

# St. Rose of Lima Parish

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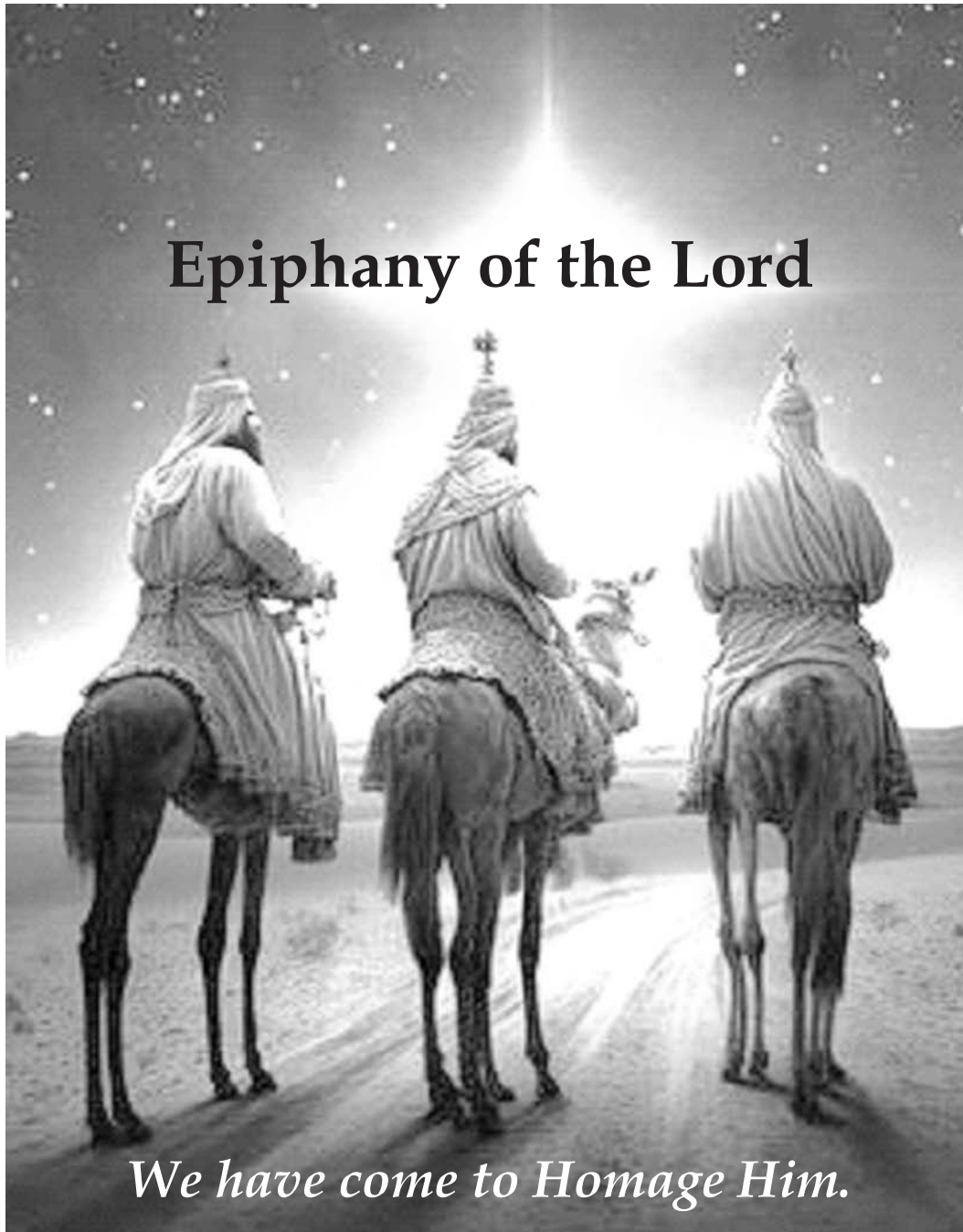
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## Epiphany of the Lord



*We have come to Homage Him.*

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



### Pastor's Corner

### Dear Parishioners,

As we begin another year, I wish all our parishioners a very Happy and peace-filled New Year 2026. As we thank the Lord for this joyful season and for the New Year, I wish to express my sincere thanks to so many in the Parish who make our parish community a vibrant and lively one. But before that, I once again thank Fr. Sojan and wish him well. And, on behalf of our Parish community, I welcome Fr. Martin Soosai, C.S.C., to be part of our Parish Pastoral team.

