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## Epiphany of the Lord

# Masses For The Week



## JANUARY 2 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Sunday, January 2

8:00AM – For the intentions of St. Anne’s Community  
– † Selina Prosper

10:00 AM – In Thanksgiving - Jacintha

12:00 PM – † John & Manuel Costa

### Monday, January 3

9:15 AM – † Ayland Vaz

### Tuesday, January 4

9:15 AM – † All deceased family members of Rei family  
– † Sr. Maria Jose Lima – for health

### Wednesday, January 5

9:15 AM – † All souls in purgatory

### Thursday, January 6

9:15 AM – † John Aprea

### Friday, January 7

9:15 AM – Allwyn Henriques & Jacintha (25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary blessings)

6:30 PM – Special Intention-Ligia Chavez  
– † Angelina DeGouveia  
– † Anna Kutty Xavier

### Saturday, January 8

9:15 AM – Manuel & Maria Baia & all living & deceased family members and In Thanksgiving

5:00 PM – † Dorothy Sequeira



#### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

Dianne Marchisello & family

#### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2

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#### SACRED HEART LAMP

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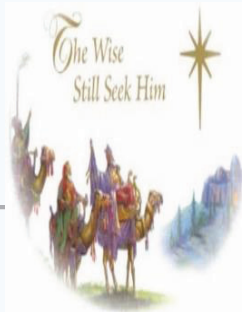
#### ST. ANNE LAMP

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#### DIVINE MERCY LAMP

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Offertory Lamps are available to burn for your intention for one week for \$10.00 per candle. These burns from the Sunday to the Saturday. Please call the church office to book your lamps.



**Theme:** The Wise Men followed a star to discover the birth of God’s Son in Bethlehem. If there is to be Epiphany for us, we must use our heads as well as our hearts in our search for Christ.

Roughly twenty-five years after his death on Calvary, this acceptance of Christ by the gentiles was described in his gospel by Matthew, in his beautiful story of the

Wise Men from the east being drawn to Bethlehem by a star that shone especially bright in the darkness of the night sky, resulting in the epiphany or revelation to them of God in the person of the infant Jesus. The Apostles when trying to understand the events of Christ’s life had been taught by Christ himself to look for their meaning in certain passages of the OT, and so it is more than likely that Matthew linked the star of Bethlehem, shining serenely in the sky while night covered the earth and darkness the peoples, with a prophecy in the Book of Numbers, which promised, “A star shall come forth out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel” (24:17).

Originally, this was seen as a reference to the founding of the royal house of David from which the Messiah would come. But Matthew went on to link the star with Bethlehem, which was the city of David, and moreover the town foretold by another prophet (Micah) as being the place chosen by God where the promised Messiah would be born. Since the royal line of David had long since vanished, the Messiah would not be a political leader but rather a spiritual one, and his coming, to a large extent, would be ignored by his own people.

It was mainly the gentiles, represented by the Wise Men, who were to be drawn to this Star of Bethlehem, and came to believe in God’s greatest self-revelation, through the person of Jesus Christ. We are told nothing of what the Magi said, but the gospel, in a concrete way, describes the sublime act of their perfect faith in him, whom they sought, “Falling to their knees they paid him homage.” Then they offered him gifts, gold as befitting a royal person, frankincense reserved for the worship of God, and myrrh, a substance used in dressing wounds and embalming bodies, signifying that this child was truly man, capable of suffering, and destined one day to die.

You may perhaps say that we have no gold, or frankincense, or myrrh. That is true, but we have something more valuable, precious treasures that we can present to Christ, our Saviour and our King. We bring gold to Christ when we try and make him king of our hearts. We offer frankincense when by our worship and prayer we proclaim his divinity. And we can, in some small way, alleviate the pain of the wounds he suffered for us by applying the myrrh of our own sufferings, our sorrow, our humiliations and tears.

