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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.*

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The Lord, the Mighty One, Has Come

“They set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising” – towards the place of the child who had been born king of the Jews. When the star stopped, the wise men were “overwhelmed with joy.” They entered the house and saw “the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.”

We have heard this story many times. This would be the time, when our children were young, that we would bring out the tiny camels and the wise men and place them in our Nativity crèche. It would be the last act of our Christmas story. In a few days the small figures and other decorations still up from this joyous season would be carefully put away for another year.

Astronomers debate whether the star marked the arrival of a comet, a super nova or possibly a rare celestial conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Theologians note that only Matthew records the story, and some suggest it is a pious fiction designed to integrate older writings into the birth narrative of Jesus.

Questions abound but the essential messages remain. For Paul, it is the mystery now “made known to humankind.” Isaiah urges rejoicing: “Arise, shine, for your light has come.” The Epiphany reveals that Christ now had come among us all.

Michael Dougherty, Whitehorse, YT
Excerpt from *Living with Christ*

Mass Intentions for January 5 – 12, 2019

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Mary Cataudella, requested by the family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Lillian Sherwin, requested by the Bertazon family
	10:00 a.m.	+Marina David, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Juana Repalda, requested by the family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+David Francis, requested by the family
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Yanah-Marie & Gilroy
	7:30 p.m.	+Shihan De Silva, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Tommy Walsh, requested by M. Carolan
	7:00 p.m.	+Eliseo & Adoracion Madulid, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Gabby Delos Reyes, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Bernice Emig, requested by K. Emig
		+Alicia V. Solis, requested by the family
		Intentions of Bernie & Joan Gonsalves
		+Souls in purgatory, requested by the Spraggs family
		+Maria M. Fernandes, requested by the D. & S. De Souza family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Marta A. de Escolar, requested by Natasha
	7:00 p.m.	+John Johnston, requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Luisito De Juan, requested by the family

Seniors' Mass & Luncheon

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Our first Mass and luncheon for seniors in our parish will be held on Wed., Jan. 9 at 11:00 a.m. beginning with Mass. A luncheon in the parish hall will follow. All seniors are most welcome.

Thank You for Helping Us Help Others



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks all parishioners who brought gifts for the Angel Tree and/or donated to the Christmas collection. Your generosity helps those in need.

The Society also wishes to thank the continued support of the staff and students of St. Thomas More Elementary School and St. John Paul II Secondary School who helped with food collection and sponsored families for the Christmas Hamper Drive. This was a joint effort of our parishioners and volunteers who took part in this annual community initiative.

Help was provided to over 100 families consisting of 199 adults and 152 children.

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rodel Torres, Albert Vella, Audrey Caulfield, Antonio & Phyllis Cogliano, Mary Gouveia and Dr. Ben Otto. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Is God Calling You?



“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening

their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris, at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes

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Men’s Retreat at Manresa



A great way to start the New Year is to attend a retreat. The annual men’s retreat will be held at Manresa Retreat Centre (2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering) from Fri., Jan. 4th at 8:00 p.m. to Sun., Jan. 6th at 1:00 p.m. Please call Wilf at 416-438-9724 for more information.

Daily Mass Readings Online

Parishioners can now find the daily Mass Readings online. The archdiocesan website, at www.archtoronto.org now has a tab under Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu where the Daily Readings can be found.

Food for Thought

My Vocation is Love

All the gifts of heaven, even the most perfect of them, without love, are absolutely nothing; charity is the best way of all, because it leads straight to God... When St. Paul was talking about the different members of the mystical body I couldn’t recognize myself in any of them, or rather I could recognize myself in all of them. But charity—that was the key to my vocation. If the Church as a body composed of different members, it couldn’t lack the noblest of all; it must have a heart, and a heart burning with love. And I realized that this love was the true motive force that enabled the other members of the Church to act; if it ceased to function the apostles would forget to preach the gospel, the martyrs would refuse to shed their blood. Love, in fact, is the vocation that includes all others; it’s a universe of its own, comprising all time and space—it’s eternal. Beside myself with joy, I cried out: “Jesus, my love! I’ve found my vocation, and my vocation is love.” I had discovered where it is that I belong in the Church, the niche God has appointed for me. To be nothing less than love, deep down in the heart of Mother Church; that’s to be everything at once—my dream wasn’t a dream after all.

Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-97)

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