- Fr. Sojan, Fr. Martin and I are very grateful to many in the parish who expressed Christmas greetings and spoiled us with gifts of ALL kinds. As always, the support of the parish makes our pastoral work that much more meaningful and joyful. We pledge to do our best to serve the parish in this Jubilee Year.
- We are thankful for the great numbers who participated in our Christmas liturgies. So many Catholic Christians here in Scarborough and beyond, coming to 3216 Lawrence Avenue East, to recognize the power and the awe of our God who became human, is a strong sign that "faith" really does mean something and that our "faith" does sustain us in good times and in more difficult times.
- We have greatly appreciated the beautiful decorations in the body and the Sanctuary of the church; the care, time and skill in creating such Christmas beauty added greatly to our Christmas celebrations. Thanks much to the team of decorators.
- And a huge thanks to our music ministers. Christmas, liturgical worship, and music are absolutely connected! We are most fortunate here at St. Rose to have such dedicated and talented musicians and choir members.
- We want to sincerely appreciate all those who helped during the Christmas season: our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Gift Shop Maintainers, Office Staff, Volunteers of our Outreach ministries and many others.
- As we complete another calendar year, we are most grateful to the parish community for the ongoing financial support of the parish. The generosity of our members allows us to maintain the infrastructure of the building, offices and rectory and to sustain the pastoral work of the parish, including our outreach ministries. Since we are talking about finances, we also want to thank the members of our Parish Finance Council and our teams of Money Counters for their dedicated service.

*Fr. Vijai, CSC ~ Pastor*



**T**he story of the magi, the three wise men, who traveled from the East to pay homage to Jesus as the King of the Jews, is part of our Christmas tradition. The magi, after a detour to see King Herod, brought their most valuable possessions to lay at the feet of the newborn King.



We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers.

"Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."

*"Make sickness itself a Prayer" ~ St Francis de Sales*



### Mass Intentions for the week



#### SATURDAY (Vigil Mass), JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 P.M. + Blandina Cuares

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 A.M. - For All of Our Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Joelinda & Isiquiel Gomes-Thanksgiving

10:45 A.M. + Irene Anne Chou

12:30 P.M. - MMacandog & Family-Thanksgiving

4:30 P.M. - Vietnamese Mass

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. - D'Souza Family-Thanksgiving

7:00 P.M. + Basilisa Wong

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. - Ernie&LindaCaramancion-Thanksgiving

12:00 P.M. + Irene & Banez Baltezer

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. + Jacob&D'Souza Deceased Family

7:00 P.M. + Hannah Grace Cosme

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

##### Mary, the Mother of God

7:30 A.M. + Aurele Pilon

12:00 P.M. + Chibuike Uzowulu

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>

7:30 A.M. + Noe Distajo

7:00 P.M. + Estelita Pagunsan Garion

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 A.M. - Multiple Intentions

(The Names are Posted on the Bulletin Board)



*An offering made in memory of a deceased loved one.*

An acknowledgement for your donation will appear in the weekly bulletin but no tax receipt is issued.

*Below are the suggested donation amounts:*

Bread and Wine \$25

Sanctuary Lamp (Church) \$20

Lamps beside Exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel \$10/each

Oil for Altar Candles \$10

### Remembering Our Loved Ones



The Bread & Wine  
The Church Sanctuary Lamp and  
The Oil for Altar Candles  
were donated by the Chou Family in loving memory of Irene Anne Chou.





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### Friars Student Writing Contest 2026 (November 3, 2025, to January 12, 2026)

*Theme: "The gifts he gave were for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (cf. Eph 4:13)*

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to submit a 450-500-word essay and should consult the resources of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 at <https://bit.ly/WPCU2026>. Entries can be submitted at: <https://www.catholicregister.org/writingaward>.

For further information, please contact [ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org](mailto:ecumenicalandinterfaith@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527

### Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2026 Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, Toronto, ON M6S 2Y8

*Theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)*

Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.



### Marriage Sunday 2026 W/ Bishop John Boissonneau February 8, 2026 @ 2:30 p.m. St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica



During Marriage Sunday 2026, we will honor married couples, especially those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ anniversaries. All couples can renew their vows at the Mass.

Reserved seating for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ anniversaries in 2026 is limited; register early. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage).

There is a place called 'Heaven' where the unfinished good here is completed; and where the unwritten stories, and the unfulfilled hopes, are continued.  
We may laugh together yet. ~ J. R. R. Tolkien



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME IN PRAYER!

From Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm (after the 12:30 pm Sunday Mass) To Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm.  
VOCATION ADORATION HELD OVERNIGHT ON THE 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

Chapel Regular Hours are from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. Those who wish to spend time outside the regular hours (7:30 PM to 6:30 AM) are requested to contact the parish office to obtain an access code.



### Ways to Support Our Parish of St. Rose of Lima

#### Pre Authorized Giving (PAG)

When you participate in PAG, your offering will be withdrawn from your bank account around the 20th day of the month and deposited into the Parish's account. This ensures continuous support for our parish, even when you're away. You can cancel anytime. Please visit the parish office to enroll.



#### Tip Tap Pay

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#### Donate Now Button

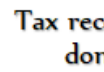
Located on the top right side of our [Parish Website](#), you can donate to the Parish Offertory and Building Fund either as a one-time gift or monthly. Direct your gift to St. Rose of Lima Parish and enter your credit card information.

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#### Donation Envelope

Please visit the parish office to get a donation box envelope.



Tax receipts will be issued for all registered donations within the calendar year.

Thank you for supporting Our Parish.  
May GOD bless You More!



### 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Parishioners are asked to pick up their 2026 Offertory Envelopes at the back of the Church.  
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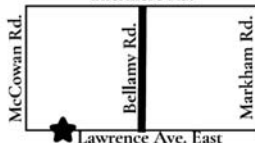
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