

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 8, 2017

LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU!

The story of the Epiphany captures the imagination with its rich mixture of mystery and intrigue. Into the Holy Family's impoverished and temporary shelter come three wise men from the East dressed in majestic robes and bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They had travelled from unknown lands following a star and had experienced the deviousness of King Herod before they were filled with delight in finding the new-born child. After paying homage they left for home by a different route.

As the Christmas season draws to a close with faded holly and sagging decorations, the Epiphany reminds us of our journey into another year following the individual path which we alone are to tread. Life is a pilgrimage, a long journey, but we need not necessarily travel alone, fumbling in darkness in search of our destination. The Epiphany story calls for us to look around and search for the Lord who is in our midst, in situations where previously we were unaware of his presence. The Lord is in our midst and our responsibility is to let the divine light within us shine through to others. The gospel of love, forgiveness and redemption is not something to keep quiet about, but Good News to announce to the world.

GOODBYE & THANK YOU

FR. VID

Looking for a way to say goodbye and thank you to Fr. Vid for his 14 years of service here at Merciful Redeemer Parish then please join us after the 11:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be time to thank Fr. Vid personally and to give him your well wishes as he begins his sabbatical in Rome. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

The Annual Feast of Infant Jesus of Prague will be celebrated on Saturday January 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Holy Mass. All are welcome.

Monday 12:15 p.m.

+Earl & Sheila Illogan, +Emmanuel Bassam

Mass for the Intentions Week

Thanksgiving by Kaitlin

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

+Lucia Camello, +Earl & Sheila Illogan
Thanksgiving by Dudley & Zerlina Gonsalves

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

+Susy Sa Ponte, +Luis Pereira
Thanksgiving by Maria Reveredo

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

+Eric Maxner, +Joseph, Peter, Maria & Jerome
Thanksgiving by Sr. Veronica Santos (100 years)

Friday 12:15 p.m.

+Guy Greico, +Lionel Sampson, +Renato Macri

Saturday

+Mary Ann Laskowski, +Mochun & Man Kap Mak, +Madeline & Victoria Auchi, +Najib & Samaan Aljarawi, Sp. Intentions, Sp. Intention for Fr. Joshua Roldan, Thanksgiving by Anita Ong

**Saturday 5:00 p.m., +Felix Reveredo, +Vincenzo Guida,
+Cecille Adriano**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m., +Ladis Pilarski,
+Yolanda Pesaressi, +Augustin Fajardo**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m., +Joe & Teresa Dias, +Winnifred
Roy, Thanksgiving by Leena Vicinanza**

**Sunday 11:30 a.m., +Maria Mascarenhas, +Giovanni
Costanza, +Earl & Sheila Illogan**

**Sunday 7:00 p.m., Sp. Int. healing for Matteo DiFolco,
Sp. Int. for Daguio Family, Fr. Vid Vlastic**

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & PORTUGAL

**The 100th Anniversary
of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions
Under the Spiritual Leadership of Fr. Vid Vlastic
May 14-25, 2017**

Please check the flyer in the foyer for more details.

**We turn to you for protection, holy Mother of God. Listen
to our prayers and help us in our needs.
Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin.**

PROCLAMATION 2017

You have experienced, dearly beloved friends, the joy with which we celebrated – by the favour of a Merciful

God, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In that same joy, we now proclaim his new birth, the resurrection of that same Lord and Saviour, and our reliving of it during this coming year.

The 1st day of March will be **Ash Wednesday**. This will mark the beginning of Lent.

On the 16th of April you will exult in the full Celebration of the **Resurrection of the Lord**.

On the 28th day of May will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

On the 4th day of June will be the feast of **Pentecost**.

On the 26th day of November we will celebrate the feast of **Christ the King**.

On the 3rd of December will be the **First Sunday of Advent**, when we shall look forward again to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. **Participate** in the Sunday Liturgy by responding and singing.
3. **Do not leave the church before** Mass is completed.
4. **Take care of our church**. Do not chew gum or eat in the church. Take your garbage with you when you leave. Remember it is **your church and God's house**.
5. Continue **to be generous** in your financial support of your church.
6. Please keep the church and the facilities tidy. Always clean up after yourself.
7. Use the **offertory envelopes**. If you are not registered, please consider doing so.

NEW ENVELOPES – “Why use them?”

New donation envelopes for the year 2017 are available for pickup in the foyer this weekend. We encourage you to pick up your box as soon as possible. We also encourage new parishioners and those who have not yet used envelopes to do so and be part of our parish community.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Take time to think; it is the source of power.

Take time to study; it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play; it is the secret of keeping young.

Take time to be quiet; it is the opportunity to seek God.

Take time to laugh; it is the singing of the soul.

Take time to dream; it is where the hope for the future begins.

Take time to pray; it is the greatest power on earth.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Our financial year closed on December 31, 2016.
Tax receipts will be issued in January 2017.

DON'T FORGET

If you have a change of address or telephone number, send us an email to: office@mercifulredeemer.org

IMPORTANT!!!!

We should respect God's house which is also your house. There are a few things that we should take under consideration:

1. Try to **come to church on time** (a few minutes before, not after the Mass has started).

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

Office of Formation for Discipleship is offering the Bereavement Ministry Training for those interested to begin ministering to the bereaved in a parish setting. This training is also ideal as enrichment for those who are currently ministering to the bereaved. This training will be held at Saviour of the World Chinese Church, Mississauga on Saturdays February 11, 18 and 25, 2017 from 10:00am to 3:30pm. For further information and registration forms please visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/programs-and-workshops> or call (416) 934-3400 ext.523.

Spiritual life begins with a good and sincere confession. Why confession? It is necessary for us to be free. If we are hiding or controlled by sin, we cannot be free. Sin is like a chain. It destroys life. Confession is as important to Jesus as it is to us. It is a joint action....Jesus and me. **St. Mother Teresa**