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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Sunday, December 31

- 8:00 AM For intentions of St. Anne's
Community
10:00 AM † Jonathan Faria
12:00 PM Mouco Family – Living &
deceased
10:30 AM ADORATION
11:30 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary–Holy Mother of God

- 10:00 AM † John Saunders
12:00 PM † Maikel & Iskandara Michriky

Tuesday, January 2

- 9:15 AM † Emilio Binos

Wednesday, January 3

- 9:15 AM † Agostinho Maria & children &
all deceased family members
7:00 PM † Emilio Binos

Thursday, January 4

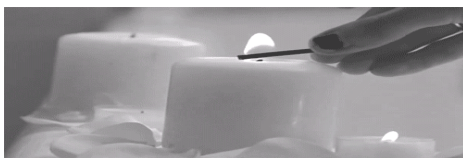
- 9:15 AM † Elizabeth Arzadon

Friday, January 5

- 9:15 AM † Gloria & Family – special
intention
7:00 PM In thanksgiving & special
Intention – Gloria & family

Saturday, January 6

- 9:15 AM † Joseph Cherickal
5:00 PM † Teresa Cottreau



Lamp Intentions

SANCTUARY LAMP 1:

In Thanksgiving – Romano Family

SANCTUARY LAMP 2:

In Thanksgiving – Romano Family

SACRED HEART LAMP:

Special Intention

ST. ANNE LAMP:

For the souls of Hagop &
Marie Karayan

DIVINE MERCY:

In Thanksgiving & Special Intention

PADRE PIO:

In memory of Bill Holmes

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH:

From Holy Family to Our Family

Today Sunday after the Christmas we celebrate the feast of Holy Family. Church celebrate this feast not because Holy Family was not a perfect family but because through their imperfectness they walked towards the holiness and finally obtained lasting Joy of the father. It is a time when we can reflect on the quality of our own family life in the light of the Holy Family.

Most important quality of the Holy Family is it was united by God. When family is united by God when they have struggles God will take care of them. We all know once Holy Family was at a stage of struggle and verge of break apart. Who was intervening? God. When our families have that kind of distrust who are we calling? Most probably friends, relatives etc. We forget the third person in our marriage. When we have doubts, misunderstandings we are ask to offer them to Jesus silently in front of the Blessed Sacrament. As Jesus clearly says "Marriage is impossible only by our strength". When our spouses, children or in laws let us down we have to offer them to Jesus so he will correct them and keep our families united.

Most importantly we have to remember Holy Family relative to all families: all families are born from God.

We might imagine Holy Family was the happy family on the earth. I don't think so. They had struggles as well. It must have had from time to time its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, its problems and difficulties. There may have been problems about supplying the family's needs on occasion. Surely someone fell sick at one time or another and was a source of anxiety for the rest of the family. There may be situations that people did not pay Joseph for what he had been working for. But I guess they stood as one family unit by caring each other. They may had different temperaments, different personalities. That is what we call diversity in our families. They accept each other in the name of God. They not only lived together, they prayed together, they worked together as well.

All members of a family are different. This difference is part of God's all wise plan for His children. He makes us different from the moment He creates a different soul for each one of us.

Now the most important thing. Their lives were centered on God in turn Jesus. Another important point was Jesus was guiding (proper word would be training) them too. If we can recall when Mother Mary visited Jesus once he said "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." It is not to insult his mother but to let Mother Mary know his expectations.

When our lives are God centered everything is at its proper place. Otherwise they are not only misplace but out of place.

Family Unit to Bigger Family

As soon as Jesus was able to preach publically (at that time age 30 was the requirement to fulfil for public ministry) he moved out from home for his ministry. As he told at age 12, he knew his work in this world. As he said "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."

While the family must always have top priority in our concerns, it is not an absolute priority. All of us, and especially Christians, are called to follow the example of Jesus and align ourselves with the family of the world. For, with one Father, we are all brothers and sisters to each other and are called to care for each other. One of the problems with some modern families is that they see the surrounding society as being there simply to satisfy their wants and ambitions. This can put unbearable pressure on young people.