The departure of the Magi from their own country is symbolic of every response of faith. When we make an act of faith, we abandon something, the kind of outlook which urges us to rely only on the tangible material world, and we allow ourselves to be drawn, as were the Magi, by someone who, although invisible, is more real than the world of sense around us. But we must always remember that we could never begin to seek God, draw nearer to God, unless God had already found us. The desire for God, the secret thirst for salvation that arises within us, is not begotten of any human emotion, but rather kindled by God himself.

When we are baptised in this faith we become the enlightened; we carry within us the light of faith; we are marked with the sign of God; we become Magi to others in our turn. As Pope St Leo the Great once said, “Whoever preserves in himself, or herself, the brightness of a holy life, becomes for many a star which lights the way to the Lord.”

*Have a Blessed and God Guided New Year!*



# Marriage Sunday

In 2022, the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate **Marriage Sunday** at the **parish** level on the weekend of **FEBRUARY 12/13**. On **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at the 5PM Mass**, St. Anne's will be honouring those couples who will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary throughout 2022 with a special blessing. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries and will be attending Mass, please notify the parish office in order to reserve seating.

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## **CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS WITH BISHOP ROBERT KASUN – FEBRUARY 13, 2022 – 2:30 P.M.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2022. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to join in this special celebration. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto).

Due to social distancing measures, Cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one (1) guest per celebrant couple. Please register at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). Given the limited attendance at the Cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via Livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

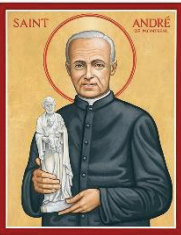
**Weekly offertory for:**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**\$7,108.67**

*THANK YOU for your generosity!*

**Due to an attempted break-in to our outside mailbox by the exit doors, we kindly ask parishioners to refrain from dropping off offertory envelopes in the mailbox or drop-box outside the church. Please deposit envelopes in the wooden offertory box in the lobby or during collections at Masses. Thank you for your continued support and understanding!**



### **JANUARY 6: ST. ANDRE BESSETTE**

Brother André expressed a saint's faith by a lifelong devotion to St. Joseph

Sickness and weakness dogged André from birth. He was the eighth of 12 children born to a French-Canadian couple near Montreal. Adopted at 12, when both parents had died, he became a farmhand. Various trades followed:

shoemaker, baker, blacksmith—all failures. He was a factory worker in the United States during the boom times of the Civil War.

At 25, he applied for entrance into the Congregation of the Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget he was finally received. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of St. Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Someday, St. Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!"

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "St. Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

André collected 200 dollars to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there smiling through long hours of listening, applying St. Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew. He is buried at the Oratory. He was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2010. At his canonization in October 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that St. Andre "lived the beatitude of the pure of heart."

### 2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are **Offering Envelopes**

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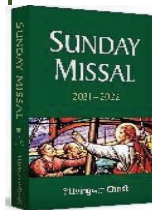


Please note that envelopes are available only for those registered parishioners who request them. **If you wish to begin using envelopes, please contact the parish office.**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### CHRISTMAS SACKS

Please remember to bring back your full Christmas sacks. All proceeds going towards the purchase of new priests' chasubles. **The Over 55 Group would like to thank you for supporting their Christmas Sacks.**



### SUNDAY MISSALS & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

**2022 Sunday Missals are now available for \$6 each in the Stephenson room after all Masses or the parish office during the week.**

Many beautiful religious items also available to purchase: Statues, bracelets, etc. and Christmas reusable fabric gift bags and much more!!!!



### FOR THE SICK

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| Katrina Rolph         | Daniel Pettit      |
| Mari Johny Nasser     | Dalia Romeo        |
| Gerald Luduc          | Eric Luduc         |
| Lilia Cuison          | Kay David          |
| Dudley Perie          | Milfred Madrela    |
| Ramy Fernandes        | Ryan Raphael Sunga |
| Yvonne (Mazenc) Solie | Michael Anthony    |
| Katusha Lett          | Darwin Angeles     |
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### FOR THE DECEASED

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