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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Masses For The Week

- Jan. 4: 5:00 p.m. Ernst Doebeli (10th anniversary)
Jan. 5: 8:30 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Mark's
10:00 a.m. Za Andrzejka i Janinę Klejka
11:30 a.m. Deceased of the Burzawa and
Wojciechowski families
Jan. 6: 7:00 p.m. Za Tadeusza Zych i za rodzin
Zychów i Skoczylasów
Jan. 7: 9:00 a.m. Walter Papierz
Jan. 8: 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
Jan. 9: 9:00 a.m. Stanisław Madej (42nd anniversary)
Jan.10: 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving
Jan.11: 5:00 p.m. Lucia DaSilva
Jan.12: 8:30 a.m. Pavol Lassak
10:00 a.m. Za Gertrudę i Lucjana Kocleyda
11:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Mark's

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 2020) 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.

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.*

TCDSB KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. TCDSB looks forward to welcoming new students for Junior Kindergarten for September 2020. Children born in 2016 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 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call 416-222-8282, ext. 5314; or visit www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration.

AN EVENING AT THE SEMINARY: Monday,

January 27, 4:45 p.m. St. Augustine’s Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd. Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux, and a tour of the seminary. This event is for men in grade 12 and above. Registration is required. Office of Vocations, tel. 416-968-0997. vocations@archtoronto.org; www.vocationstoronto.ca

A HISTORY OF SACRED MUSIC: The Story of the Liturgy as Told by its Music. **Saturday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.** St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. Presenter: Fr. John-Mark Missio. Musical gems from antiquity to the present day have much to tell us about the Church's worship across the centuries. This seminar is an opportunity to listen to the music of different ages, with a brief commentary on each historical period. The overview provides some interesting insights into the use of music in Catholic worship. Enrolment is limited, pre-registration is required. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included. Cost: \$50, includes lunch. www.st.augustines.on.ca. Tel. 416-261-7207; layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org.

THE SOURCE WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE: **Thursday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.** St. Peters Church, 830 Bathurst St. Join the Sisters of Life for an evening of prayer and fellowship. From 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the main chapel, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music. Confessions will be available. From 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall. The Sisters of Life tel. 416-463-2722; toronto@sistersoflife.org.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in 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 kołedy. 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 przyjscie Chrystusa, a nawet strach mieszkańców Jeruzolimy 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 łańskie 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=2020

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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