



PARISH BULLETIN  
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- WEEKEND MASS    SATURDAY 4:00pm    SUNDAY 9:00am & (11:00am - Livestreamed)
- WEEKDAY MASS -    TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS - 8:30am – All are Welcome!
- EVENING MASS -    THURSDAYS - 7:00pm – All are Welcome!
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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE (30) MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT PARISH FUNDRAISER EVENT ON FRIDAY MARCH 7 AT 7PM – CHURCH HALL!

THIS LIVE MUSIC COFFEEHOUSE WILL FEATURE AN IMPRESSIVE LINEUP OF LOCAL MONTREAL MUSICIANS WHO WILL BE DONATING THEIR TALENTS FOR THE EVENING TO PROVIDE OVER 2 HOURS OF INCREDIBLE ACOUSTIC ENTERTAINMENT. TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH AND WILL BE ON SALE AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS UP UNTIL THE EVENT OR BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE.

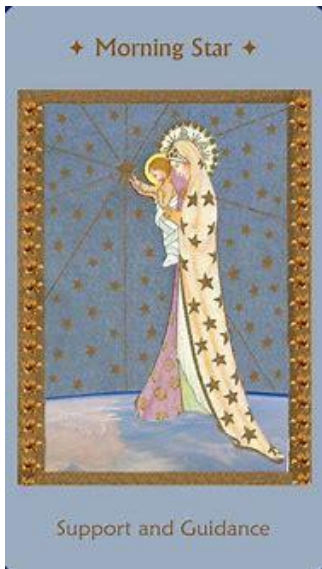
THIS IS A BYOB EVENT. THERE WILL ALSO BE FREE COFFEE AND TEA, SNACKS FOR SALE, A CASH 50/50 RAFFLE, AND DOOR PRIZES.

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING SUPPORTING THE PARISH!



16 FEBRUARY 2025

Access - East Side Entrance



## **Mary, the Morning Star: A Beacon of Hope and Guidance**

The title “Morning Star” comes from Revelation 22:16, where Jesus Christ says, “I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.” This passage refers to Jesus as the Morning Star, symbolizing His role as the light of the world and the herald of a new dawn.

In the 2nd century, the early Church Father, St. Irenaeus, began to apply the title “Morning Star” to Mary, the Mother of God. This connection was made because Mary, as the mother of Jesus, was seen as the one who gave birth to the Light of the World, the Morning Star.

The title “Morning Star” has several theological implications when applied to Mary. Firstly, it symbolizes her role as a guiding light, guiding us to her Son, Jesus, who is the Light of the World. Just as the morning star guides sailors and travelers, Mary guides us to the safe harbor of Jesus' love and redemption.

Secondly, the title “Morning Star” represents hope and renewal. The morning star symbolizes the dawn of a new day, representing hope and renewal. Mary, as the Morning Star, embodies this hope and renewal, pointing us to the promise of eternal life through her Son.

Thirdly, the title “Morning Star” is associated with purity and radiance. The morning star is often seen as a symbol of purity and radiance, reflecting the light of God. Mary, as the Immaculate Conception, is seen as the perfect embodiment of purity and radiance, reflecting the light of God.

The title “Morning Star” has been incorporated into various Catholic devotions and liturgical practices. Many Catholic prayers and hymns address Mary as the Morning Star, emphasizing her role as a guiding light and symbol of hope. Some Catholic feast days, such as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, highlight Mary's role as the Morning Star. Devotions like the Rosary and the Litany of Loreto often invoke Mary as the Morning Star, seeking her guidance and intercession.

In conclusion, the title “Mary, the Morning Star” is a rich and multifaceted expression of Marian theology and devotion. It highlights Mary's role as a guiding light, a symbol of hope, and a reflection of God's purity and radiance. As we honor Mary as the Morning Star, we are reminded of her importance in our lives as a guiding light and a symbol of hope, pointing us to the promise of eternal life through her Son, Jesus Christ.



**THE DIOCESAN CENTER FOR MARRIAGE, LIFE AND FAMILY** will be holding (6) seminars in St. Monica's Church Hall for the **Marriage Preparation Course** starting Friday, February 28, from (4:00pm-9:00pm) and continuing on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from (9:00am – 4:00pm).

Please note that you must participate in all 6 seminars of the session to receive your Marriage Preparation Certificate. Maximum of 25 couples per session on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

**Cost: \$275 per couple** payable upon registration. Payment options can be made by check to the C.A.C.R.M., by Credit Card, or PayPal.

**To Register:** [Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family](#) or call us at (514) 925-4300, # 206.

**MASS INTENTIONS – FEBRUARY 15 - 23, 2025**

**Saturday, 4:00pm – February 15, 2025: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Sunday, 9:00am – February 16, 2025: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Ignazio Mattei*

*Deceased Members of Paoli & Turini Family*

*Pasquale Coccia*

*Domenica Mattei & Family*

*Alessandro Paoli & Pietrina Turini*

*His Family*

**Sunday, 11:00am – February 16, 2025: 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Leonilda Francescangeli*

*Soul of Robert Liautaud*

*Alessandro Fiori*

*Gino & Family*

*Elizabeth & Family*

*His Family*

**Tuesday, 8:30am – February 18, 2025: Weekday**

*Ronald Netto*

*Mora & Lee Lai Families*

**Wednesday, 8:30am – February 19, 2025: Weekday**

*Isa, Ivio & Mark Mazzella*

*Family*

**Thursday – 8:30am & 7pm – February 20, 2025: Weekday**

*For All Parishioners Intentions*

**Friday, 8:30am – February 21, 2025: Saint Peter Damian**

*Luisa & Giovanni Coppa*

*Di Meglio Family*

**Saturday, 4:00pm – February 22, 2025: 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Leonard & Terry Winslade*

*Peter Duffy*

*Emilia & Francesco Ciampini*

*Ernesta Ciampini*

*Bob & Do Parsons*

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*Ernesta & Children*

*Franca & Family*

**Sunday, 9:00am – February 23, 2025: 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Michael Giangaspero*

*Maria Teresa Palucci*

*The Cullen Family*

*Living – Brigitte's Family-personal intention*

*his Wife*

*Maria Pisaturo*

*Jane Cullen*

*Brigitte de Josez*

**Sunday, 11:00am – February 23, 2025: 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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