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**Rev. Fr. Joel B. Pabilona, Jr., Pastor**

**Rev. Fr. Jibin Joy, Associate**



*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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Sunday, January 6

8:00 AM – For the intentions of the people of St. Anne's

10:00 AM – † Teresa Cottreau

12:00 PM – † Victor Annesley  
Bartholomeusz

### Monday, January 7

9:15 AM – † Frank Wrafter

### Tuesday, January 8

10:00 AM – Intentions of the Holy Spirit

12:00 PM – † Vincent & Lavita Saldanha &  
Anishka & Giselle Saldanha

### Wednesday, January 9

9:15 AM – † Theodore Joseph Caldeira

7:00 PM – † Alwin Furtado  
– † Juliana Odulaja & Augustin  
Matuluko  
– † Teresa Cottreau  
– † John Costa  
– In Thanksgiving

### Thursday, January 10

9:15 AM – † Mary Schembri

### Friday, January 11

9:15 AM – † Manuel & Estrela Lima & Jose  
& Almerinda Arruda

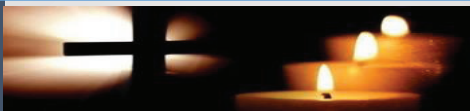
7:00 PM – † Lina Natarelli

### Saturday, January 12

9:15 AM – † Luis Miguel, parents &  
siblings

5:00 PM – † Manuel Botelho

## LAMP INTENTIONS



### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

In memory of Joao Anastacio & family

### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2

Lilia Chaves & Family (Good health)

### SACRED HEART LAMP

Special Intention

### ST. ANNE LAMP

In memory of Teresa Cottreau

### DIVINE MERCY LAMP

In thanksgiving & Special Intention

### PADRE PIO LAMP

Special Intention

## JANUARY 6, 2019 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### Gospel of Matthew 2. 1-12

For most of us the beginning of a new year tends to focus our attention on the future. We seem to long for something we don't have or have not yet accomplished. We want something different. We are aware of an absence. We sense something is missing from our lives

Here's the paradox. That absent thing, that missing piece, is also present to us in and through our longing and desire for it. We may not see it or experience it and it may not yet be fully realized in our lives but it is there. It is present by its absence, and we experience that presence as longing, desire, and searching. It already exists within us.

So, one week into the new year, What resolutions have we made for 2019? What are our intentions or plans? Sometimes we don't know what it is we're after. We only know we're looking for something. Have you ever had that feeling that something was missing, you didn't know what, but you knew you'd recognize it when you saw it?

You might be wondering what absence has to do with epiphany. They sound mutually exclusive. But maybe it's not as simple as there's either something there or there's nothing there. What if the experience of absence and the accompanying longings and desires are the beginning of an epiphany for us? What if that sense of absence is the star of our life by which God is revealing Himself to us? And what if our sense of longing and desire is really God's longing and desire for us?

Maybe epiphanies are the means by which God's expresses God's longing and desire for each of us. Maybe an epiphany is not so much an "Aha, I got it" kind of moment as it is an "Aha, it's got me" kind of moment. It's a moment that awakens us to the deep desires of our hearts, touches the longings of our life, and fills the absence in such a way, that we get up and go, change our life, know ourselves in a new way, and travel along a different road.

I really do believe that's what happened to the magi and I think it happens to us as well. That star in the night sky illumined for the magi an absence. It shone on them as a longing and desire. They thought they were seeking the Christ child but in truth, it was really the child seeking them, He was calling them. That's epiphany. And the star is always there. It's not as if the star of Jesus' word, his presence, shines for some but not others. It's there for everyone. It may be unseen, unrecognized, or unfollowed but it's always there.

Do we fail to recognize the epiphanies in our lives because they so often begin in absence? If we think nothing is there, then we've misread the absence and we will miss the epiphany. Today let us begin with the absence, the void, the ache, the emptiness in our hearts. Let us not run away from it, deny it, or cover it up. Let us name the absence and in so doing "observe his star at its rising."

What is absent from your life and mine today? What are our deep longings and desires? What is the star, the word of Christ that we need to illumine our life tonight?

Whatever we might call it, that is the beginning of our epiphany. It is more than emptiness. It is God calling. It is a guiding star that illumines our life. It shimmers with God's longing and desire for us. It shines in the night sky of our life. It twinkles presence in the midst of absence. It is a beacon beckoning us home.

