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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.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	02	Vigil Mass † Jose de Araujo
SUN	03	EPIPHANY of THE LORD † Sadie Manship <i>Pro Popolo</i> † Natasha Chrobak-Jurenas † Santos Arevalo In Thanksgiving
MON	04	 † Leticia & Angelito Saring
TUES	05	 † Felina & Nicanor Costiniano
WED	06	 † Pires Mendonca
THUR	07	St. André Bessette † Fernando Carreiro
FRI	08	St. Raymond of Penyafort In Thanksgiving
SAT	09	 <i>Multiple Intention Mass</i>
SAT	09	Vigil Mass † Afonso Botelho
SUN	10	BAPTISM of THE LORD † Angela Ruscetta <i>Pro Popolo</i> In Thanksgiving In Thanksgiving † Francesco & Gilda Bilotta
MON	11	 † Severina Araujo
TUES	12	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys † Caterina Sframeli
WED	13	 † Tony Bellissimo
THUR	14	 † Jim James
FRI	15	 † Angela Ruscetta
SAT	16	 <i>Multiple Intention Mass</i>

THE MAGI

Regarding the Magi, there are a few things that are puzzling about them. First, there is their identity. Note that St. Matthew does not tell us that they are Kings, but “*Wise Men*”, as we generally translate the word. We know that the “Magi” were a learned caste of Persian priests who specialized in astronomical observations. For the Magi, God showed Himself in the patterns of the stars and planets. When something extraordinary happened in the sky, like the new and bright star which appeared, they understood this to mean that God was sending them a message that He was doing something extraordinary on the earth. It then became their quest to find out what this message meant. Apart from St. Matthew’s account, we know nothing definite about the star which led the Magi to Bethlehem. But this is why they are often described as “*Wise Men*”, on account of their learning.

Secondly, how did the Magi come to be described as “*Kings*”? This comes about through the association with today’s Old Testament reading at Mass from the prophet Isaiah, who foretells the future coming of kings to Jerusalem. Which leads to the next question:

Thirdly, what of the *number* of Magi? St. Matthew gives us no definite information, but apart from the reference above to three kings in psalm 71, it has reasonably been assumed throughout history that since St. Matthew mentions exactly three gifts, each was brought by one person. Moreover, the relics of *three* Magi, named traditionally as Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar, can still be venerated in Cologne Cathedral.

Finally, what of the gifts themselves? We noted above that the prophet Isaiah had already foretold in today’s first reading that gold and incense would be brought by foreign kings to Jerusalem. But myrrh is mentioned only in St. Matthew’s Gospel. Myrrh is rare and therefore very costly, and was added to oil to give it a fragrance for anointing, especially for people of great rank or state, like kings. Like incense, myrrh comes from the east. On account of its strong scent it was also associated with funeral embalming. Hence from the time of the Church Fathers, the gift of myrrh was associated with preparing for Our Lord’s future death.

TOGETHER WITH THE PARISH STAFF, I WISH YOU AND YOURS
A BLESSED CHRISTMASTIDE ~ FATHER PAUL



Thank you to all our wonderful and tireless volunteers who have kept St. Joseph going during these last difficult months. Your gift of care and time to our parish is very much appreciated by Fr Paul, Fr Michael, the staff and our parishioners. *May God Bless You and your families, for your wonderful service in the great vineyard of Our Lord.*

**Please check for parish updates on our website:
stjosephmi.archtoronto.org | or our Facebook page.**

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Opening Times

All Mass intentions will be honoured by private Mass

Up to 10 persons may be allowed in the church. You may visit Monday – Saturday from 8 am – 10 am for private prayer and Sundays 8 am – 12 noon for Eucharistic Adoration. This is presently first come first served and if there is a queue you may be asked to limit your stay to 15 minutes. During this time you may drop off offertory envelopes in the offertory basket in the front lobby.

DONATION Envelopes for 2021

Are in the parish hall for pickup. If your envelope number was above 1200 please check the binder on the pedestal for your newly assigned number.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Information for parents/guardians of students and beyond who have not completed the First Holy Communion or Confirmation preparation sessions please find information on our website or Facebook page.

St. Joseph Faith Study

Fr Paul and Fr Michael are looking into a faith study about St. Joseph in special honour of The Year of St. Joseph. This year was proclaimed by Pope Francis to commemorate the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared as Patron of the Universal Church. The study will be online via Zoom. Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for details once they are finalized.

One of a Kind Christmas Tree Angel Sales

Thank you to our generous and supportive parishioners! Our angels raised over \$1,015.00 which will be sent to the Human Family in Christ Charity in Bolivia.

Marriage Sunday 2021

Cardinal Collins has designated the weekend of February 13/14, 2021 as Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Our parish is participating in a program to offer a personalized, special blessing certificate signed by Cardinal Thomas Collins to married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2021.

To request a special milestone blessing certificate visit <https://bit.ly/2021MS-SpecialBlessing>.

The deadline to order is January 17, 2021.

The Office of Formation for Discipleship will be processing the orders. Our parish will be assisting in distributing the special blessing certificate to you.

SMILE OF THE DAY

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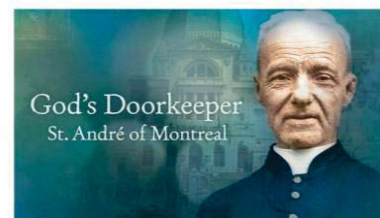
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

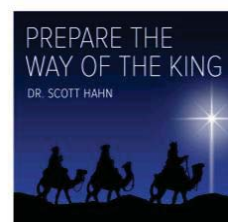
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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