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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday - 7:00 p.m.
(Holiday Mondays 10:00 a.m. only)

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Our Lady of Peace	15 Fincham Avenue, L6X 3V2	905-452-7010
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St. Monica	60 Sterritt Drive, L6Y 5B6	905-454-6346

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

St. Augustine	27 Drinkwater Road, L6Y 4T6	905-450-9993
St. Roch	200 Valleyway Drive, L6X 0N3	905-456-8543

BAPTISMS

Parent(s) are to be registered parishioners and participate in a preparation class. Please register for baptism, using the Baptism Package available at Sunday Mass and contact the parish office for further information.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must contact the priest one year in advance. A Marriage Course is required. For additional information contact the parish office.

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office when someone is in immediate need of this sacrament. We can also arrange for the reception of Holy Communion upon request.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Jan Kolodynski, Pastor
Mrs. Rocelyn Esposito, Parish Secretary
Mr. Jorge Barbosa, Property Manager

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a community of faith. Please introduce yourself/family to the priests and register as soon as possible.



MASS INTENTIONS

January 8th – 14th

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

† Walter Wolak

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

† Chikeong Yip & Yuen Bing Ho

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving – Samson, Selma, Clint & Crystal Furtal

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

† Maria Gilda Correia

† Frank Terrill

† Deceased members of the Traversa & Sepe Families

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

† Alma & Walter Guilbert

† Gloria & Normand Guilbert

† Bobby Scott

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

† Ruby & Jack McCann

† Percival Nacpil

† Fouad Yousif

2018 MASS INTENTION REQUEST



Mass Intention requests at St. Jerome's will only be taken in person at the parish office. We will no longer take Mass Intentions over the phone or via email. Intentions can be offered at the daily evening Mass at 7:00 p.m., at the Saturday Vigil

Mass at 5:00 p.m. and at the Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Archdiocese or Toronto has suggested Mass Intention donations at \$20. The parish will accept advance booking of Mass Intentions for 2018.

LAST CHANCE! 2018 SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2018 *Living with Christ* Sunday Missals are now available for purchase at the parish office. Limited quantities, so get yours today. Cost \$5.



2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



A reminder to parishioners to please pick-up your 2018 offertory envelope. Please ensure that you pick up the correct offertory envelope number and confirm your name and address information is correct. Please let the parish office

know if there are any changes. The address on the offertory box will be used to mail out your 2017 tax donation receipt. We encourage new parishioners and those who are currently not using parish offertory envelopes to pick up an *unassigned* box and record the envelope number on the parishioner registration form.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Scholars love to debate whether these Eastern astrologers were real historical persons or not. The fact is, we don't know. This is the only story about them.

But don't you love them? They come from some distant place, rich and powerful priests in their own land. They are the wise observers of the heavens. They are intuitive seekers for truth through the wonders of the natural world. They know something glorious is happening and they want to honor God.

So they get on their camels and travel many days. Frankly, camel travel is not so glamorous as we might think! They aroused Herod's opposition in their naiveté, but in the end they do what each of us can do: They bow humbly and offer their best possessions to the new king.

Did they understand everything about the baby in the humble house? No! But notice how obedient they were to what they did understand! They were willing to leave their homes, to travel through inhospitable landscapes, to search actively for that which their hearts sought. They paid attention to the star in the heavens and simply followed. They paid attention to inner promptings, through dreams and the movements of their hearts – and simply followed. And we? Do we obey what we *do* understand? Are we willing to travel, to search, to give rich gifts to honor God? What do we demand before we are willing to follow what we know? Proofs? Only the simple heart, who directly get up and follow, will find the house of the new Lord.

~Marilyn Gustin



FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT WEEKEND

The First Communion Enrolment weekend will be on **January 20th & 21st** at all the Masses, we will welcome the grade 2 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. The Enrolment Ceremony encourages families to continue to attend Mass together, as well as making the children feel welcome, recognized and witnessed through the congregation. The children will be asked to come up to the Altar at the end of the Mass before the final Blessing.



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT WEEKEND

The Confirmation Enrolment weekend will be on **January 27th & 28th** at all the Masses. The purpose of Enrolment weekend is:

- To encourage the candidates to make public their commitment to preparing for Confirmation within the parish community
- To highlight the importance of partnership in the preparation programme for Confirmation
- To make the connection between Baptism and Confirmation more tangible by the renewal of Baptismal Promises
- To invite the candidates to make a commitment to personal prayer, to community prayer by attending Mass, to take seriously all the preparation for Confirmation, at school, in the parish and at home and finally to do their best to be kind of person that Jesus would want them to be. We also invite their parents and sponsors to witness this commitment and to promise to help and encourage their child in their endeavours.

The students will be asked to come up to the Altar at the end of the Mass before the final Blessing.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

The theme announced by His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2018 World of Migrants and Refugee is "Welcoming, Protecting, Promoting and Integration Migrants and Refugees." In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcome and rejected strangers of every age..."

A special Mass commemorating the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **Sunday, January 14th at 1:00 p.m.** at the Good Shepherd Chaldean Catholic Cathedral, located at 2 High Meadow Place in North York. Bishop Kirkpatrick will be the homilist for this liturgy. A reception will follow with a number of dignitaries in attendance. All are welcome to attend!



THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Today is the Epiphany, the first Sunday of the God's New Year of grace. It celebrates the manifestation (*epiphanos*, in Greek) of Jesus to all the world. In effect, it's the "magic" of Christmas going public, and as such it is best experienced imaginatively.

However, translated, the people seeking and finding Jesus are *magi*, the plural of the Greek *magos*, indicating "people of magic." Not tricksters, mind you, but people humbled and awed by the transcendent, the mysterious, the divine.

They are led by a star, a light shining above and in the darkness. The darkness of human limitations, struggles, and sufferings will not be overcome by this heavenly light. Rather, the light of God promises to lead and guide them (us!) through the maze we call authentic human life.

The magi remind us, too, of how great gratitude sets free great generosity. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh indicate a fullness of life arising from gratitude at God's evident and provident magic among us. The precious gold reminds us to share generously of the marvelous bounty we have received.

Frankincense, with all its pungent aroma, invites us to lift up and offer to God all that is poignant in our lives – the grand as well as the awful. The bitterness of myrrh leads us to an ever more faithful and courageous embrace of life's sacrifices.

Finally, just as the magi were led home by a new route, today's celebration, not unlike Christmas, offers the promise that in God's New Year we will be led to new ways of forgiveness, generosity, reconciliation, vision, justice, peacemaking, and all the etcetera...if only we allow the "magic" of Jesus' starlit coming to lead us.



LOST & FOUND

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