

St. Joseph Parish

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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.*

REFLECTION

The journey of the magi is one of the favourite stories of the gospel. It's a story of the journey of life, of guidance on the way, of delight in finding faith and God, of the intrigue of a greedy and jealous king, and of the good beating the bad. We like the end of the story when the wise men outwitted Herod.

**Star, at the Beginning and End**

The star started them on the journey and then guided them to the end. Like our faith, the star which shone at our baptism is the promise of God to guide us through life. Faith grows through the ordinary events of life. What can seem ordinary happenings can be extraordinary grace – the birth of a child in your family, the first time you fall in love, the people you meet who make a big difference in your life, success in a job, becoming a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, anything creative in your life is a gift of grace from God.

The presence of your star may strike you when on a retreat and you learned to pray, a time you felt in vocation or any other way you really helped some people, or really listening and talking with someone and you realise you're not the only one in life with problems.

People are Stars of God

At bad times when the star seemed dim but people helped – bereavement, crime in the family, addiction to drugs or drink, involved in suicide or abuse, illness – all the small and big awful things that darken life and dim the star. But still can you ask then – what was and what is your star? The light of faith is bright in the good and bad times of life. The word of God and the help of another is the star lighting your journey. Each of us has our own personal star guiding us – the star of prayer, love, friendship, support...the star has a different name at different times. Be grateful for your star – and be grateful that you have been a star for others. In the book of God, each of us is a star.

Source: [https://sacredheartmessenger.com/tag/journey-of-the-magi/\(Donal Neary, SJ\)](https://sacredheartmessenger.com/tag/journey-of-the-magi/(Donal%20Neary,%20SJ))



*Marriage
Sunday*
2019

Marriage Sunday

February 9/10, 2019

Marriage Sunday highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America.

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge). Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside over this special Mass where couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversaries will be honoured.

Ways to Support St. Joseph Parish Financially...

As we begin a new year I request you to support St. Joseph Parish financially. Every little contribution counts.

There are many ways you can contribute on a regular basis...

1. Using regular Sunday envelopes
2. Through Pre - Authorized Giving
3. Putting money in our Sunday collection
4. Donating through the Parish website
5. Giving large amounts once or twice a year.

Thank you for your generosity. Your contributions help run the parish. May God bless you.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in March 2019 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

Thank you....

I wish to thank all those who gave me cards and gifts during Christmas season. Thank you for the beautiful cards, wonderful messages and rewarding gifts. May God bless your hearts.....Fr. Francis



Sunday, January 06

10:00am *Parishioners of St Joseph*

Monday, January 07

9:00am *In honour of the Blessed Sacrament*

Req. Alfredo Costa

Tuesday, January 08

9:00am *Family Intentions of Alfredo Costa and Maria Costa*

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Wednesday, January 09

7:00pm *For the Unborn*

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

Thursday, January 10

9:00am † *Laura Deveau*

Req. Toni Muise

Friday, January 11

7:00pm † *Ida Marchese*

Req. Ron and Marilyn Roberts

Saturday, January 12

5:00pm *Weekday Mass*

2018 TAX RECEIPTS

2018 tax receipts will be available starting January 13 till the end of January. If there is any discrepancy please let Fr. Francis or Erma know.

If you need the office to email your 2018 tax receipts please email the church at stjosephparishtoronto@gmail.com.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS

Christmas Offertory	1629.45
Holy Family Sunday	1400.00
Solemnity of Mary	450.00
Initial Offerings	400.00
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