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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH 26 December, 2021



The Holy Family Prayer

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. — Amen

PRAYER FROM MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am | 12:15 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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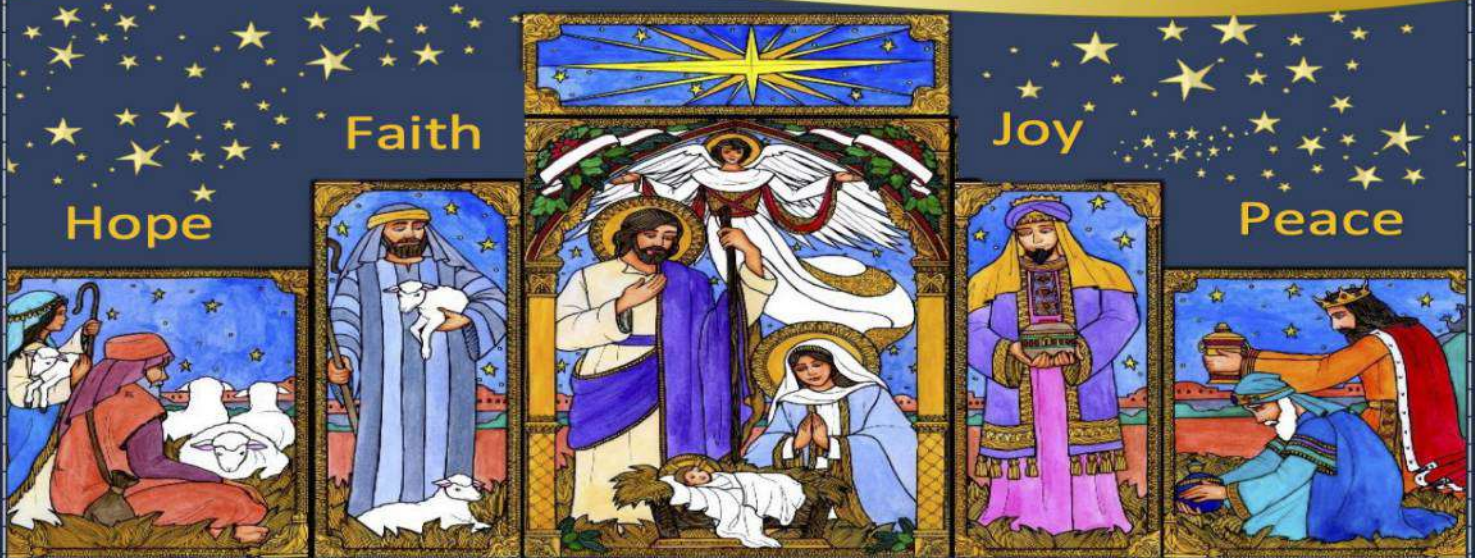
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Halleluiah our King is born

May He reign forever in us



“On the Feast of the only perfect Family that ever lived on this earth, all parents might examine themselves and see how well they are fulfilling the grave responsibility which God has placed on them. As they heard during their marriage ceremony: “Children are a gift from God to you.” Children serve as the joy of their parents’ young years and the help and comfort of their old age, but above and beyond that, they are a gift for which their parents are accountable before God, as they must, in the end, return these, His children, to Him. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church. May God bless all your families in the New Year.” (Antony Kadavil)

Excerpt from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-12/sunday-reflection-vatican-news3.html>



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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 27 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED
+ THELMA MARECHEAU AUGUSTINE
+ ALBERT MARTINS

TUESDAY, 28 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + DEMOCRETO & JULIANA PASAJOL
+ INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO
+ MICHAEL KABAWATHAGE

WEDNESDAY, 29 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
S.I. HEALING FOR CERIDAD GABRIEL
+ THELMA PIDGEON

THURSDAY, 30 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ MARCONI GABITO
+ GALILEO LANDICHO

FRIDAY, 31 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING
+ MONICA HICKEY
+ APPOLINA & DOMINIC FERNANDES & RAPHAEL CRASTO

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 31 DECEMBER: NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 PM + JOSEPH & CECILIA CLEMENTS
+ PAUL & CHARLES CLEMENTS
+ FRANK BAROBA & MICHAEL D'SOUZA
6:30 PM + JOSE MOURA & FAMILY
+ MARGARETIA CHEN
+ EFREN LABAY

SATURDAY 1 JANUARY: NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:30 AM + HELEN & KARL FARUGA
+ JOHN & JANET SOARES
+ PEDRO & EUFRECINA CHICHIOCO
9:45 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
11:00 AM S.I. BLANCHE ALLES
S.I. GRAYSON DE SOUZA
+ MARCIANO VILLENA
12:15 PM S.I. BENJI & JENIE BURAGA
+ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE OPIMALDO FAMILY
5:00 PM **NO EVENING MASS**

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God's will in the world today. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, 2 JANUARY

8:30 AM + IMELDA & ABELARDO CHICHIOCO
+ STANLEY O'KANE
9:45 AM + CYPERANO D'SOUZA
+ JAMES & SHEILA BAPTISTE
+ JACK SMITH & NELLIE CORREIA
11:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:15 PM S.I. CHRISTOPHER KATSORAS
+ SOCORRO ANGELES
+ JOSE LUIS SAURA & JOSE MARIA SAURA

