



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For the week of Sunday 28 December 2025*

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME



Father Hannam requests that all cases  
of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.

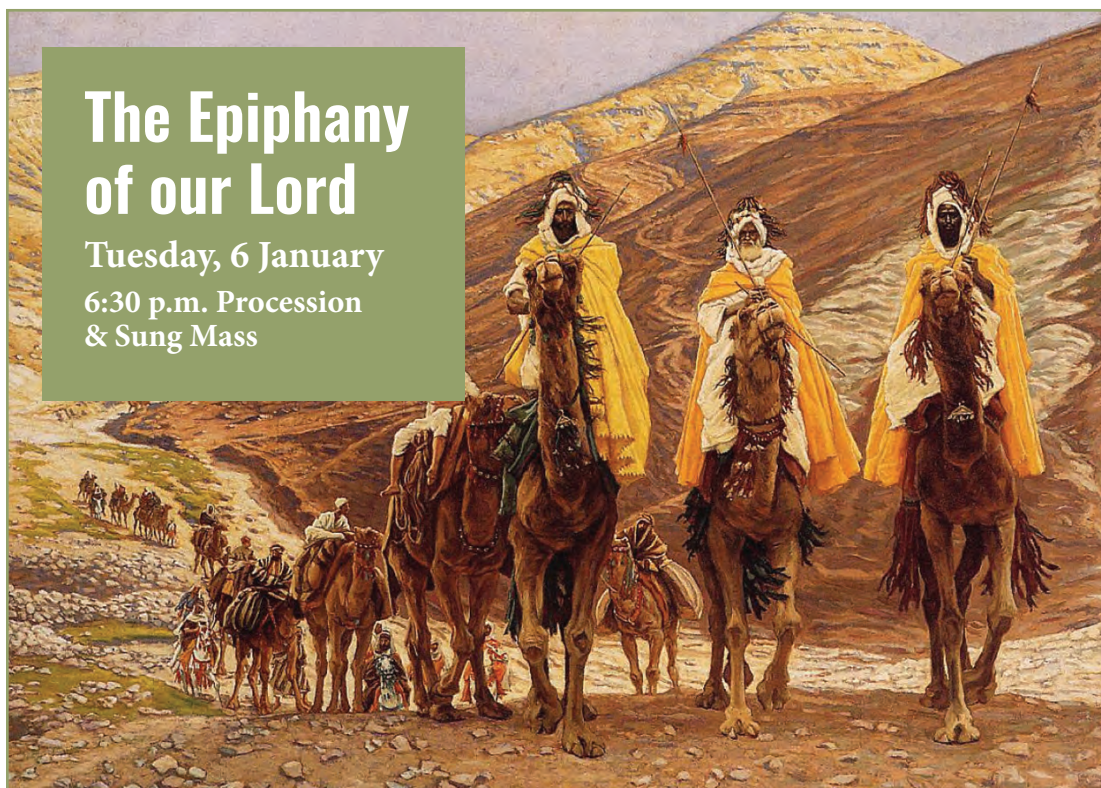
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** following the 11 o'clock Parish Mass!  
We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

**LOW MASS DURING THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE** will be celebrated on  
weekdays and Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. *Please note that the Rite of Trent Masses  
is on hiatus until 9 January inclusive, to resume on 12 January at 10:30 a.m.*

**THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME** continues each Thursday. The doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m. *Please note that we will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 1 January, 2026.*

**THE FOOD BANK:** The Food Bank is open every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. *Please note that we will be closed for the holiday on Thursday, 1 January, 2026.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**



### **The Epiphany of our Lord**

**Tuesday, 6 January**

**6:30 p.m. Procession  
& Sung Mass**

**Saturday 10 January: Cleaning up of the Christmas Greens**

**11:00 a.m. Sung Mass**

**Sunday, 25 January: The Conversion of S. Paul**

**11:00 a.m. Sung Mass**



# Charles I, King & Martyr

Friday, 30 January

6:30 p.m. Choral Evensong



## INTERCESSIONS



### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 28 December:** *The Anglican Church of Canada*
- **Monday, 29 December:** *The Diocese of Sebei – The Church of the Province of Uganda*
- **Tuesday, 30 December:** *The Diocese of Sekondi – The Church of the Province of West Africa*
- **Wednesday, 31 December:** *The Diocese of Seoul – The Anglican Church of Korea*
- **Thursday, 1 January:** *The Diocese of Seychelles – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*
- **Friday, 2 January:** *The Diocese of Sheffield – The Church of England*



- **Saturday 3 January:** *The Diocese of Shinyanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**INDIGENOUS CHURCH:** For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop: for our shared Indigenous ministries and leadership. Particularly, for retiring Indigenous Clergy and Bishops: for rest and rebuilding of life and relationships; for Reconciliation, that it be a shared verb and not just a noun; for open ears and hearts, and for the willingness to humble ourselves enough truly to hear the lament of the other voice before us, and to acknowledge that pain and brokenness can be deeper than ever delved or perceived; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for a fair and equitable financial remuneration for the Bishop of Missinippi and his clergy, and for financial resources to support the ministry of the Church in Northern Saskatchewan.

### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

- **TODAY: Sunday, 28 December:** *The Cast the Net Calls*
- **Monday, 29 December:** *The Children's Ministry Network*
- **Tuesday, 30 December:** *The Archives Department of the Synod Office*
- **Wednesday, 31 December:** *The Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the Diocese*
- **Thursday, 1 January:** *The Members of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto*
- **Friday, 2 January:** *Ascension, Don Mills*
- **Saturday 3 January:** *Incarnation*

**THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED: WED:** Theresa Adderly, Andrew, Luther & Xavier; George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Catherine, Sr Christine SLG; | **THURS:** David Conaster, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Derek, Dragan, Esther, Alexis Gray, Joanna, Joshua; | **FRI:** Maria K., Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Laura, The Mackey family, Marlyn, Nigel; | **SAT:** Patrick, Paul, Randy, The Smith family, Tegan, Hazel Thornhill, Trish, Wendy

**DAILY INTERCESSIONS:** Clifton Aaron, Beverly Bodnar, Chantal Fowler Brown, Ranfurly Brown (*priest*), Christopher (*priest*), Dierdre, Donna, Grace, Jamie, Kyla, Laura, Leotha, Lucas, Mark, Margaret McQuillan, Norma Miller,

David Mulholland (*priest*), Gordon Neish, Marguerite Pigott, Vidhu, Mark Weymouth

**DEPARTED:** Lisa Hufana, Francis Kelly SDB (*priest*), Angela Bliss Campbell, Todd Wissler, David Harris (year's mind), Ron Stoddard

**THOSE WHO MOURN:** The Wissler Family, Frances and Lucas, Michael

## ✠ POETRY CORNER ✠

### REFUGEE (THE HOLY INNOCENTS)

*by Malcolm Guite (1957- )*

We think of him as safe beneath the steeple,  
Or cosy in a crib beside the font,  
But he is with a million displaced people  
On the long road of weariness and want.  
For even as we sing our final carol  
His family is up and on that road,  
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,  
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.  
Whilst Herod rages still from his dark tower  
Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled,  
The lambs are slaughtered by the men of power,  
And death squads spread their curse across the world.  
But every Herod dies, and comes alone  
To stand before the Lamb upon the throne.

## ✠ A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR ✠



IMMORTAL Lord God, who inhabitest eternity, and hast brought thy servants to the beginning of another year: Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, our transgressions in the past, bless to us this New Year, and graciously abide with us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## ✠ DEVOTIONAL VIGNETTE ✠

THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION [January 1st] coincides with the beginning of the civil year; the first drops of Jesus' blood seal and consecrate each new year, making it really the "annus Domini," the year of our Lord, which it actually is, since time belongs to God. Our life too is God's; it has been redeemed and sanctified by the Blood of Christ.

Let us, then, begin the year by circumcising our hearts, for as St Ambrose says, "He who has been circumcised of every vice will be judged worthy of the Lord's attention... See how all the events which followed one another in the Old Testament prefigured what was to happen later, for the circumcision also represents purification from sins" (Roman Breviary).

The new year, new life! A new life indeed!—for if we circumcise in ourselves the "old man" with his vices and passions, the "Christian" can grow in us: we can become new creatures, purified by the Blood of Christ, vivified and nourished by his grace, so that it may no longer be we who live, but Christ who lives in us. The new year which begins today will acquire value only if lived in this light. Only by this daily circumcision of the heart will grace triumph in us, thus making the Christ-life and ever-increasing reality in our souls.

Jesus’ humble submission to His Father’s will, manifested in His obedience to the law (in His willingness to receive circumcision), is another lesson to be learned from today’s Feast. It is an invitation to us to be docile to God’s will, whatever it may be. None of us knows what awaits us in this new year, but God knows. His will has already prepared our path; every detail of our life is already determined in His mind.

Let us be ready to accept, or rather to embrace with courage and readiness, everything that God wishes or permits, certain that in His holy will we shall find our peace and our sanctification.

- Adapted from Father Gabriel of S. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D.,  
*Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year*

✠ **THROUGH THE WEEK** ✠

*Please check the website, and subscribe to our enews list  
to stay informed of scheduling changes.*

Sunday, 28 December	<i>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (com. Christmas Octave)</i>
	9:00 a.m.    Low Mass
	11:00 a.m.    Sung Mass
Monday, 29 December	<i>S. Thomas Becket, Bishop &amp; Martyr (com. Octave of Christmas)</i>
	10:00 a.m.    Food Bank (until 12 noon)
	11:00 a.m.    Low Mass
Tuesday, 30 December	<i>In the Octave of Christmas</i>
	11:00 a.m.    Low Mass
Wednesday, 31 December	<i>S. Sylvester, Bishop &amp; Confessor (com. Octave of Christmas)</i>
	11:00 a.m.    Low Mass

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Thursday, 1 January	<p><i>THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</i>  <i>(Octave Day of Christmas)</i></p> <p><i>Please note that both the Breakfast Programme and the Food Bank are closed for the holiday today.</i></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b>    Low Mass</p>
Friday, 2 January	<p><i>The Octave Day of S. Stephen</i></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b>    Low Mass</p>
Saturday, 3 January	<p><i>The Octave Day of S. John</i></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b>    Low Mass</p>
Sunday, 4 January	<p><i>THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</i>  <i>(com. Octave Day of the Holy Innocents)</i></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b>      Low Mass</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b>    Sung Mass</p>

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from 26 December through 9 January inclusive.*