



From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday, as part of the 12 days of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

What is the Epiphany?

Today, on the Epiphany or "Little Christmas," Jesus is manifested as the promised Messiah of Israel, God's Son, and the Saviour of the world. In particular it commemorates the adoration of the Christ-child by the Wise Men from the East, and to some lesser degree it is linked in our tradition to His baptism by John in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana, where He turned water into wine. Each of these events represents a first. Christ was only recently in the world and the Magi were the first of the Gentiles to adore Him and to recognize that salvation came through the Jews. The star manifested that He was the one they sought. Jesus' washing by John initiated His public ministry and was accompanied by a dove and a voice making manifest His identity, even inferring the Trinity. It was at Cana that Jesus performed His first miracle, one of many sacred signs that helped to verify who He was and His message.

The word "epiphany" means *appearance* or *manifestation*. This is the rationale for the selection of our first and second readings. It mentions a light that has come to Jerusalem and a caravan possessing the wealth of many nations, gold and incense, as fealty to the Lord. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians speaks of a revelation of the saving mystery, now granting pagans a share in their Jewish inheritance.

January 4th is Social Sunday.

Please join us in the parish center for refreshments after Mass

There are no Feed the Hungry Containers distributed in January



Junior/Senior Kindergarten School Registration

The Durham Catholic District School Board will be holding registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten in all Catholic schools in Durham Region during the week of January 12-16, 2009.

St. John the Evangelist 905-668-4011

- Wed. Jan. 14, 2009

St. Luke the Evangelist 905-665-5828

- Wed Jan. 14, 2009

St. Marguerite d'Youville 905-666-9301

- Mon. Jan. 12, 2009

CRITERIA:

1. Children registering for Junior Kindergarten must be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 2009.
2. Children registering for Senior Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2009.
3. To register your child, one or both parents/guardians must be Catholic and registered Separate School supporter(s).

Please note: Parents must bring proof of age in the form of a Baptismal Certificate and one of the following: Birth Certificate, Birth Registration or Passport. Parents are requested to bring available health records on immunization, allergies etc. To determine the location of your area school, please visit the Board Website at <http://locator.dcdsb.ca>

Durham Regional Catholic Women's League Regional Retreat

Guest Speaker: Archbishop Thomas Collins

Theme: Learn How To Pray

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2009

Location: St. Gertrude's Parish
690 King Street East, Oshawa, ON

Time: 8:45am

Tickets: \$10.00

Contact: Joan Atherfold (905) 571-7424

Limited seating, book early

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2008 – 2009

FIRST EUCHARIST

Grade 2

Registration: Jan. 8 /09

A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required to register
& \$12 for program expenses

CONFIRMATION

Grade 8

Sessions: Jan. 17-24-31

Feb. 7 & Jun. 5/09



Knights of Columbus

St. John the Evangelist Council

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 @ 8:00pm

Knights of Columbus Hall,
133 Brock St. N.

SUNDAY BUS GUIDES

A schedule is available for pickup in the folder located in the foyer.

The Liturgical Committee would like to thank the following 'elves' who helped make the Church especially beautiful this Christmas.

Matthew Lescisin, Amber Mahone, Patrick Williams, Celina Williams, Lynne Childerhouse, Sandie Kirby, Lorraine Atkins, Margaret Davidson, Christine Hannon, Anna Hannon, Vincent Cusma, Mitch Cusma, Aggie Sandrelli, Sharon Weslake, Gail Stewart and Vicki Morgan

Come and See Weekend February 6 to 8, 2009

Thinking about the priesthood? Wondering what it might be like? Then "Come and See" is for you! On February 6th to 8th, 2009 there will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to visit our Archdiocesan Seminary in Scarborough. This weekend will provide time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming a Catholic priest. If God is calling you, say yes...and Come and See.

Those interested are asked to speak with their Pastor or contact the Office of Vocations for further information at (416) 968-0997



Winter Warmth for Seniors

We are looking for mitts, hats and scarves for Seniors living



at Fairview Lodge that go on bus trip outings. Containers will be at the back of the church at all three Masses on January 3rd & 4th 2009 for your donations. Thank you from the Social Action Committee

FOUNDER OF COURAGE COMING TO TORONTO January 16-20, 2009

Father John F. Harvey, O.S.F.S., the founder of COURAGE, has provided leadership and guidance to hundreds of men and women who seek fellowship and who wish to live chaste lives in accordance with the Roman Catholic's teachings on same-sex attraction. He is the author of three books on the subject of Homosexuality and his most recent is Homosexuality and the Catholic Church, Clear answers to Difficult Questions.

"Why we need 'Courage'" The members of the local chapter of COURAGE, with their chaplain, Rev. Wm. Comerford C.Ss.R., would like to invite all who are interested to hear him speak to attend a meeting on Friday, January 16, 2009 at 7:00pm at Precious Blood Parish 1737 Lawrence Ave., E. Toronto.

"Positive aspects of Chastity" Father Harvey will also speak at an open meeting for the YOUTH on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 2:00pm at the same location sponsored by the youth group of Precious Blood Parish.

For more information please contact Father Comerford at 416-598-3269 www.CourageRC.org
couragetoronto@yahoo.ca

Toronto Serra Clubs

The Son of God is manifested to the world first through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Liborio (416) 968-0997
vocations@vocations.ca



Looking Ahead

Sun. Jan 4 – Social Sunday

7:00pm Senior Youth Group, PC main

Mon. Jan 5

7:30pm GSIC Associates, St. Joseph's Rm

7:30 – 9:00pm SVDP Meeting, PC #2

Thu. Jan 8

7:00pm First Eucharist Registration, in Church

7:30 – 9:00pm RCIA, PC#1

Fri. Jan 9

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat. Jan. 10

3:00 – 4:30pm Youth Choir rehearsal, PC main



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 3 - 5:00 pm

+Special Intention, req. by Gerard Morgan

Mon. Jan. 5 – 8:20am

+Vera Szikszay, req. by the Harlock Family

Wed. Jan 7 – 7:00pm

+Mary Bizeau, req. by Genny Parrott & Family

Thu. Jan. 8 - 8:20am

+Maria & Joseph Byers, req. by Their Estate

Fri. Jan 9 – 8:20am

+Giovanni Favit, req. by Maddalena Favit & Family

Sat. Jan. 10 – 5:00pm

+ Momong de Vega, req. by Rico & Didi de Vega & Family

12 Commandments for a Happy New Year

- Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.
- Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears.
- Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortune that befalls other people.
- You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you.
- Don't let your neighbour set your standards. Be yourself.
- Do the things you enjoy doing but stay out of debt.
- Never borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than real ones.
- Since hate poisons the soul, do not cherish jealousy. Avoid people who make you unhappy.
- Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.
- Don't hold postmortems. Don't spend your time brooding over sorrows and mistakes. Don't be one who never gets over things.
- Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.
- Keep busy at something. A busy person never has time to be unhappy.