We are called to holiness. Simply as an individual, then as family of birth and as a bigger family. Bigger family can start with neighborhood, parish, community, etc.

If we can have this as our New Year resolution it will a revolutionary year for the world. Jesus starts his mission in his family and moved out. Can we do the same?

Wishing you all a Blessed life changing New Year!

FROM THE PASTOR'S

Thank
you

Fr. James, Fr. Jibin and the parish staff would like to thank all of the parishioners for their gifts, cards, kindness, generosity and hospitality during the Christmas season. May God continue to bless you throughout the New Year.

BRAMPTON HOMELESS SHELTER

Many thanks to all those who so kindly remembered those less fortunate at this time of year by making donation of gloves, scarves, underwear, socks and hats for the men's homeless shelter.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There is a mandatory Altar Server training in the Stephenson room on Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 am until 2:00 p.m. for all current Altar Servers and anyone wanting to join. If for any reason you cannot attend, please advise the coordinator.

MANDATORY USHER & GREETERS TRAINING

Saturday, February 17 – 10 AM – 12 Noon

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2).

Are you currently helping to show hospitality to all God's people who come into the church as an usher? If you are, please join us on February 17 at 10AM in the Stephenson room for a training session put on by the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Formation and Discipleship. New members and those that signed up at the Harvest your Talent weekend are also welcomed to attend.

LAST CALL TO JOIN FR. JIBIN ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND MARCH 4-15, 2018

There is still a chance to book for this faith filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan with Fr. Jibin Joy. For all that are interested please contact Halina at International Heritage Tours, 905-886-0343 ex. 315 or 647-294-4116. Detail information and itinerary leaflets are available by church lobby boards

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

Saturdays, March 10, 17 & 24, 2018 (1:30-4:30 p.m.)

St. Anne's will be holding a Marriage Preparation course in the Stephenson Room on the above dates. The fee is \$250 per couple. Please register early at the parish office.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY: On Saturday, February 10 at the 5PM Mass, there will be a special blessing at St. Anne's Church for those couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating one of these milestone anniversaries and are interested in attending, kindly leave your contact information at the parish office.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who showed up and took the time out of their busy schedules and did an amazing job in decorating the Church for Christmas.

We will also like to ask your assistance once again in removing the Christmas decorations from the church and lobby on Tuesday, January 9th. We will meet in the church at 7 pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 1

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

10:00 AM Legion of Mary (F/R)
7:00 PM RCIA (P/R)
7:00 PM Youth Band & Choir practice (C)
7:30 PM Faith Sharing (F/R)
8:00 PM 8AM choir practice (S/R)

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 AM Food Assistance (F/R)
10:00 AM Screening Comm (Faith Form Off)
6:30 PM Confessions (C)

Thursday, January 4

9:30 AM Centering Prayer Group (F/R)
7:00 PM NFP (F/R)
7:30 PM 10AM choir practice (F/R)

Friday, January 5

9:30 AM Over 55 (S/R)
7:00 PM Youth Ministry Leaders' Training (S/R)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM Confessions (C)
10:00 AM Altar Servers' Training (S/R)
4:00 PM Confessions (C)
6:00 PM YMAT Meeting (F/R)

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES-2018

These envelopes are available for pickup from the Stephenson room. They are in numerical order. An alphabetical list is also provided in a binder. Kindly write your contact information on the envelopes for the first couple of weeks in January.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

This bulletin is prepared in advance over the Christmas and New Year Holidays, therefore, amounts are not available. **YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH NEEDS**

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A Ministry to Feed the Hungry

Thank You for depositing your change in the "Poor Boxes" in the lobby after Mass

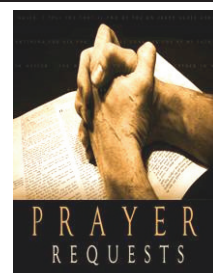


For the Sick:

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For the Deceased:

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