



It's Epiphany, the day when the Magi arrived at the manger and went back to their homes again to reveal what they had seen. We can imagine what might have motivated these important persons to leave the comforts of their homes and countries to follow the star. How grateful We should be that they did just that!

In today's Gospel we see that Herod has an entirely different motivation. He is greatly troubled by news of the child and feels his position may be in danger. Rather than wanting to reveal the Lord's presence he would like to get rid of it. He pretended to the magi that he also wanted to pay homage. Fortunately the magi heard the message of danger and returned to their country by another route.

As God's people, we are called to make known what we find in the manger. Our second reading this weekend makes that a little difficult. The good Jews heard the news that the Gentiles, the ones they disliked and mistrusted, were to become coheirs and members of the same body. Already people were understanding that God wanted them to love God, but also to love one another.

Our house is to be God's house. When we leave Church on Sundays we are called to go home and "make known" what we have heard, seen and received. We are to reveal the very presence of God to our family members. When we leave our houses, we are to take the presence of the Lord with us and be reflections of God to our co-workers, friends at school and all we meet through the week.

The traditional names of the Magi or Kings were Balthasar, Melchior and Caspar. We too are called to reveal the Lords presence as the Magi did two thousand years ago.. We can ask God in our own words to bless us and our families, to remind us that our house is also God's house, and that when we leave we take God's presence with us. We strive to make known the presence of the Lord by the way we live our lives.

We would like to thank everyone for the gifts and good wishes during their Christmas season. Your kindness and generosity is overwhelming. May God bless you all.

Fr. Xavier
and
Fr. Michael

We are so grateful for your donation in support of the extraordinary women and kids at the North York Women's Shelter. Our shelter is truly a place where women come to find hope and gain the practical tools they will need to make a safe return to our community.

Thank you for joining us in supporting these extraordinary women. What a difference you have made.

Charlene Catchpole
Executive Director
The North York Women's Shelter

"God chose us before the world began to be holy."

God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Fr. Liborio Amaral 416-968-0997 or email www.vocations@vocations.ca

FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto invite you to ...FAITH CONNECTIONS' THEOLOGY ON TAP. A thought-provoking social evening for young adults (19-39 yrs) where a speaker provides opportunity for discussion. Monday, January 14, 2008
Francesca Scorsone, M.A., Chaplain at All Saints Secondary School. Laity in a Changing Church.
Monday, February 11, 2008
Rob Allore, SJ, Ph.D., Research Geneticist and Theologian. 'God Delusions', Evolution and the Believer.
Duke of York Pub 39 Prince Arthur Ave. (North of Bloor St. W., corner of Bedford) 7:00-9:00 p.m. * Munchies Provided * Cash Bar * Come and Bring a Friend !For more information contact: Vanessa Nicholas, Assistant Director, faithconnections@csj-to.ca 416-222-1426



**VALENTINES DAY
DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9
6:30 PM
ST. NORBERT'S HALL**

Tickets will be sold after all masses on Saturday January 19th and Sunday January 20th in the Parish Hall

**IMPORTANT DATES
AND MEETINGS**

SATURDAY JANUARY 5

9:00 AM
Seniors Mass
Anointing of The Sick
10:00 AM
Seniors Breakfast

THURSDAY JANUARY 10

7:30 PM
Baptismal Preparation
Parent Seminar

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16

7:30 PM
First Reconciliation
Parent Evening

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30

7:30 PM
First Reconciliation

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2

10:00 AM
JP2 Pancake Breakfast

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

6:30 PM
Valentines Dinner Dance
Parish Hall

**St. Augustine of Canterbury -
World Youth Day 2008 Pilgrimage
- Sydney, AUSTRALIA**

Last chance to register!!!
- 20 Days trip (Sydney, Australia & California Missions)
- \$2,800.00 CAN (includes flights, meals, accommodations & WYD registration)
- Down payment (\$ 500.00) deadline Thursday, December 27, 2007 at 8:30 p.m.

For information & registratio please contact St. Augustine of Canterbury Church - 80 Shoreham Drive
Tel 416-661-8221, Fax 416-661-8231, email staug2000@rogers.com.

**INTENTIONS
January 8 - 13**

TUESDAY JANUARY 8

7:00 PM
Intention available

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9

8:00 AM
+Maria Pina & Fernando Carinci

THURSDAY JANUARY 10

8:00 AM
Intention available

FRIDAY JANUARY 11

8:00 AM
+Domenico & Anna Moscato

SATURDAY JANUARY 12

5:00 PM
+Giuseppe Gullusci

SUNDAY JANUARY 13

7:45 AM
+Sebastiano Roselli

9:00 AM
+Salvatore Bucci

10:30 AM
Intention available

12:00 PM
Intention available

Vogliamo ringraziare tutti per i regali ed i desideri buoni durante Natale. La sua gentilezza e la generosità sopraffa.

Dio vi benedice.

**Padre Saverio
Padre Michele**

Siamo così grati per la sua donazione a favore delle donne straordinari e per i bambini al Riparo delle Donne di Nord York. Il nostro riparo è veramente un luogo dove le donne vengono trovare la speranza e guadagna gli attrezzi pratici che dovranno fare un ritorno sicuro alla nostra comunità. Vi ringraziamo per la differenza che voi, tutti avete fatti.

Catchpole Charlene
Il Direttore Esecutivo di Il Riparo delle Donne di Nord York



**SAN VALENTINO
cena e balla
Sabato 9 febbraio
6:30 PM
Sala della chiesa di San Norberto**

Festa organizzata da
St. Norbert's Social Committee

Una serata di cibo, divertimento, e comunità!

I biglietti saranno venduti 19 & 20 Gennaio dopo tutti le messe



EPIFANIA DEL SIGNORE

Una stella ha guidato i Magi fino a Betlemme perché là scoprissero "il re dei Giudei che è nato" e lo adorassero.

Matteo aggiunge nel suo Vangelo: "Entrati nella casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, e prostratisi lo adorarono".

Il viaggio dall'Oriente, la ricerca, la stella apparsa ai Magi, la vista del Salvatore e la sua adorazione costituiscono le tappe che i popoli e gli individui dovevano percorrere nel loro andare incontro al Salvatore del mondo. La luce e il suo richiamo non sono cose passate, poiché ad esse si richiama la storia della fede di ognuno di noi.

Perché potessero provare la gioia del vedere Cristo, dell'adorarlo e dell'offrirgli i loro doni, i Magi sono passati per situazioni in cui hanno dovuto sempre chiedere, sempre seguire il segno inviato loro da Dio.

La fermezza, la costanza, soprattutto nella fede, è impossibile senza sacrifici, ma è proprio da qui che nasce la gioia indicibile della contemplazione di Dio che si rivela a noi, così come la gioia di dare o di darsi a Dio. "Al vedere la stella, essi provarono una grandissima gioia".

Noi possiamo vedere la stella nella dottrina e nei sacramenti della Chiesa, nei segni dei tempi, nelle parole sagge e nei buoni consigli che, insieme, costituiscono la risposta alle nostre domande sulla salvezza e sul Salvatore. Ralleghiamoci, anche noi, per il fatto che Dio, vegliando sempre, nella sua misericordia, su chi cammina guidato da una stella ci rivela in tanti modi la vera luce, il Cristo, il Re Salvatore.