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Solemnity of Mary, January 1st, 2025 the Holy Mother of God



*O Mother of God, you birthed the one who created all.
 How beautiful the mystery.
 How exalted your vocation that precedes and makes
 possible the Apostles' own vocations.
 At home you bounced on your knee the one who spins
 the world on His finger.
 Help us start this new year with wonder more than
 resolutions, with eternal gratitude
 more than mundane goals — Amen*

MY CATHOLIC LIFE

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 | 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

.... The Gospel speaks of Mary "bringing together"... her different experiences and finding the hidden threads that connect them.... she binds together the beautiful things and the unpleasant things.... she welcomes the plan of salvation whereby God must lie in a manger. She sees the divine Child frail and shivering, and she accepts the wondrous divine interplay between grandeur and littleness....

... And this is Mary's attitude: she keeps and ponders right up to Calvary.

.... At the beginning of the New Year, then, let us place ourselves under the protection of this woman, the Mother of God, who is also our mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials and with the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and can transform every cross into a resurrection.... Amen.

Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2022/documents/20220101_omelia-madredidio-pace.html



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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 30 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. APRIL MCDONALD
+ MARGARITA CHEN
+ DEPARTED SOULS OF THE CORREIA FAMILY

TUESDAY, 31 DECEMBER *New Year's Eve*

5:00 PM + CELINE BERESFORD
+ LOU & JESSIE D'SILVA
+ SIMON D'CRUZ & BERNARD ROSARIO

WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY *New Year's Day*

10:00 AM + ANTHONY & PHYLLIS MANUEL AND
DECEASED MEMBERS OF MANUEL FAMILY
+ JOHN & JANET SOARES AND DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE SOARES FAMILY

11:30 AM + ALLY HOOSAIN
+ NENETTE PASIGAN

1:00 PM S.I. CELINE, MARIA & AMELIA DI NOVA
S.I. CHAD & ERNA DI NOVA AND FAMILY
S.I. BONNIE BAYES AND FAMILY

THURSDAY, 2 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. MICHAEL ARBOUR
S.I. GARY BROWN AND FAMILY
+ INNOCENCIO & JOSEPHINE PACHECO

FRIDAY, 3 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. JOSEPH AND JULIE GALEA
S.I. RUDY DI NOVA AND FAMILY
S.I. LEN, BETTY AND FAMILY

SATURDAY, 4 JANUARY

9:00 AM S.I. FOR THE HEALING OF PAUL LAGROIX
+ JOHNNY COUTINHO
+ MARITA SALVOSA
5:00 PM S.I. SHARON QUINTAL
S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SUREN
AND JOSHAN FAMILY
+ JOHN COUTINHO

SUNDAY, 5 JANUARY

8:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
10:15 AM S.I. PRAYERS FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE
S.I. VERONICA JONES
+ MARIA & MANUEL CHAVES AND FAMILY
12:00 PM + CATHY KERELUIK
+ FELICIDAD PARAISO

7:00 PM AVAILABLE



Please note, Mass on Friday January 3rd will be at 9am. The parish office will also remain closed until January 4 for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open on January 6. See you in the new year!



A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives. On behalf of Fr. Derek, Deacon Alban and the rest of our pastoral staff, I would like to thank you all for your gifts and prayers graciously given to us not only at this time of the year but from the past twelve months. May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always. God Bless, Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Fr. Joseph Singh

2025 SUNDAY MISSALS

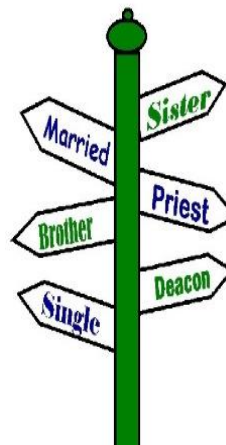
We're so glad so many of you have picked up a Missal for this year! Unfortunately, we are not able to use old missals from previous years so you are invited to simply recycle them at home. May the new missal for the year help you enter ever deeper into the Mysteries of our Faith!



VOCATIONS

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

www.vocationstoronto.ca



A CATHOLIC CACKLE

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

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle Age is when you're forced to!



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Jubilee 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE - JUBILEE 2025

Father in Heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will share eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



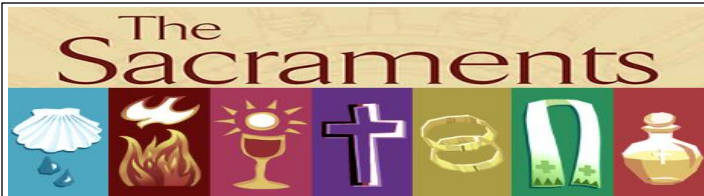
Join the Knights of Columbus Council 6161 for an unforgettable Niagara Falls Bus Trip! Experience the magic of Niagara Falls with our exclusive bus trip on Saturday, January 4th 2025.

We will depart at 9:30am from St. Francis de Sales Parish, Ajax. This trip includes a delightful visit to the renowned Magnotta Winery Store, a chance to try your luck at Falls View Casino, and experience the mesmerizing Festive of Lights. Tickets are available to purchase for \$50 per person. This includes \$35 in casino credits. Don't miss out on this incredible adventure!

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



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us.



FIRST RECONCILIATION/HOLY COMMUNION

Happy New Year! 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 19th. 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 25th 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

CONFIRMATION

Happy New Year! 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! **Confirmation classes will begin January 12/13.**

As a gentle reminder, Father Joe kindly asks all students to wait until the priest reaches the back of the church before heading to the passport station. Thank-you to those who have been following and respecting this guideline.

We look forward to seeing all of our Confirmandi wearing their Blessed Crosses proudly. The parish continues to keep all of you in their prayers.

God Bless,
Noah Aquino



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