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PARISH TEAM

Fr Paul Dobson Parish Priest

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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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 04 	
4:30 pm †	Jose Cupertino Andrade
SUN 05 	The Epiphany of The Lord
8:00 am †	José Araujo
9:30 am	<i>Pro Popolo</i>
11:00 am †	Joe Medeiros
12:30 pm †	George Fernandez
6:00 pm	Special Intention
MON 06 	
8:30 am †	Pires Mendonca
TUES 07 	St. André Bessette
8:30 am †	Albert Pecus
WED 08 	St. Raymond de Penyafort
8:30 am †	Jose De Medeiros
THUR 09 	
8:30 am †	Mark Riley David
FRI 10 	
8:30 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>
SAT 11 	
9:00 am	<i>Multiple Intentions Mass</i>

EPIPHANY

Some people refer to the Epiphany as a “Little Christmas”. Interestingly, however, it was for a long time a feast regarded as no less in rank than Christmas Day itself, and with an Octave of a higher rank even than that of Christmas.

Nowadays, sadly, it seems to be passed over and forgotten. Maybe this is either because its real meaning is not understood, or because the world is tired of Christmas celebrations, and wants only to get back quickly to “normal” life.

But what exactly is the Epiphany about? The Gospel of the Feast is the familiar account of the coming of the Magi to the infant Christ, and of their presentation of gifts to Him. Yet this is not the only event which is celebrated on this great day - the Eastern Church calls this feast the “Theophany”, the “Revelation of God”, which takes place in three stages: first to the Magi; secondly at Our Lord’s Baptism; thirdly, in Our Lord’s first miracle at Cana.

These three events are quite far apart in time, of course, but they all speak of the presence of God revealed in Christ’s humanity.

~ FR. PAUL DOBSON

Pilgrimage with Fr. Anish Alex - April 28 – May 11, 2025

Visit: Fatima, Avila, Valencia, Montserrat, Barcelona, Andorra, Lourdes and other locations. Toronto Departure.

See flyers at both entrances for information or email group@qstours.com or call 905-412-3355 / 1-800-565-3619

*** LOST & FOUND ***

Our Lost and Found box has accumulated numerous hats, gloves, scarves, veils and other articles of clothing. Please be sure to check the box in the sacristy if you might be missing anything.

YOUTH MINISTRIES AT ST. JOSEPH

LifeTeen: Grades 9-12 | Edge: Grades 6-8

Food, games, talks, small groups, prayer time
For more info or to register, email Megan, our Youth Minister at ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com
Follow us on Instagram @ym.stjosephmi to keep up with our schedule and events!

Deacon George’s **WALK-IN MINISTRY**
is suspended over Christmas until further notice.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY - Resumes

January 12 at the 11 am and 12:30 p Masses.

SMILE FOR THE WEEK

What do polite sheep say?

answer
After ewe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

To all those who volunteered their time and efforts to decorate the church for Christmas with flowers, the nativity scenes, trees and wreaths! The church was adorned beautifully to greet the Christ Child.

To our wonderful musicians and choirs who worked hard to make our celebrations especially joyful.

To those that prepare the Altar and vestments, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary ministers & ushers.

To all our ministries that work throughout the year in service to our community of faith.

To our parishioners for their many acts of kindness and gifts of generosity during the Christmas season and throughout the year.

~ Fr. Paul Dobson and Fr. Amish

COFFEE HOUR January 8TH 9:00 AM - *Frauds and Scams*

With Constable Ariel Reyes from the Peel Police department with an updated presentation on various scams and frauds to be aware of. Everyone is welcome and table offerings are always appreciated.

MINISTRIES

ST. JOSEPH LifeTeen - GROWING YOUNG RETREAT

We are going on retreat!!!

Join us for: **GROWING YOUNG** a LifeTeen overnight retreat focused on childlike faith and dependence on The Father.

Who: teens in grades 9-12

When: Friday, Jan 31-Sunday, Feb 2

Email Youth Minister Megan, ym.stjosephmi@gmail.com, for more details and to register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Vita Centre Donation Drive: In Support of Vita Centre, we are collecting baby items (formula, bottles, baby food, diapers, wipes and clothing). Please place items in the crib at the Church foyer. Please contact gk8661@ontariokofc.ca for monetary donations.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings every Wednesday in the Hall at 7 p.m.

Will resume from Wednesday, January 8, 2025

OUR FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES – 2025

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 7 p.m. – Hall

SAINT FAUSTINA AND THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

Wednesday, January 29 – 6.45 p.m. – Church

“HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS”

Saturday, April 5 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Hall

“LENTEN RETREAT” – Details to follow

Sunday, April 27 – 2.30 p.m. – Church

“FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY”

April 23 to May 28 – 6.30 p.m. – Hall

“GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR”

ALL ARE WELCOME!

AROUND THE ARCH

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2025 - February 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Bishop Ivan Camilleri will preside at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto) to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2025. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment and are welcome to attend. Register early to get reserved seating if celebrating a milestone anniversary (search Marriage Sunday at arch.toronto.org). All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>.

SPIRITUS WEST – Young Adult Ministry

Spiritus West is dedicated to gathering and forming Catholic men and women from across the region! Interested in meeting others on your faith journey, worshipping together and becoming formed by some of the greatest speakers around? For more information about upcoming events please contact Christopher Fraccaro at spirituswest@gmail.com.

YEAR OF JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES

These designated holy places of worship have been identified in each of the major regions of the archdiocese to serve as pilgrimage destinations during the Jubilee Year. The Archdiocesan site is St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, Toronto and for Western Region (our region) we have **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Etobicoke & St. Mary's Parish in Brampton**. Each region will host Masses & Celebrations to focus our attention on the Jubilee Year as a faith community and bring us together on a regional level. For Western region St. Mary's Parish in Brampton will host Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a reception on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

For more information, please refer to the letter to parishioners in last weeks' bulletin or find the letter at the church entrances.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED JANUARY 05 2025 PICK OF THE WEEK



Epiphany: The True Meaning of Christmas • 5m

What is Epiphany? Join Dr. Michael Barber to find out. This is part of a series called “The True Meaning of Christmas” on the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes.



STUDY: The Bible and The Virgin Mary

12 sessions of 20-30 minutes.

This series beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. Journey through Scripture reads the Bible from the heart of the Church, engaging both the Old and New Testaments and how they work together. It's grounded in history, yet actively engages topics faced by today's Catholic

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Register for free at formed.org with your email & Parish code **V9WRHN** (or search for St. Joseph Parish Mississauga)

EPIPHANY PRAYER

Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Savior was born.

Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door.

May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen

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