zobaczyli Dziecię wraz z Matką Maryją, upadli na twarz i oddali Mu pokłon. Ofiarowali Mu też dary pełne zbawczej symboliki: złoto, kadzidło i mirrę.

Świętych Mędrców uważamy za ojców naszej wiary i śpiewamy na ich cześć najpiękniejsze kolędy. Ale czy

sama radość z powołania do zbawienia wystarczy? Mędrcy ze Wschodu przebyli długą drogę do Betlejem. Była ona pełna różnych doświadczeń i cierpień duchowych, jak znikanie gwiazdy, obojętność na przyjście Chrystusa, a nawet strach mieszkańców Jerozolimy z powodu Jego narodzin i nienawiść Heroda do nowo narodzonego Zbawiciela. Jednak podobnie jak droga krzyżowa wiedzie do zmartwychwstania, tak pełna doświadczeń droga Mędrców prowadzi do szczęścia z odnalezienia Chrystusa. [abp Stanisław Nowak]



POŚWIECENIE KREDY. Kredą oznaczamy drzwi na znak, że w naszym mieszkaniu przyjęliśmy Wcielonego Syna Bożego. Piszemy na drzwiach domu poświęconą kredą: K+M+B. Niech przypominają nam one imiona Mędrców: Kacpra, Melchiora i Baltazara, a także łacińskie życzenia „*Christus Mansionem Benedicat*” (Niech Chrystus błogosławi temu domowi). Módlmy się więc, aby Chrystus Pan w tym Nowym Roku zawsze przebywał między nami i aby wszyscy, którzy Go szukają, tak jak Mędrcy ze wschodu, znaleźli Go w naszej rodzinie.

K+M+B=2019

mówiąc przy tym:

Przewodniczący ceremonii:

A słowo stało się ciałem

Wszyscy: I mieszkało między nami

Przewodniczący ceremonii:

Niech Chrystus mieszka w naszych sercach i umysłach i niechaj każdy, kto Go szuka znajdzie Go między nami. Wszyscy: Amen.

Święty Michale Archaniele, wspomagaj nas w walce, a przeciw niegodziwości i zasadzkom złego ducha bądź naszą obroną. Oby go Bóg pogromić raczył, pokornie o to prosimy, a Ty, Wodzu niebieskich zastępów, szatana i inne duchy złe, które na zgubę dusz ludzkich po tym świecie krążą, mocą Bożą strąć do piekła. Amen.

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