



On this day of the Feast of the Epiphany, we remember the Magi who guided by the star shining in the heavens, came to the house where Jesus rested in the arms of Mary, His Mother. They were blessed as they brought their gifts to that holy place.

"O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. Amen".

Easter Announcement

On the Feast of the Epiphany, it is customary to announce the Easter date for this year. The Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, April 8th. Other Holy days to note are Ash Wednesday – February 22nd, Pentecost – May 27th, and the 1st Sunday of Advent – December 2nd.

2012 Offering Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up your 2012 offering envelopes, they are still available at the parish office during office hours.

First Confession and Communion Candidates

If your child has been preparing for the Sacraments of Confession and First Communion, please note that there is a **practice for First Confession** at St. Clare's Church on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. **First Confessions** take place at St. Clare's on **Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.**

Practice for First Confession at St. Nicholas' will be on Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Confessions at St. Nicholas' the following Day, Tuesday, January 17th, at 7pm

Prayer & Reflection

Why not join us for an hour of prayer and reflection on Monday, January 9th. We will be gathering in the parish meeting room at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

New Beginnings

Do you know someone who has experienced the death of a spouse, a separation or divorce? If you or someone you know is searching for **hope and spiritual encouragement after such a loss**, join us for an informal gathering in the parish meeting room on **Tuesday, January 10th**, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Bingo & Refreshments

The 55+ Club will be enjoying a game of Bingo on Thursday, January 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All the young at heart are invited.

Meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

Anyone interested in finding out about the good works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or to become a member is asked to attend their next meeting on Monday, January 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the parish meeting room.



SPAGHETTI LUNCH

Join us for a traditional Italian Spaghetti lunch next **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th at 1:00 p.m.** Our menu includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, sausage, salad, wine, soft drinks, fruit, panettone, espresso & more. Tickets are \$20 per adults & \$10 children under 12, and are now available at the office. Please note that tickets will not be sold at the door and should be purchased in advance. Please call the office at 416-654-7087.

Journey Towards our Centenary Campaign

As we reach the conclusion of this year's Christmas Season, we are reminded of the beautiful 100 year old NATIVITY SCENE which has enriched our church décor this Christmas. Soon our parish will celebrate 100 years of worship, since its foundation on August 11, 1913. One of the activities in preparing for this celebration will be the publication of a booklet sharing Christmas experiences of the past. We invite families and parishioners to send us a story of "your Christmas past"... events, memoirs, photographs, etc., that speaks of the ways in which you and your families have celebrated Christmas in years past, either here at St. Clare's or elsewhere. Please send or bring them to the office before FEBRUARY 2. This publication will be one among various activities, events, celebrations, etc., that will mark our anniversary.

Parish Council Meeting

Our Parish Council was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 17th at 8:00 p.m. in our Meeting Room, **HOWEVER, due to the First Confessions taking place at St. Nicholas' that evening, our PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT ST. CLARE'S HAS BEEN MOVED TO THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19th, AT 8:00 p.m.**

Church & Sacristy Cleanup



If you can, please come and give us a hand to clean up our Church & Sacristy. We will be gathering at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21st, and lunch will be provided! We appreciate your help!

DONATE NOW

Be a Sign of Christ's Charity – "A work of charity speaks of God, it announces a hope and induces us to ask questions. Such works are born of the faith. They are works of the Church, expressions of her concern for those who suffer most." – *Pope Benedict XVI.*

The Archdiocese of Toronto is pleased to announce that as of December 1, 2011, you can support your parish or favourite charity of the Archdiocese by making a donation over the internet using your credit card. One way you can live your faith and give hope to people in need is by making an online gift. Go to www.archtoronto.org and click on the "DONATE NOW" to learn more.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 7

5:00 – Frank & Frances Pajk & deceased friends, relatives & benefactors of the family

Sunday, January 8

9:00 – Rosa, Caterina Laluck

10:30 – Carmine Perri, Nicolina Puopolo, Giuseppe Fortura, Claudio e Guido Spina, Rosa, Antonio e Sabina Caputo, Umberto Calabretta, Pasquale Palermo, Angelo Rumoro, Antonio e Salvatore Cappellano, Bruno Sibbio, Francesco, Giovanni e Antonio Fleres, Franceschina De Rose (1° anniv.)

