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Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.

From the desk of Fr. Tim...

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant us in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold your sublime glory.
-Collect prayer for the Solemnity of the Epiphany

Welcome to our New Weekend Secretary-Receptionist...

We welcome Elise Jaklic to our parish staff as our new weekend Secretary-Receptionist, alternating weekends with Alexandra Isa. Elise is a first year Engineering student at McMaster University in Hamilton.

Christmas Thank You...

There are so many people involved in the preparation of Christmas for the Church to all these women and men, young and old, a sincere *Thank You*. For all those involved in the liturgies at all the masses, the ushers, the Ministers of the Eucharist, the musicians, singers and Ministers of the Word, altar servers, Ministers of Hospitality and decorators of the outdoor urns, the sanctuary and the preparation of the crèche...for those who worked so hard to bring comfort to the poor...for our parish schools and for the generous hearts of our parishioners who also donated to the annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Drive. A special *Thank You* to Longo's Winston Churchill for their generous donation of poinsettias!

As priests who are called to minister in this parish, we are very fortunate to have such generous people who respond so well with giving hearts to our parish collections during this holy Christmas season. We, in turn, are truly committed to serving you with the utmost abilities and gifts that God has given us. May God continue to bless all of us with His abundant love and compassionate heart this coming year.

On behalf of Fr. Charles Egbulefu, C.C.E. and our parish staff whose privilege it is to serve you throughout the year, we extend to you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas & a Peace-filled New Year!

2019 Parish Envelopes/Pre-Authorized Giving/ 2018 Financial Report...

Thanks to all who have picked up your 2019 envelopes and use them faithfully each Sunday. Envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer near the office and at the hall entrance. Please remember to mark your name and address on the first few envelopes you use in this New Year...we appreciate your support!

I invite each family to consider the option of Pre-Authorized Giving this year. The PAG registration form can be found in the foyer of the church or on our website and can be returned (along with void cheque) to the office directly or by dropping it into next Sunday's Offertory basket!

Thanks to all on behalf of our Property and Finance Council who will be making their Annual Financial Report to the parish on the weekend of February 16/17.

Little Rock Bible Study - THE GOSPEL OF LUKE... Thursday, January 10...

This year (Year C in the liturgical cycle) we primarily read the Gospel of Luke at Sunday mass. This gospel tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth as a mighty prophet and Savior of the world in fulfillment of Old Testament expectations. Luke also emphasizes Jesus as a person dedicated to prayer. He begins with Jesus' virginal conception and birth and follows Jesus through his public ministry to his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven—all under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Luke, along with Matthew and Mark, is one of the synoptic gospels.

This is an excellent introduction to bible study for those who have not yet attended one of our Little Rock Bible Studies! We begin this twelve-week Thursday evening bible study on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall...registration is \$30 per participant. All are welcome!

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From the Desk of Fr. Tim...continued...

Confirmation Preparation Programme Begins!

Grade 7 Confirmation candidates are required to attend the Preparation Programme at the church. Students have the option of attending the first Preparation Class on <u>either</u> Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance will be taken.

Those Grade 7 students who did not attend the Registration meeting in December are asked to bring their registration form, baptismal certificate copy and \$20 offering to the church office A.S.A.P. They should also attend a special Registration Make-up Meeting with their parents & sponsor on Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. No further registrations will be accepted for the 2019 Confirmation class after this date.

Any older youth or adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2019 are asked to contact Fr. Charles as soon as possible.

Parish Evening of Reflection 2019... A Journey Worth Taking...Finding God in the Terror of 911

On Thursday, January 24 women and men of the parish are invited to an *Evening of Reflection* with Susan Gonz. Susan's successful, fast-paced corporate life came crashing down when she met Jesus in the rubble of the terror attack on the Twin Towers - a moment that changed everything. Today Susan tells her own story of transformation and growth *by putting God first*. During these years she has developed a deep, personal friendship with God and found her voice and dignity as a woman of faith.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a glass or wine or beer and pasta dinner, dessert and coffee, followed by a talk by Susan and time for questions and answers. Tickets (\$15 per person) are available in the parish office after all the masses and during the week. There are only 150 tickets available so please get yours a.s.a.p.

EDGE Youth Ministry – Students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to come out on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The topic is "Epic Universe" Social Night. Come and check it out!

Loyola Playgroup resumes this Wednesday, January 9 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Join us!

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Social Club Movie Night - Everyone is invited to the parish hall on Friday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. Popcorn and a drink are \$2.00. The movie title will be announced next week.

Catholic Women's League – The Executive Meeting is Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Mass and General Meeting for all members will take place on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. New members are welcome!

St. Jude's Cupboard will be open after all masses on the weekend of January 26/27 in the front vestibule.

Faith & Reason Lecture "The Beauty of God's Creation through the eyes of a molecular biologist" – Join Sr. Stephen Patrick, O.P., Ph.D. on Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Newman Centre Catholic Mission at the University of Toronto's St. George Campus. Please register at: https://newmanjan24.eventbrite.ca.

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto – Join Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan for *The Life and Writings of St. Paul* on Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$50 including lunch. Register: www.staugustines.on.ca.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board presents...

Blast off to School – You are invited to an information session to support the transition of children with differing abilities taking place on Wednesday, January 9 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, Room 301, 40 Matheson Blvd. West. Mississauga. The Snow Date is Thursday, January 10. For more information, please contact Laura Conte, 905-890-0708, ext. 24011, laura.conte@dpcdsb.org.

Teen Mental Wellness: Building Hope, Resilience, and Grit. An Evening of Learning and Sharing on January 15 from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Catholic Learning Centre, 2495 Credit Valley Road, Mississauga. RSVP at james.neil@dpcdsb.org or cathy.rizzo@dpcdsb.org. Spaces are limited to the first 150 respondents. FREE.

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