

Through the Incarnation, the generosity and mercy of God have finally appeared among us - in the life of one who is the very expression of the Father's greatness. And so, from earliest times the Church's Christmas celebration has made reference the Epiphany, or 'Manifestation' of the Lord - symbolised in the story of today's gospel, but also realised in a special way in the Lord's baptism, and in the 'first sign' he worked at the marriage in Cana. It comes as no surprise, when we hear it read, to find that today's first reading from Isaiah has a very ancient association with this festival: 'Arise, shine out Jerusalem. The nations come to your light and kings to your brightness.'



To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at [www.theemmausseries.com/epiphany.html](http://www.theemmausseries.com/epiphany.html)

**Happy New Year!**

The New Year begins the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. This year-long celebration will include many different parish activities, including pastoral and spiritual initiatives and the physical renovation to our parish building.

January will mark the conclusion of our parish campaign, Family of Faith. This historic fundraising initiative will provide our parish with the necessary blessings to restore and renew our church building to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our parishioners for the next 75 years.

In addition to addressing the needs of our parish, we have been presented with the opportunity to extend our blessings to our larger faith community. By joining the effort in cooperation with the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will see a stronger, more vibrant Catholic community throughout the Greater Toronto Area.

This is a very important time in our parish's history and we want to ensure every family has an opportunity to learn details of the plans and have an opportunity to receive answers to your questions. We will be hosting two opportunities this week to learn about this important effort.

**You're Invited!**

**Tuesday, January 6 or Thursday, January 8  
Parish Hall  
7:30pm**

At this meeting, Fr. Nino will outline our parish plans in detail and offer an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Your presence at this meeting and your investment in this parish will help us realize our goals for our Church.

We are most grateful for your commitment to Our Lady of Sorrows and your willingness to discuss our plans for the future. It is especially important at this pivotal time in our campaign to provide inspiration and encouragement to fellow parishioners. Please RSVP to the parish office at (416) 231-6016, ext. 20 or [capitalcampaign@sorrows.ca](mailto:capitalcampaign@sorrows.ca) by Monday, January 5.

If you are unable to attend our meetings, a campaign volunteer may follow-up with you directly; please welcome this contact. Thank you for your time and patience as we enter the final month of our campaign. Blessings to you and your family in 2015.

**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 God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Archdiocesan Vocations Director 416-968-0997 [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

PARISH

Matthew 2.1-12  
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6  
Isaiah 60.1-6  
Readings

**Mass Intentions This Week — January 5 to 11**

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ <b>Guido Dean</b>	Alice Dean
Tuesday, 9am	✠ <b>Rudolf Balazik</b>	Mom
Wednesday, 9am	✠ <b>Maria DeVittor</b>	Alice Dean
Thursday, 9am	✠ <b>Helen Briers</b>	Raymond Jalea & family
Friday, 9am	... <b>In Thanksgiving</b>	Linda Feliciano & family
Saturday, 9am	✠ <b>Zoe Corrente</b>	Mom
5:15pm	✠ <b>Concetta Pucci</b>	Mary Ann Hunwicks
Sunday, 8am	✠ <b>Joseph Salvatore Fusco</b>	The Barton family
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11am	✠ <b>Liam Hogan</b>	Yolanda Savino-Walsh
12:30pm	✠ <b>Mary Lepore</b>	Rena & Denis Guerard

**Rosary Group** stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are "a spiritual medicine... good for your heart, for your soul, for your whole life."

*Franciscus*

**Stretch & Flex** — all are welcome! — Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30pm in the parish hall

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

**"God Is Born"** — Celebrating Polish Christmas in Song — Jan. 4, 4pm @OLS

The OLS Chorale and Toronto Ecumenical Chorale join with the Novi Polish Choir and the Toronto Sinfonietta to present this annual Christmas concert celebrating Polish Christmas. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors. Free for children under 12. A portion of the proceeds will go to the OLS capital campaign, Restore, Renew, Rejoice! For more information and tickets, contact Gordon Mansell at 416-769-3893 or email [gdmansell@sympatico.ca](mailto:gdmansell@sympatico.ca)

**Christmas Benefit Concert in support of Ukraine** — Jan. 18, 3pm @OLS

Canadian Bandurist Capella is a forty member Ukrainian male choir accompanied by the unique harp like sound of the sixty-five string bandura. Colourful costumes, powerful voices and spectacular harmony are their trademark. For tickets (\$25/\$20) call 416-232-2514 or email [tickets@banduristy.com](mailto:tickets@banduristy.com) — visit [www.banduristy.com](http://www.banduristy.com) for more information.