12:00 – Pro Populo

Monday, January 9

9:00 – Luciano e Generosa Amato

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 – Nisht Asti

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 – Michele e Assuntina Urso

Thursday, January 12

9:00 – Giuseppe e Giuseppa Monteleone e defunti della famiglia

7:30 – Ada Stragapede († 1 yr. anniv.)

Friday, January 13

9:00 – Bernard Ferrari

7:00 – Pia Maria Grossi († 1 mo. anniv.)

Saturday, January 14

9:00 – Concetta Sassano († 1 mo. anniv.)

5:00 – Virginia Ricci e Giuseppina e Piero Brusatin

INCAMMINANDOCI VERSO IL CENTENNARIO

Il presepe allestito in parrocchia quest'anno, risale a 100 anni fa. Preparandoci al centenario della nostra parrocchia, invitiamo i parrocchiani a partecipare in una di tante attività che illumineranno il nostro cammino verso l'undici agosto 2013, data dell'anniversario. Vi chiediamo di inviarci racconti natalizi delle vostre famiglie degli scorsi anni. Questi verranno pubblicati in un libricino per l'anno prossimo – anno di preparazione al centenario. Vi chiediamo di inviarci i vostri scritti, se desiderate, con fotografie, ecc., entro il 2 febbraio prossimo. Sarà una bellissima iniziativa. Partecipate.

Buste delle Offerte per quest'anno

Adesso potete ritirare le vostre buste dall'ufficio in settimana.

Epifania del Signore

Secondo la meravigliosa pedagogia divina, il messaggio di Natale viene annunciato attraverso segni adatti a ciascuno: ai pastori attraverso una mangiatoia, ai magi attraverso una stella, ai teologi attraverso la Scrittura, ad Erode stesso attraverso tre saggi venuti dall'Oriente. Questi pagani rimangono per noi, la figura dell'immensa moltitudine umana, sradicata dal paradiso, che serba di quel lontano ricordo una segreta fame inappagata.

Annuncio Pasquale

Nella Festa dell'Epifania, la tradizione della Chiesa è di annunciare il giorno di Pasqua. La Resurrezione di Nostro Signore verrà celebrata domenica, 8 aprile. Altre Feste: Mercoledì delle Ceneri – 22 febbraio, Pentecoste – 27 maggio e la Prima Domenica d'Avvento – 2 dicembre.

INCONTRO BIBLICO



Il prossimo Incontro Biblico sarà lunedì, 9 gennaio alle 2:00 p.m. nella saletta delle adunanze. Iniziamo il nuovo anno deponendo l'enfasi sulla Parola di Dio, luce che illumina il nostro cammino.

Gruppo 55 e Più

Il Gruppo 55 anni e più si riunisce giovedì, 12 gennaio alle 9:30 a.m. nella Sala Parrocchiale per un gioco di Bingo. Chi fosse interessato(a), è benvenuto(a).



Spaghetтата

Domenica prossima, 15 Gennaio, avremo la Spaghetтата, all' 1:00 del pomeriggio nella nostra sala. Gusteremo spaghetti con polpette e salciccie, insalata, bevande, frutta, caffè e dolci. Il costo è \$20 a persona e \$10 per bambini. Non mancate. Notate che non ci saranno biglietti alla porta, quindi comprate i vostri biglietti appena possibile! Telefonateci, o visitateci in ufficio.

Consiglio Parrocchiale

Il Consiglio Parrocchiale si riunisce giovedì, 19 gennaio alle 8:00 p.m. nella Saletta delle Adunanze.



Pulizia Generale della Chiesa e Sagrestia

La prossima pulizia generale della chiesa e sagrestia avrà luogo sabato, 21 gennaio. Venite a darci una mano se potete. Ci riuniamo in chiesa per le 9:30 a.m. e poi ci fermiamo per un pò di pizza. Grazie!