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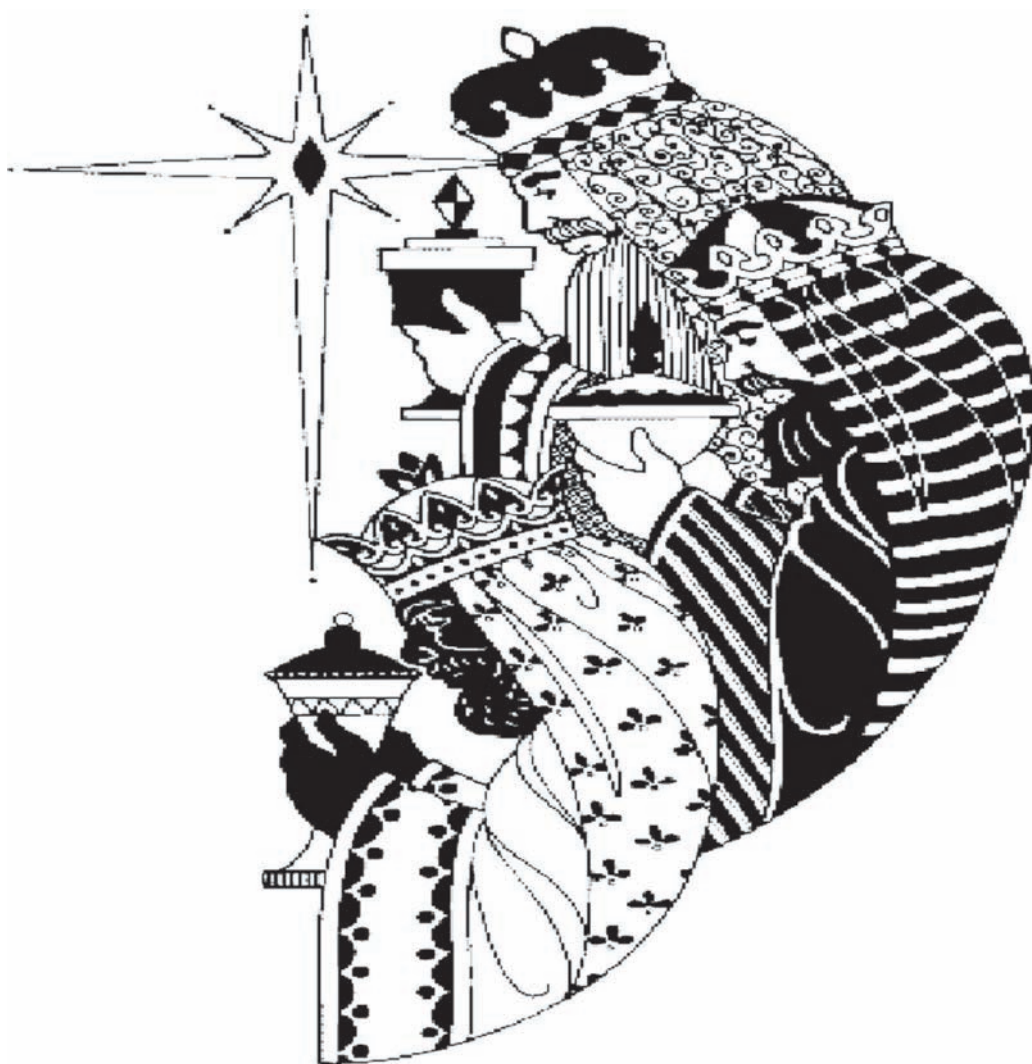
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
TUESDAY	JANUARY 4 - 12:10 P.M. <i>St. Elizabeth Seton</i>
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 5 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	JANUARY 6 - 12:10 P.M.
FRIDAY	JANUARY 7 - 7:00 P.M. Multiple Mass Intentions (up to 5 people) St. André Bessette
5:00 PM	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 8 - 5:00 P.M. St Raymond Penyafort
SUNDAY	JANUARY 9 The Baptism of the Lord
8:00AM	
9:30 AM	
12:00PM	



The journey of the wise men or magi is one of the favorite stories of the gospel. It's a story of the journey of life, of guidance on the way, of delight in finding faith and God, of the intrigue of a greedy and jealous king, and of the good beating the bad. We like the end of the story when the wise men outwitted Herod.

Please preregister for all weekday and Sunday Masses via Eventbrite (<https://stgregoryoshawa.eventbrite.ca>), or call Jacqui at the office during the week so to reserve your ticket for one person up to five persons in the same social bubble and avoid crowding at the door. A social bubble is a group of people, members of the same household, or people who are not keeping 6 feet physical distancing.

Thank You!

This year we had **10 families** in our Parish who needed help towards Christmas. I am so proud to say that because of your great generosity every single family received gifts and Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. Thank you to everyone!!

Jacqui

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, 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.



Together at Baptism

We welcome to our Parish the following who were recently baptized. May the Lord bless them and their families, and bring the moment of their Baptism alive each and every day.

**Evelyn D'Antimo
Sophie Houghton
Alessia Minichillo**

Please remember St. Gregory's Parish in your will.

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Kasun, CSB – February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Worth Noting

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

The next meeting and review sessions will be as follows:
First Holy Communion: Sunday January 9, 2022 in the Parish Hall.
Confirmation: Sunday January 16, 2022
Parents are welcome to stay if they wish.

Can You Help?

We are looking to make a team of volunteers to help with live streaming and also a Webmaster. If you would like to help, please call the Parish office.

Prayer Corner

Almighty God, we ask salvation for those who believe in you. Hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, that they may be restored to health. We pray especially for:

*The sick: Donald Stevens
For the recently departed: Andrew Smith*

Christmas Greetings and New Year Wishes

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, friends,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022!

We have been in a pandemic and we may be tired. But Christ has been born to us to give us a new life and in a way, a fresh start, and encourage us even at this time. May God give you good health of body and mind in the new year and always.

Thank you from my heart to all those who have been so supportive to each other in the life of our Parish. Thank you to Fr. Bob for 10 years of faithful service at St. Gregory's; thank you, Deacon David; a big thank you to our Parish secretary Jacqui. Thank you to our Finance Council. Thank you to all volunteers: those who decorated the church (Liz with family), those who keep the grounds in order, the lectors, our musicians'; ushers, our sacristan Paul, altar servers, people visiting the homebound, and counters. Thank you to different Parish groups that contribute in unique ways to the wellbeing of our Parish, Oshawa, and wider: thank you to the Catholic Women's League for their kind presence and support; thank you to the Knights of Columbus for helping with various repairs in the rectory; thank you to Third Order Franciscans for their spiritual contribution; thank you to St. Vincent de Paul Society who take care of the people in need; thank you to RCIA, First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation teams. Thank you to all individuals and families of our Parish; thank you to all with whom we work together so that we may worship the Lord well and collaborate with the Lord so as to come to Heaven. May God bless all who help in any way!

We are at the beginning of the new year and we ask God's blessing upon us and our families. Our true blessing is in Christ who is alive in His Church, despite the weakness of us the members of the Church. My desire and prayer for our Parish is that we may grow, develop, and flourish, so as to help every Parishioner reach Heaven, and each one of us may be witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ. May God bless our families and homes, our Parish, the Church, and the world, and, as Tiny Tim said in Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*, "God bless us every one!"

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Marijan

*Guide us, O God,
and protect us kindly now,
and at the hour of death. Amen*



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