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MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 7, 2018

Please pray for:

Lea Guilbeault & Ferruccio Berardo
Anna Maria Pietracupa
Pasqualina Ciarlillo
Roger Lamy
Giovanna & Giuseppe Lombardi
Lise Talbot
Mattias Kozina

Requested by:

Family
The Colombo Family
Family
Carmen & Frank Moscato
Family
Marlene & Patrick Commerford
Sister Lucy Borque

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aider tout le monde, a charitable organization which feeds homeless men and women every Sunday. Donations of NEW underwear and socks for men and women as well as gently used jackets, tuques and gloves will be appreciated.

Don't forget to visit our Parish website at <http://www.holyfamilyparishmtl.com>. You can find Sunday's Liturgy PowerPoint slides and the bulletin. Thank you to all those involved in keeping the website up to date!

- Office Hours: Tuesdays 10 am to 4 pm (Please call before coming)
- If you wish to add you email address to Holy Family's address list, please send it to jpiazza@live.ca
- For those wishing to have a mass said for loved one or a friend, please see Sharon Murphy after mass.

Here are the latest collections:

Sunday, Dec. 24 – day (10:30am) – \$2,455
Sunday, Dec. 24 – evening (9:30pm) – \$3,350
Monday, Dec. 25 – day (10:30am) - \$945
Sunday, Dec. 31 – day (10:30am) - \$1,635

Thank you!



Raise your Eyes!



As cell phones are ubiquitous, we pedestrians face extra challenges and must always pay attention. We must be present, focused on our surroundings, careful where we walk, especially in winter, since we could easily slip on the ice. Secondly, we must be careful not to run into other pedestrians whose eyes are glued to a phone. These were not problems faced by the Magi.

According to the passage from St. Matthew, we know how the Magi crossed the desert. Their signposts were in the night sky as they followed the star they had seen rising in the east. Their eyes remained focused on the horizon and they didn't lose their way. The Epiphany is a feast of enlightenment and revelation that commemorates Christ's glory as we read in Isaiah's beautiful prose. Abraham looked forward to the land promised by the Lord and raised his eyes to see millions of stars that represented his descendants.

The experience of faith projects light on our human existence and guides us toward our Source. Christ is the Light of the World who reveals God's love for us. If we feel an inner call to live in faith, we raise our eyes and begin our journey, like the Magi and men and women of faith who preceded us. Set in motion and guided by Christ, we can travel far and wide on our human adventure, farther than we can visualize on a path that leads to intimacy with God our Father.

We should not think that the Magi who followed their star were more fortunate than we are on our faith journey. Our signposts are real, meaningful, and our opportunities, modern. Some may wonder whether our questions and doubts could indicate a loss or lack of faith. These are merely invitations to raise our eyes beyond a faith that may have become comfortable and rediscover God in the battlefields of life.

The Magi relied on the Scriptures to guide them to the new-born king. Today we read the Gospel of Christ to enhance our quest for meaning. Our desire is to be inspired by something greater than what we currently experience. We raise our eyes and begin our journey, though it may be challenging. We are confident that the Lord will always guide us.

Yves Guillemette, priest
Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli