

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, January 4, 5:00 p.m. Mass. – Pro - Populo

Sunday, January 5, 9:30 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Soul of Cecil LeBreton by Jane LeBretton

11:00 a.m. Mass + For the repose of the Souls of Anna and Luca Nguyen by their daughter Anna Nguyen

Monday, 6, No Mass

Tuesday, 7, No Mass

Wednesday, January 8, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the personal Intentions of all Priests by Claire Kiruhira

Thursday, January 9, 8:30 a.m. Mass – Thanksgiving Mass for all Priests and their families by Claire Kiruhira

Friday, January 10, 8:30 a.m. Mass – For the Personal Intentions, Prayers and Blessings for Claire, Kato, Pedro and Wonder by Karine Langley

Saturday, January 11, 5:00 p.m. Mass - Pro - Populo

Sunday, January 12, 9:30 a.m. Mass – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

+ For the repose of the Souls of James, Genevieve and Brian Arden by Jane LeBreton

11:00 a.m. Mass + For Holy Souls in Purgatory by Karine Langley

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD REFLECTION: The story of the magi carries with it an extraordinary richness. In it the evangelist teaches us about the mission of the Son of God. Jesus is 'made manifest' (epiphany = manifestation) as Messiah not only for his own people, but for those who come 'from the east', for all the peoples of the earth. At the same time this is the Messiah heralded by the prophets. The Scriptures are fulfilled. This Messiah is born into danger, as the cruel tyrant, known to history as 'Herod the Great', is the first to threaten his life. The gift of myrrh alludes to the death he is to suffer. The presentation of gifts from the peoples of the world completes the Christmas scene. The magi represent the nations, but also the age-old quest among the peoples of the earth for true wisdom. This wisdom is found in Christ. What lies at the heart of the epiphany story? How is Matthew preparing us for later events in the gospel story? Let us rejoice with the peoples of the whole world that God's love has been revealed in the birth of Jesus. We pray for a growing solidarity with those all over the world who suffer.

Collection – December 29 and 30, 2024: Envelopes: \$1,055.00., Loose: \$371.70;
St. Vincent de Paul: \$235.00; Nigerian Community: \$500.00; Clergy Support: \$20.00; Christmas
Collection: \$531.25; Mass Intentions: \$127.00; Sale of Sunday Missal: \$50.00

Collection – December 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025: Envelopes: \$625.00., Loose:
\$359.55; Initial offering: \$20.00; Grand Totals for both collection: \$3,945.00.

THANK YOU: On behalf of Fr. Shroff, thank you for the many cards and gifts you so generously offered us for Christmas and the New Year. We also give thanks to all those in the liturgical ministries, behind the scenes and all in attendance, who brought a very real sense of joy and prayer to our Christmas celebrations. We would like to express our deepest Christmas and New Year's wishes to you and your loved ones. We hope that this Christmas Season was especially beautiful for you! Speaking of beauty, the celebration of Advent, Christmas Novena and Christmas here at the parish. There are so many to thank for this: Parishioners, our St. Vincent de Paul – Social Action team, Christmas Potluck team, sacristan, Altar servers, our choirs and musicians, also thanks to our lectors - Readers, Children's Liturgy Teachers, our ushers, our counters and anyone we may not have mentioned by name. Without these amazing people and their contributions, we could not ever imagine Christmas at St. Peter's. May the newborn Christ Child fill your hearts and homes with his Divine Peace! With immense gratitude!

Epiphany of our Lord Epiphany – What a perfect feast to start the new year with! The magi's story challenges us to begin the year on our feet, already walking the path of righteousness. We are given the gift of a mission, called to look up to God, following His star even when earthly authority stands in our way. We are reminded to carry our gifts faithfully, laying them at the feet of God, allowing Him to make full use of those gifts. Epiphany says to every heart, stand up from your apathy, look up to God, lift up your gifts and follow His path. What better recipe for a year could we find?

2025 NEW SUNDAY MISSALS: HAVE ARRIVED! And You are welcome to purchase a copy or more of the new Sunday missal at the parish office for \$8.00 each.

2025 COLLECTION BOXES ARE IN! Please pickup your 2025 collection box in the main entrance of the church. If you do not have a box of envelopes and would like one, please take a blank box and remember to record your name and box number on the sheet so you can receive an income tax receipt at the end of the year. Thank you!

SPIRITUAL BANQUET FOR JUBILEE YEAR: Get ready for the Jubilee Year 2025 with this series of spiritual reflections on Luke's Gospel at Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael Street North. Speaker: Bible scholar, Bishop Yvan Mathieu, Saturday, January 11, 10am-12pm.

EPIPHANY: "As pilgrims of faith, the Wise Men themselves became stars shining in the firmament of history and they show us the way. The saints are God's true constellations, which light up the nights of this world, serving as our guides. Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, told his faithful that they must shine like stars in the world. - Pope Benedict XVI.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?: Registering in your parish is an important first step to becoming an active member in the Church community. Registration brings with it tangible benefits that can help a person become more fully engaged in the Church! Please note that we do not share your registration information with anyone, and it is completely confidential.

The benefits include--Establishes evidence of presence; Provides proof of sacramental participation; Demonstrates community involvement; Demonstrates financial commitment; Empowers the Pastor to support you when recommendations are needed; and provides you with a tax receipt.

You are invited to fill out a parish registration form found on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Church. Please put the completed form into the collection basket during Offertory at Mass or drop off at the parish office. **WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S R.C.C.!**

The Jubilee Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.