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Epiphany of the Lord

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 2 January, 9:00 AM (Italian)

Pro Populo

Sunday, 2 January, 10:30 AM

Pro Populo

Sunday, 2 January, 12:00 PM

Pro Populo

Tuesday, 4 January, 9:00 AM

Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, 5 January, 7:00 PM

+ Rocky De Lorenzo

Thursday, 6 January, 9:00 AM

+ Davis Ahlowalia

Friday, 7 January, 7:00 PM

For all Parishioner

Saturday, 8 January, 9:00 AM

Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, 8 January, 5:00 PM

For all Parishioner

MASS REGISTRATION

If you would like to attend Mass, you MUST register (online at <https://stjw.eventbrite.ca/> or call the office at 905-660-1253).

There *may* be a limited number of spaces available for those who do not register but you would be required to wait outside until the registered have been seated before being allowed inside if extra spaces remain.

2022 MASS OFFERINGS

The office is now taking Mass Intentions for 2022. Please fill out a Mass Offering Form to request your mass intentions. Reminder: All Masses are multi-intentional. Suggested donation is \$20 per intention. Donations must be submitted when the request for the Mass(es) is made.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes begin Saturday 8 January at 10 a.m. All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory.

Class #1	8 January	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #2	15 January	10-11:30 a.m.
Class #3	22 January	10-11:30 a.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parents' Meeting #1

Saturday 8 January at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes begin Saturday 8 January at 3 p.m. All classes will be held in the hall located in the basement of the church. Attendance to all classes is mandatory.

Class #1	8 January	3-5 p.m.
Class #2	15 January	3-5 p.m.
Class #3	22 January	3-5 p.m.

REMINDER FOR PARENTS & SPONSORS

Parent/Sponsor's Meeting #1

Tuesday 15 February at 7:30 p.m.

Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts, help us to follow the light in the midst of our dark world. Fix our eyes and hearts on your light, that we might be bearers of that light to all those who walk in the dark. *Amen.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC FINANCIAL ADVISORS

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REFERENCE LETTERS FOR PROSPECTIVE CATHOLIC TEACHERS

Candidates who wish to apply for teaching positions in any of the province's Catholic School Boards will be asked, as part of their application package, to obtain a reference letter from their Parish Priest. If you - or your child - are currently in Teacher's College and intend to apply for a position in the future, kindly note that the candidate must be known to the pastor, be active in the parish (weekly Sunday Mass, involved in the life of the community through involvement in a ministry, etc.), before such a letter can be considered.

If you or your child is in Teacher's College away from home, the prospective candidate should get to know the Parish Priest where they attend Teacher's College and approach him for the required letter. It will not be enough to show up here at the last minute asking for a reference letter. Candidates who are unknown to the pastor because of a lack of active involvement at Mass and in the parish cannot be endorsed.

There are many wonderful ways we live our Catholic Faith, but the bare minimum - and the most important! - is to regularly participate at Holy Mass. Let us pray for our Catholic School teachers - past, present and future - that they experience the joy and holiness that comes from regularly adoring the Lord and receiving Him at Sunday Mass."

Reminder:

Next week's second collection is for the Building Maintenance Fund.

OPENNESS TO CHRIST'S WORDS: A PATH OF ENCOUNTER AND CONVERSION

Friday, 28 Jan - 7:00 p.m. - Sunday, 30 Jan - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre., Pickering
A silent Ignatian weekend retreat *for men*, with a focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses to contemplate some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process that followed as a result. Fundamental to this is the role of the Holy Spirit that allows people to open their hearts to the Divine Grace which transforms, restores and re-creates. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

REGISTER: <https://manresa-canada.ca/>

CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

PHONE: 905-839-2864

WITNESSING THE BEATITUDES AROUND US

Friday, 4 Feb - 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, 6 Feb - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering
A silent Ignatian weekend retreat *for women*. With so much animosity and tension all around us perhaps it would be good to be reminded of the gentle spirit of the Beatitudes. This will be a multisensory retreat looking at the Beatitudes through film, images and imaginative writing. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

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.

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