

# 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.*

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD : JANUARY 07, 2024



## The Feast of the Epiphany

In this age of dislocation, when people around the globe are on the move, fleeing violence, crushing poverty and despair, Matthew's account of the Epiphany presents us with another tale of a journey- a journey of faith and hope. Scripture tells us little about the travelers, these Magi from the East, who set out bearing gifts for a newborn king, based on their knowledge of prophecy and portents in the sky.

Martin Luther, among others, recognized the parallels between the Magi and the Queen of Sheba, who also came to Israel bearing gifts when she heard stories of the legendary wisdom of King Solomon. The magi had a higher aim than the queen; they did not come to learn from a human king but to pay homage to a divine one. The connection is reiterated in Matthew's Gospel when Jesus declares, "something greater than Solomon is here." (12:42)

The Feast of Epiphany, this journey of the Magi, reminds us that the Spirit of God, who was breathed out over the waters at creation, continues to move among us to love, call and enlighten all who are open to God's presence. This Spirit moved the Queen of Sheba and the Magi to give away their material possessions as they searched for something more real, more profound. God's Spirit is not confined to any individual, any people, any church building, no matter how magnificent. Notice, it is not King Herod, the scribes or the temple priests of Israel who recognize or worship the newborn king, but outsiders, foreigners. If we shut our doors and our hearts to people of difference, like Herod or the infamous innkeepers of Bethlehem did, we might miss a chance to welcome bearers of God's Spirit and God's Word.

We encounter a better role model in Mary of Nazareth, who welcomed these unfamiliar guests and their unusual gifts rather than turn them away. It is easy to imagine this humble woman "reflecting on" and "treasuring" this visit, as she did the night she received her first unexpected visitors, a band of impoverished shepherds from the hillsides near Bethlehem singing God's praises and speaking of angels (Luke 2:19). **All Are Welcome!**

**God Bless You. Fr. Roshan Loy D'Souza, CSC**



## REMEMBERING ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,

### Making a charitable Bequest:

Having a properly made will is one of the best gifts anyone can leave their loved ones in the event of their passing. It also ensures that charities and causes closest to their hearts will be sustained. By putting the parish in their will, parishioners can help the Church faithfully carry out the pastoral mission entrusted to her by our Lord, for generations to come. For more information, please call the Parish office of St. Joseph Church. Contact: 416 466 7815 or 416 518 0276

### The Week Ahead :

Jan 08: Memorial: Baptism of the Lord

Jan 12: Memorial: St. Marguerite Bourgeoise

Jan 13: Memorial: St. Hillary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Jan 17: Memorial: St. Anthony, Abbot

Jan 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



## ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

**Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing:** Friday, January 12, 2024 07:00 PM -

Sunday, January 14, 2024 01:30 PM.

**Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre Pickering.**

Men Ignatian Silent Retreat - facilitated by Fr. Jim Kelly, SJ. – "Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing." Praying with the Psalms. This silent weekend retreat begins on Friday evening and runs to Sunday with lunch. The suggested offering is \$250 per person which includes 2 night's accommodation with meals, spiritual direction and retreat program. **REGISTER: Email [registration@manresa.ca](mailto:registration@manresa.ca) or visit <https://manresa-canada.ca>**

### Windows on Theology Winter 2024 Course - Beyond

**Polarities:** Ignatian and Jesuit Sources for a Wounded World Wednesday, January 24, 2024 11:00 AM - Wednesday, February 28, 2024 12:45 PM . Regis College . In this Windows on Theology course, Prof. Susan Wood, SCL will speak on how resources drawn from the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius, as well as from the Society of Jesus's reflection on its mission oriented to justice and reconciliation in service of the faith, offer both a path to personal conversion and tools for accompanying our fellow travelers and offering Christ's healing in this wounded world. **Please visit: <https://regis.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/regis/ntRegistration.jsp?>**

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## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For January 2024:

**For the Gift of Diversity in the Church:**

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions & rituals in the Catholic Church.

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY:

The Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 10:00 am mass each week. This ministry is for school-children 4 years old and up. Special thanks to coordinators and volunteers who are dedicated to this important ministry for our children.



## CHILDRENS' LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS

Our trained leaders help the children to understand the readings of the day through prayers, discussions and activities.



**Confirmation Input Sessions: All the candidates are requested to attend Sunday 10:00 am Mass.**

All the sessions will be shortly after the Sunday 10:00 am Mass starting on January 14, 21, 28, February 18, March 03, 10, & 17.



## First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions.

During the Childrens' Liturgy at every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Jesus formed his disciples by making known to them the various dimensions of the Kingdom of God. Christ's method of formation was accomplished by diverse yet inter-related tasks. His example is the most fruitful inspiration for effective catechesis today because it is integral to formation our Faith.



## WEEKEND COLLECTION:

December 30-31, 2023: \$ 1053.70

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# † MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, January 07:**

10:00 am : † **Laura Deveau**

Req. Toni Muise

**Monday, January 08 NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 09**

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions**

Req. Toni Muise

**Wednesday, January 10**

7:00 pm : **For The Unborn**

Req. Toni Muise & Marilyn Roberts

**Thursday, January 11**

9:00 am : **Thanksgiving Intentions & Good Health**

Req. Kathleen Valin

**Friday, January 12**

7:00 pm † **Margaret Valin**

Req. Kathleen Valin

**Saturday, January 13**

5:00 pm : **For the Intentions of**

**St. Joseph Parish Community**

**Thanksgiving Intentions on his 1st Birthday - Koen Fox Boyer**

Req. Jocelyn Salvador



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