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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.*

Some thoughts on today's scripture



The Magi, three pilgrim astrologers of the East, follow a star in search of the divine. God chooses to reveal himself to outsiders, strangers, and foreigners. I learn that in the kingdom of God there are no outsiders, nor any discrimination. The Magi are filled with immense joy by finding Jesus.

The wise men saw the star and steadily followed it. The people in Jerusalem did not. What star am I being called to follow this year? What gifts from my treasure chest will I offer him in service of his mission? Lord, send me out each day to be a bearer of your love to all whom I encounter.

*Una stella ha guidato i Magi fino a Betlemme perché la scoprirono "il re dei Giudei che è nato" e lo adorarono. Matteo aggiunge nel suo Vangelo: "Entrati nella casa, videro il bambino con Maria sua madre, e prostratisi lo adorarono".*

*Il viaggio dall'Oriente, la ricerca, la stella apparsa ai Magi, la vista del Salvatore e la sua adorazione costituiscono le tappe che i popoli e gli individui dovevano percorrere nel loro andare incontro al Salvatore del mondo. La luce e il suo richiamo non sono cose passate, poiché ad esse si richiama la storia della fede di ognuno di noi.*

*Perché potessero provare la gioia del vedere Cristo, dell'adorarlo e dell'offrirgli i loro doni, i Magi sono passati per situazioni in cui hanno dovuto sempre chiedere, sempre seguire il segno inviato loro da Dio.*

*La fermezza, la costanza, soprattutto nella fede, è impossibile senza sacrifici, ma è proprio da qui che nasce la gioia indicibile della contemplazione di Dio che si rivela a noi, così come la gioia di dare o di darsi a Dio. "Al vedere la stella, essi provarono una grandissima gioia".*

*Noi possiamo vedere la stella nella dottrina e nei sacramenti della Chiesa, nei segni dei tempi, nelle parole sagge e nei buoni consigli che, insieme, costituiscono la risposta alle nostre domande sulla salvezza e sul Salvatore.*

*Ralleghiamoci, anche noi, per il fatto che Dio, vegliando sempre, nella sua misericordia, su chi cammina guidato da una stella ci rivela in tanti modi la vera luce, il Cristo, il Re Salvatore.*



The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to do this as a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)



Pastoral Letter from the Most Rev. Francis Leo - "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things"

Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto, entitled, "Seeking The Kingdom of God Above and Beyond All Other Things". This significant reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our archdiocese.

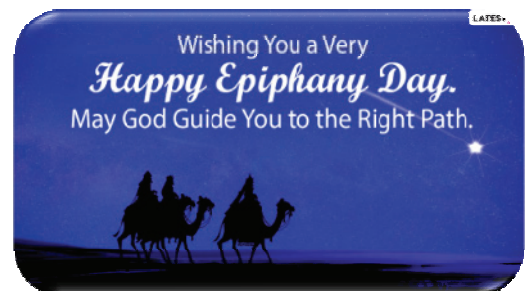
The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org).

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo February 11, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. The Mass will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage). For questions, please email [formation@archtoronto.org](mailto:formation@archtoronto.org) or call 416-934-3400 ext. 523.





A reminder to all the young people who are preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion and/or Confirmation, that Catechism classes will soon begin.

Please take note:



FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES COMMENCE  
Saturday January 06  
3:15 pm



CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMMENCE  
Wednesday January 24  
5:15 pm

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR 2024



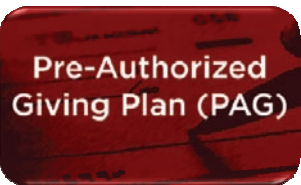
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Thank for your continued support of our neighbours in need.



- Saturday January 06  
5:00 pm - +Giovanni Vitone
- Sunday January 07  
9:00 am - +Sestilio & Romana Di Silvestri  
+Mariana  
10:30 am - +Antonio Barbuto  
+Angelo Bertossi  
+Lia Martinello  
+Angela Umbrio  
12:00 pm -
- Tuesday January 09  
7:00 pm -
- Wednesday January 10  
7:00 pm - +Jose Travassos
- Thursday January 11  
8:30 am -
- Friday January 12  
8:30 am -
- Saturday January 13  
5:00 pm -
- Sunday January 14  
9:00 am -  
10:30 am - +Carol Santaguida  
+Giuseppina & Vincenzo Galloro  
12:00 pm -
- Tuesday January 16  
7:00 pm -
- Wednesday January 17  
7:00 pm -
- Thursday January 18  
8:30 am -
- Friday January 19  
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