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

On New Year's Day we celebrate Mary Mother of God. **For Catholics in Canada, this is a day of obligation where you are expected to attend mass.**

Please Note: Our New Year's Masses are on a first come, first serve basis. The doors will be locked after we have reached our capacity. **You will be required to attend Mass on Sunday 2 January to fulfill your Sunday obligation.**



CHRISTMAS PRAYER & THANKS

On this second day of Christmas, when we honour the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I would like to offer you a prayer and thanks. "God the Father gave His greatest gift to us on that first Christmas Day. May that gift of Jesus always guide you and light your way." With the openings and closures of the parish which we endured this past year, I thank you for your patience and your presence. And thanks for your financial donations, which help to keep the parish afloat as we pay our bills. Thanks goes out again to the parishioners who have offered Fr. David, Deacon Alban and myself, their many prayers for the Christmas season as well as their presents. May God bless you all in the coming New Year and always. On behalf of Fr. David and Deacon Alban, I wish you,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fr. Joseph Singh



REFLECTION

On 28 December, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents (those baby boys who were put to death in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great).

The question has always been asked about how a holy innocent might look in our day. One such individual was **Antonietta Meo** who was born in 1930 in Italy. At the tender age of 5, Antonietta was diagnosed with bone cancer after a fall caused by a knee injury. She “cheerfully” endured the amputation of her leg and offered it in union with the sacrifices of Christ. Antonietta formed a habit of leaving a letter at the foot of a crucifix every night. On 3 July 1937, Antonietta died five months shy of her seventh birthday. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI set her name on the road to sainthood by recognizing miracles attributed to Antonietta and heroic virtues.

Antonietta wrote many letters. Here are some “childish” yet mystical samplings of the things Antonietta wrote in her letters and notes.

To Jesus Eucharist: “First make me a saint, and this is the most important favor, Second, give me some souls, and Third, make me walk normally. To tell the truth, this is the least important. I’m not saying to give me back my leg, I gave it to You!” “I want to suffer a lot to redeem the sins of men, especially the very bad ones.” “Dear Jesus, I know people always offend You. I want to amend all these offenses, dear Jesus. If You were a man like us and if You locked Yourself inside a house, You wouldn’t hear all the offenses caused to You. In the same way, You could come into my heart and stay locked within me and I’ll make a lot of sacrifices for You and I’ll tell You some sweet words to comfort you.”

To Jesus Crucified: “I love You so much, I want to stay with You on Calvary and I suffer with joy because I know I’m on Calvary. I thank You for having sent me this illness because it is a means to get to Paradise. Tell the Holy Spirit to enlighten me with love and fill me with His seven gifts.”

To Baby Jesus: “When You were born in a cave in Bethlehem You suffered a lot and felt cold. I want to make up for this pain. You Who came from the stars to come on this earth to save us and to get us back for Paradise.”

To the Virgin Mary: “It’s not enough telling you how I love you just one time so I’ll repeat that I love you so much. You who are so pure, make me pure as you are. You who have suffered so much in these days, I want to bear the Cross with you. Let me remember all my sins and help me so that I can commit them no more and I want to correct my faults to become better. Bless the Church and the clergy and especially my father confessor...”



We pray that all of our families had a beautiful Christmas and may your New Year be filled with hope, love, peace, and so much joy! Merry Christmas to all of our sacramental families from Mrs. Selda, Noah Aquino, and our sacramental team.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Dear parishioners,

If you are not able to attend, but still wish to donate, here are the ways in which you can continue to support our parish at this time:

- Mail your regular weekly offertory contribution to the parish or drop off to the parish locked mailbox by the office door, or drop off in the donations box at Mass.
- Online donations can be made at www.archtoronto.org. Simply click on the donate now icon, select St. Francis de Sales parish from the drop-down menu and the fund you wish to donate to. This can be done as a onetime donation or as an ongoing monthly donation. It will give you a place to choose that option.
- Contribute through pre-authorized giving. You can obtain a form from the parish website. Mail the completed form and a voided cheque to the parish office. Or e-mail the form and a scanned copy or photo of a voided cheque to development@archtoronto.org for processing. Contributions are withdrawn from your bank account on the 20th of each month.

Thank you for your many contributions to our parish community.

Reflection Cont'd...

To the Holy Spirit: “I thank You for having let me receive my First Holy Communion on Christmas Day (1936). Enlighten my soul and let me always be the small lamp that always enlightens the Holy Tabernacle. I can’t wait for that day (of Confirmation) to come and give me all Your seven gifts. Enlighten me, fill me with Your Grace and sanctify me.”

To the Holy Trinity: “Father, Creator, what a beautiful name! Dear Jesus, You died to save all of us and You see how bad we are and I, dear Jesus, I want to make a lot of small sacrifices to make up for the sins people commit against You. Dear Holy Spirit, enlighten my soul and my body and sanctify me...”

To God the Father: “I wish You set a lot of souls of Purgatory free so that they can go to Paradise and glorify You. I also wish You convert a lot of sinners. Tell Jesus that I’m glad to receive Him and I wish He will be happy *too*.”

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