# St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Suresh Xavier, Pastor

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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.

#### Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM - For the intentions of St. Anne's Community

† Eufrecina & Timoteo Cabanes

10:00 AM - † Gill Dunn

12:00 PM - In Thanksgiving for Blessing-Allwyn & Jacintha

#### **Monday, January 8**

9:15 AM - † Louisa Siu

#### Tuesday, January 9

9:15 AM - † Phillip, Maureen & Terry Chan

† Daniel Pettit

† Teresa Cottreau

#### Wednesday, January 10

9:15 AM - Special Intention

#### Thursday, January 11

9:15 AM - Patrina Ali- Birthday Blessings

#### Friday, January 12

9:15 AM - † George and Ethel

7:00 PM - Special Intention

#### Saturday, January 13

9:15 AM - † Luis Miguel, Parents & Siblings

5:00 PM - † Tindaro Camuti



#### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

Alfred Emeribe- 90th Birthday

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2**

Alfred Emeribe-90th Birthday

SACRED HEART LAMP

**Special Intention** 

#### ST. ANNE LAMP

In memory of Teresa Cottreau

#### **DIVINE MERCY LAMP**

In memory of Daniel Pettit

# OFFERTORY LAMPS are

LAMPS are available to burn for your intention for one week for \$10.00 per candle. They burn from Sunday to Saturday. Please call the parish office to book your lamps.

#### JANUARY 7, 2024 – THE EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD



Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12 - The Visit of the Wise Men

#### **Becoming a Star**

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. This feast day invites us to reflect on the revelation of Christ to humanity.

One principle episode that the Epiphany celebrates is the visit of the Magi. The Magi represents the Gentiles and all nations coming to know and worship Christ.

St. Leo the Great said that this revelation "came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognise and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ."

As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that led the Magi to encounter Christ. The star, as spectacular as it was, did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed towards Christ. So too, when we perform acts of stewardship and charity, we should not take the glory or expect people to sing our praises. We should rather strive to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ who always sustains us in our good works. Moreover, the star stood out from the rest of the stars in the sky. As stewards, the joy of the Gospel should be our identifying characteristic. Therefore, let us strive to imitate that great star and joyfully point others to an encounter with Christ our Saviour.



#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE at ST. ANNE'S

COURSE DATES: (4 Sat.) – Jan. 13 to Feb. 3/24

TIME: 10:30am – 12:30pm REGISTER BY: January 10, 2024

FEES: \$200

For additional information, please contact the Parish Office during office hours or William Batres Franco at 647-567-2706



#### 2023/'24 SUNDAYS MISSALS - \$6 EA.

2023/'24 Sunday Missals are now available after all Sunday Masses from the Religious articles store or from the parish office for \$6ea.

#### POEM FOR THE NEW YEAR 2024 - "THE GLORY OF GOD"

Lo thy grace radiates the universe! With your divine word and power

We bow before your unconditional love.

For granting your mercy and forgiveness for deeds of the past

Awakening with the commendable promises for the future With insatiable spirit and hope for the days to come With the unending thirst for knowing the divine plan Never put us away from our hearts desire

The whole universe is amazed with your creative power.
With the beauty of world's design with the divine order
Nevertheless, the order is disordered with human selfishness.
For hunger for power, for wealth, and dehumanizing activities.

Still God loves the world to liberate from its evil.

To save, to recreate, to reconcile and to reunite with the Creator.

To thank thy blessing and graces of immense deeds

To lead us eternally to your glorious majesty

Sorrows and sadness, sickness, and misery your comfort be there. Health and wealth, happiness and joy never let pride take us away. Indeed, we admire your graciousness in letting us live our life. To recognize your mighty deeds in our world

We thank thee for the days of glory, goodness, and love.
To envelope us with your protection, care, and grace
To keep us going with the order of creative design
And may your will be done in our lives to love you, to serve you and to know you.

Written by Fr. Jobby M. Joseph

Happy New Year to all!



# FIVE PIN BOWLING AT BRAMPTON BOWLING CENTRE

The Knights of Columbus have organized an afternoon bowling event at Brampton Bowling Centre on Beech Street on Sunday, January 21st

starting at 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Cost will be \$15.00 per person which includes shoe rental. Family discount available.

For questions or more details, please contact Michael Gauthier at: 416-985-9999

# Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo – "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking the Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: <a href="https://www.archtoronto.org">www.archtoronto.org</a>.

## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT – JANUARY 13 (9am-6pm)

Divine Retreat Centre Toronto, 69 William St.

The Spiritual Renewal Retreat will be led by the Divine team on January 13th and 14th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Retreat will consist of Holy Mass, Praise and Worship, Confession, Spiritual talks and Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be provided and attendance on both days is mandatory. Prior registration is required with a fee of \$20 (plus service fees) and registration can be done through our website:

divineretreatcentretoronto.org.



#### VOCATIONS

The Son of God was first manifested to the world 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 that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.



#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

 Sunday, December 24
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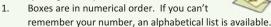
 Monday, December 25
 10,136.80

 Sunday, December 31
 6,728.15

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## 2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are

available for pick up from <a href="the lobby">the lobby</a> for those currently using envelopes!



- Please write your information for the first couple weeks in January
- 3. PLEASE DO NOT use any previous years' envelopes.

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