

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

PASTOR'S CORNER



As we are about to conclude the Christmas season, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to those of you who assisted me and Anthony at the Christmas and New Year's celebrations of the Holy Mass: the altar servers, lectors, ushers, musicians and the ladies who take care of our sanctuary decorations and the "sacristy duties" throughout the whole year. Thank you so much for your gift of commitment, talent and time.

I also want to thank you for your cards and gestures of kindness and generosity, not only towards me, but also for our parish staff. It is good to know that our ministry is appreciated here at Holy Spirit.

The beginning of the New Year is a good time to thank you as well for your dedication and generosity, week in and week out, to our parish. Thus, thanks to God's supernatural grace and our natural means, we can fulfill the pastoral and spiritual mission of proclaiming the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ while, among other things, helping those who are less fortunate in our parish community and beyond.

Moreover, this year should be very exciting in our parish with the help of God's blessings. In Lent, we will have a Lenten mission, but also something new: Lenten Challenge. Stay tuned for more information to come in the next few weeks. In May, we will celebrate the feast day of our parish on Pentecost Sunday, and before summer we will also celebrate the 50th priestly anniversary of Fr. Fred Foley. Hopefully, many other good things will happen in our parish as well during the next 12 months as we pray for and support one another.

Fr. Slawek

YOUR HEALTH : As cold and flu season approaches, to ensure the health of the entire community, parishioners are encouraged to stay home from Mass and parish functions if they are experiencing symptoms of the flu virus, colds, etc. Respect and concern for the common good takes precedence. Thank you for your cooperation! To minimize risks please use the hand sanitizers that are located at each entrance!

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS—Reception of Holy Communion

It has come to my attention that some people, receiving on the hand, carry the Sacred Host back to their seats. This is forbidden. Please be sure to consume Jesus, truly present in the Sacred Host, right after you receive Him. You must consume the Host in the front of the church, right after receiving. There are people who wish to steal consecrated Hosts for the sake of rituals. If you see anyone walking away without having consumed the Sacred Host please alert one of the Ushers, the Sacristan—Anthony or Fr. Slawek.

JANUARY 8, 2023



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying in the service of the poor, in the arms of Providence, and with a genuine renouncement of ourselves in order to follow Jesus Christ.

St Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your contributions to the Poor Box after Mass.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan—Pre-Authorized Giving is a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving, your offering will be withdrawn from your account on or about the 20th of the month. This amount will then be deposited to the Parish's account.

This amount will be receipted at the end of the year for tax purposes.

Application forms are on the table at the back of the church.

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men.

Friday, January 27 to Sunday, January 29, 2023
7 p.m. - 1 p.m.

As faithful, we are aware of the universal call to holiness. All Christians in any state or walk of life, are called to holiness. On this retreat we consider our own wholeness as we approach this call. Am I complete and harmonious within myself?

or am I somehow divided or lacking or even broken? Through praying with scripture and through entering into silence we begin to see the person whom God sees, and the person God desires us to be—the person God calls to holiness.

Facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. A
Suggested offering of \$245 per person.
Includes 2 nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction.

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering
REGISTER: <https://manresa-canada.ca/>
CONTACT: registration@manresa.ca

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday, January 10

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of George & Anna K.G. Joseph req. by the Sebastian family.

Wednesday, January 11

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Joe Armeni req. by the Cook & D'Souza families.

Thursday, January 12

9 a.m. Repose of the soul of Devasia Poovelil req. by the Sebastian family.

Friday, January 13

9 a.m. Private Intentions.

Saturday, January 14

4:30p.m. Repose of the soul of Dorothy & Samuel Johns req. by the John family.

Sunday, January 15

9 a.m. Intentions of all Parishioners.

11 a.m. Private Intentions.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFERING DECEMBER/JANUARY

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 6715.80
Flower Offering \$ 1,040.00

DECEMBER 11, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 4,090.00
Building Fund Offering \$ 1,332.00
Flower Offering \$ 80.00
Advent Retreat \$ 919.00

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 3,625.00

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 6,190.00
Christmas Offering \$ 5,805.00

DECEMBER 31, 2022

Regular Envelope Offering \$ 5,040.00
Building Fund Offering \$ 555.00
Christmas Offering \$ 1,175.00

JANUARY 1, 2023

Initial Envelope Offering \$ 1,075.00
Solemnity of Mary \$ 1,615.00
Regular Envelope Offering \$ 3,325.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

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*"If you judge
people, you
have no time
to love them."*

~ Mother Teresa