**Attention OLS Youth** Are you ready to step up and serve?

Please consider joining our amazing community of young parishioners in their mission to serve at Sunday Mass. For more info, contact ministry coordinator Kristen Scanlan via email at [kristen@sorrows.ca](mailto:kristen@sorrows.ca) today!

**First Communion Catechetical Sessions** — Tues. Jan. 27, 7pm or Sun. Feb. 1, 2pm

These information and instructional sessions are for parents only. Parish catechists will lead parents in a brief reflection on the theology of Eucharist; staff will be present to distribute the 'We Share in the Eucharist' book for parent-child preparation.

**REMINDER** Confirmation Enrolment Weekend is January 24/25!

Candidates will present their promise form & letter of intent after a special homily.

COMMUNITY

**Neuroscience and Resilience** January 12, 7pm



New Beginnings and Catholic Family Services of Toronto invite you to this inspirational talk by James Shaughnessy, M.S.W., R.S.W., Psyn.D. Neuroscience teaches us that resilience is the capacity for our brain to adapt and bounce back after life-changing experiences. Come and learn how you can develop your own resiliency. Catholic Pastoral Centre, 4th Floor, 155 Yonge St., Toronto For more information please call 416-921-1163, ext. 2227.

**Regis College Windows on Theology Continuous Learning Series**

Maurice Denis was a devout Catholic, friend of Cézanne and Gauguin, visionary painter and revolutionary art theorist. He understood his vocation as a painter to be a prophetic and spiritual quest, a service to his contemporaries in search of new meaning in post-revolutionary France at the dawn of the 20th century. "Painting as Spiritual Quest: The Religious Art of Maurice Denis, 1884-1943", presented by Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, will trace the story of his development through his paintings, his theoretical writings and his spiritual journal. Along the way, we will take time to reflect together on our own spiritual questions in dialogue with his art. \$175 for eight sessions. Begins Jan. 14, 11am—1pm, Regis College, 100 Wellesley St. W. For info. & registration, call 416-922-5474, ext. 221 or visit [www.RegisCollege.ca/Windows\\_On\\_Theology](http://www.RegisCollege.ca/Windows_On_Theology)



**Regis College Film Series** — "The Hidden Roots of Love"

Regis College invites you to a series of evenings to help you deepen your spiritual life. Small group discussion led by John O'Brien, SJ. Begins January 14, 7—9pm and continues on Wednesdays for eight weeks. Free. For more information and to pre-register, please visit [www.RegisCollege.ca/Film](http://www.RegisCollege.ca/Film) or call the number above. Regis College is the Jesuit School of Theology at the University of Toronto.

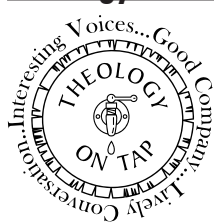
**Theology of the Body** four consecutive Wednesdays, begins Jan. 14, 7—9pm

Discover the master plan for your life, unfolding God's plan for human love, life, marriage and family. Scripturally-based teaching of St. John Paul II. Takes place at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga. More info or register by email at [TOB@bell.net](mailto:TOB@bell.net)

**Calling All Parents Of Kindergarten Students!**

The TCDSB invites all parents of kindergarten-age children to attend a free, two-part interactive parent fair. The fair will provide parents with advice and resources to help their children improve listening and understanding skills, speaking and literacy skills. Jan. 20 & Feb. 24, 5:30—7:30pm, St. Jane Frances Catholic School, 2745 Jane St. and Jan. 22 & Feb. 26, 5:30—7:30pm, St. Maria Goretti Catholic School, 21 Kenmark Blvd. Free child minding and refreshments. To register, call 416-222-8282, ext. 2261 or visit [www.tcdsb.org/parentfair](http://www.tcdsb.org/parentfair)

**Theology On Tap East** — New Evangelization: Pope Francis Style



The Office of Catholic Youth, Faith Connections, and your local parishes invite young adults (19-39) to join us for an evening of thought-provoking theological discussion in a relaxed setting, with special guests: Cheridan Sanders & Sebastian Gomes from Salt & Light Catholic Media. Cheridan and Sebastian will speak about Pope Francis' style of evangelizing "go and make a mess" and will dissect important themes from his apostolic exhortation: "Evangelii Gaudium — The Gospel of Joy." Munchies provided. Cash bar. Come and bring a friend or three! RSVP appreciated. Theology on Tap East is on Twitter. Use #ToTEast to join the conversation. For more information, contact us at 416-599-7676, [youth@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youth@ocytoronto.org) or visit [www.ocytoronto.org](http://www.ocytoronto.org) or [www.faithconnections.ca](http://www.faithconnections.ca)

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