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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 31st, 2023



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 : We joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith. 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 | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
SATURDAY 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
SUNDAY 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Feast of the Holy Family



"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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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 1 JANUARY *New Years Day*

- 10:00 AM + JOHN & JANET SOARES AND DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS
+ EDITH & EDWIN FERNANDES
+ HILARIO RABOY
- 11:30 AM S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS
+ ALLY HOOSAIN
+ NENETTE PASIGAN
- 1:00 PM + ARTHUR RONALD PERILLA NAVASERO
+ JACOB FAVILA

TUESDAY, 2 JANUARY

- 9:00 AM S.I. JOSEPH & JULIE GALEA
+ REMEDIOS CORTEZ ESGUERRA

WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY

- 9:00 AM S.I. MICHAEL ARBOUR
+ EDMUNDO & MILAGROS BALLERAS

THURSDAY, 4 JANUARY

- 9:00 AM S.I. PAULA RAGGIUNTI

FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY

- 9:00 AM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR A SAFE TRIP
S.I. ELLIE DEMATTOS

SATURDAY, 6 JANUARY *St Andre Bessette*

- 9:00 AM S.I. HERMOGENES & TARCELA
MAQUIRANG
+ MCCANNON NEWALLO

- 5:00 PM S.I. PETAL LALLA-PROUT
+ RICHARD CLARK
+ ALFRED PELOI

SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY *The Epiphany of the Lord*

- 8:30 AM S.I. CYNTHIA SHIM
+ JOSE ANTONIO MOURA & FAMILY
+ RITA BRETT
- 10:15 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
- 12:00 PM S.I. ALEXANDER FAMILY
S.I. LOUISE CABRAL
- 7:00 PM S.I. GRETTA CARDOZ

CLARIFICATION OF MASS ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: Feast of Holy Family

- 8:30 a.m.
- 10:15 a.m.
- *There will be no 12 p.m. Mass on this day.*

SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER: New Year's Eve Mass

- 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY 1 JANUARY: Holy Mary Mother of God - New Year's Day

- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m.

Because the Feast of the Holy Family is the same day as New Year's Eve, parishioners will have to attend one of the Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family and to fulfill your New Year's obligation, will have to attend one of the Masses either on New Year's Eve or Day. 1 January, Mary Mother of God is a day of Mass obligation for all Catholics in Canada.



VOCATIONS

By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**
Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca

2024 SUNDAY MISSALS

We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home. May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



2024 OFFERTORY BOXES



Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Sunday Offertory envelopes. If you do not see your name on a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. **Please do not use the 2024 envelopes until January.**

Let us pray! For the sick members of our parish and for those who love and minister to them.



A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

What was Moses' wife, Zipphora, known as when she'd throw holiday parties?
The hostess with the Moses!



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PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
In you we contemplate the splendor of true love;
To you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Grant that our families too may be places of communion
and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel,
And small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May families never again experience violence, rejection,
and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
Make us once more mindful of the sacredness and
inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.



MARRIAGE & COMMUNION

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest.

If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.



Merry Christmas! We wish all the children, their families and our sacramental team a beautiful Christmas with hope, peace, joy and so much love! We pray for great health and safe journeys as you enjoy all the special moments of this special Season! **For those in confirmation, classes will begin January 14/15.**

Christmas Blessings,
Mrs. Selda & Noah Aquino

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Merry Christmas! It has been so nice to see all of the children preparing for their sacraments at Mass throughout the Christmas Season. The children will continue to prepare for their 2 very special sacraments in January. Please see below for the class start dates and please review the sacramental schedule on the back of your child's passport for their upcoming First Reconciliation date and 2nd passport review.

First Reconciliation/Communion Preparation classes at our 6 Parish schools:

These classes will begin the week of January 16th. Please note that Mrs. Selda will be preparing all of the grade 2 children in our 6 Parish schools in class.

RCIC Classes at the Parish:

Classes will resume on Saturday January 27th at the Parish, for all of the children attending Public/Private/Other Catholic Schools and for the children in grades 3-6.

God Bless,
Mrs. Selda

PARKING – FIRE ROUTES



We have a problem regarding our fire routes and parking. Please respect the fire routes and do **not** park in front of them. Recently, fire trucks and ambulances have had a hard time accessing the parking lot because people who are illegally parked in the fire zones and driveways. Time is crucial if a parishioner needs medical attention and needs to be rushed to the hospital. Bylaw officers will issue tickets to those who do not comply especially during the holiday season.

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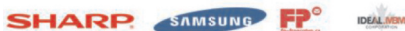
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