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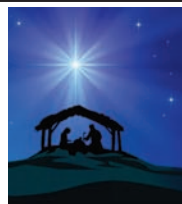
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Epiphany of the Lord



We have come to Homage Him.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD : JANUARY 05, 2025



If you ask me, one of the great inventions of the last few years has been the GPS either on those magical little boxes of the past or latest apps on your phone. God, who loves to outdo us in everything, creates the original and never-to-be outdone guidance system. It isn't a machine...it is a star. And this star leads a group of Magi in their search for the child of Christmas who is the savior of the world. We might want to spend a moment thinking about these Magi, these journeyers from the East. They weren't Kings so much as scholars. They were astrologers who studied star charts and discerned fates in the night sky. Now these Magi, who spend their lives studying and reading, researching and speculating, want to know where this star is leading them.

They have checked the prophecies of the past. They know the rumors of a savior. Their study convinces them that this star announces the birth of this long-expected deliverer. Indeed the star leads them where they want to go. It brings them to their point of arrival. And then this becomes more interesting. For these scholars, these Magi, these astrologers who study everything, go into the presence of this child and they do not study. Instead, they adore. They worship this new-born king. They give to this child all that they have and all they possess. And rather than return home by-way-of Herod, their journey is changed and they return home "by another way."

Each one of us journeys through life. And as God provided a guidance for the magi from the East, so God provides us with guidance. But our guidance is not a star. Rather, our guide is Jesus Christ who is light itself. In a world and a culture that has sadly lost its way and often becomes wrapped up in itself, Christ, our light and guide, reaches out to us and says...journey by another way. Learn to travel a different path. Learn to go home to God by letting God lead us home.

May we who reflect on the story of the Magi as we complete the festivities of Christmas, allow the Magi to become our models. May we follow them to Bethlehem and worship Christ. May we give to Christ all that we have and all that we are. Let the wisdom of these journeyers become the wisdom that guides our own lives. Let us learn to travel another way...the way of Christ who is our Savior and our Lord.

Happy Feast. 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 / 416 518 0276.**

The Week Ahead :

- Jan 05: The Epiphany of the Lord
- Jan 06: St. Andrei Bessette, Religious
- Jan 07 : St. Raymond Penafort, Priest
- Jan 12: Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 13: St. Hillary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church



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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus



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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION

For January 2025: For the Right to an Education:

Let us pray for the migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Be an ALTAR Server: St. Joseph's Church provides young Catholics in grades 4 through 12 (ages 10 and up) with the opportunity to grow stronger in their faith and become more active in the celebration of the Mass by altar serving. There will be training for both new and returning altar servers and is required prior to being scheduled for Sunday Masses.



Children's Liturgy:

During every Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

Helping our children grow in faith.



First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Sessions:

Every Sunday at 10.00 am. For us as Catholics, there is nothing greater than to receive Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist at Mass.



Sacrament of Confirmation:

In Confirmation the Christian becomes more closely united with Christ. With the strengthening of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit the Christian is able to accept new responsibilities for witnessing Jesus to the world.

Marriage Sunday 2025 - Celebration of Marriage:

Mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri: Marriage Sunday in 2025 will be held on the weekend of Feb. 8/9. More resources and ideas are available at <https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/marriage/marriage/for-parishes/>.



WEEKEND COLLECTION:

Dec. 21-22, 2024: \$ 1,060.50

Dec. 25, 2024: 1,857.60

Dec. 28-29, 2024: \$ 3,838.75

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† MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 05:

10:00 am : † Leonora Paez

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Monday, January 06: NO MASS

Tuesday, January 07:

9:00 am : † Wayne Paul Joseph Langabeer

Req. Montifar Family

Wednesday, January 08:

10:00 am : † For the Unborn

Req. Angie & Nick Blanco

Thursday, January 09:

9:00 pm : † Brenda Malone

Req. Family

Friday, January 10:

7:00 pm:

Req.

Saturday, January 11:

5:00 pm : **St. Joseph Parish Community**

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus and faithful guardian of the Holy Family, we turn to you with trust and gratitude. Through your humble obedience and steadfast faith, you exemplified true virtue and devotion.

Intercede for us in our journey of faith, that we may follow your example of selflessness and service. Help us to discern God's will in our lives and to respond with openness and courage. Protect our families, guide our steps, and lead us closer to Jesus, your Son, and our Savior.

Amen.

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