Let us trust the star. Follow it. Listen to it. Learn from it. Let it take us to the house of Jesus. Let us stand at the door with the magi, as a wise woman or a wise man, and listen to the child tell his mother Mary, "Welcome them I called them Here"

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

**Theme:** JUSTICE, ONLY JUSTICE, YOU SHALL PURSUE (*Deuteronomy 16:20*)

**When:** Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. James Anglican Cathedral – 106 King St. E., Toronto

**Refreshments to follow**

All are welcome to an Ecumenical Prayer Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019. The prayer service will be led by Catholic, Anglican and Orthodox bishops, along with leaders from Christian Churches in the GTA.

For information, please call: The Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office at 416-934-3400,

## FAITH & REASON LECTURE – JANUARY 24 – 7PM

### THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION THROUGH THE EYES OF A MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST

St. Stephen Patrick, O.P., Ph.D.

Thursday, January 24, 2019 – 7 pm

Newman Centre Catholic Mission

At the University of Toronto's St. George Campus

Registration: <https://newmanjan24.eventbrite.ca>

## MARRIAGE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019



As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, on Saturday, February 9th at the 5 PM Mass, St. Anne's will be honouring all couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, ie. 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th. If you would like to participate, kindly leave your contact information at the parish office.

As well, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. The Mass will take place at 4PM on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Info at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or call: 416-934-3400, x 523.

## OVER 55 BAKE SALE & KNITTING SALE



### SATURDAY/SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16/17 – AFTER ALL MASSES

The Over 55 Group will be holding a Bake Sale and knitting sale on the weekend of February 16/17 after All Masses.

## UPCOMING CCRC EVENT - 2019

### SHEPHERD'S MASS AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA

February 2, 2019

Hosted by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Council (CCRC) of the Archdiocese of Toronto

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## LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY – MARCH 2, 2019 (9AM - 5:30 PM)

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front Street West, Toronto**  
Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic Procession.

For Tickets and Information, visit: [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca)

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Effective immediately our new parish email is:

[stannesbr@archtoronto.org](mailto:stannesbr@archtoronto.org)

This Week	Room Booking
Sunday (Jan. 6 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am – Children's Liturgy (SR) 12:00pm – Children's Liturgy (SR) 10:00pm – RCIA (PR)
Monday (Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm – CWL Executive mtg. (SR)
Tuesday (Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am – Legion of Mary (FR) 7:00pm – RCIA (PR) 7:30pm – Faith Sharing (FR) 8:00pm – 8AM Choir Practice (C)
Wednesday (Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am – Food Assistance (FR) 6:30pm – <b>Confessions (C)</b> 7:30pm – <b>Baptism Class (SR)</b>
Thursday (Jan. 10 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30am – Centering Prayer (FR) 7:30pm – 10AM Choir Practice (C)
Friday (Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30am – Over 55 Group (SR) 6:30pm – Youth Ministry (All Rooms)
Saturday (Jan. 12 <sup>th</sup> )	8:00am – <b>Confessions</b> 2:30pm – Sacramental Prep (SR & PR) 4:00pm – Legion of Mary (FR) 4:00pm – <b>Confessions</b> 6:00pm – Holy Family Cenacle Grp(SR)

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Regular – December 23

\$ 8,476.53

Christmas

14,557.96

*Thank you for your Generosity!*



*God will provide for those who care for the poor.*

**Thank You** for depositing your change in the "Poor Boxes" in the lobby after Mass

Please don't forget to take a moment and pick up your offertory envelopes from the **LOBBY**. They are in numerical order and an alphabetical list is also provided. **Thank you!**

### EUTHANASIA: JANUARY 19 – 7-9PM

St. Mary's Parish Hall-Fatima Room, Brampton

Presenting Blaise Alleyne on the topic of euthanasia. By asking challenging questions and appealing to cultural common ground on suicide prevention and human rights, we can change hearts and minds on assisted suicide. Light refreshments will be served. Jeff: 905-866-7423

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### FOR THE SICK

Kevin Akbarali & Letifa Ali

Darrell Costello

Steven Rei

Tina Del Rizzo

Maria Corsino & Carmela Galetti

Tyronne Swaminathan

Andrea Grogan

### FOR THE DECEASED

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