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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## MASS INTENTIONS



### Sunday, December 30

- 8:00 AM – For the intentions of the people of St. Anne's  
10:00 AM – † Jonathan Faria  
12:00 PM – In thanksgiving for the Passee Family for God's blessing

### Monday, December 31

#### NO MORNING MASS

- 5:00 PM – **New Year's Eve Mass**  
10:30 PM – **ADORATION**  
11:30 AM – **New Year's Eve Mass**

### Tuesday, January 1

- 10:00 AM – † Mary Schembri  
12:00 PM – † Vincent & Lavita Saldanha & Anishka & Giselle Saldanha

### Wednesday, January 2

- 9:15 AM – † Maria Raposo  
7:00 PM – † Emilio Binos  
– Thanksgiving Jose & Family  
– † Claude F. Valladares, Gwen Valladares & family  
– † Cecilia Gomes, Patrick Cardoso, Melvin Pretto

### Thursday, January 3

- 9:15 AM – David & Mary Lozowsky & family

### Friday, January 4

- 9:15 AM - Jason Pinnock & Vera Bahadosingh  
7:00 PM – Gloria & Family - In Thanksgiving

### Saturday, January 5

- 9:15 AM – † Sheila Cooney  
5:00 PM – † Vittorio-Corona & family

## LAMP INTENTIONS



#### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

For Rego's children's health

#### SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2

For Rego's children's health

#### SACRED HEART LAMP

In Thanksgiving for many blessings

#### ST. ANNE LAMP

Special intention

#### DIVINE MERCY LAMP

In memory of Bill Holmes

#### PADRE PIO LAMP

Special Intention

## DECEMBER 30, 2018



We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas, just when some toys are already broken, chocolate Santas sit in the clearance bin and Valentine's decorations begin to appear. As we get back to "normal", the church offers us the ideal of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the Holy Family whose supposed peaceful, loving life might seem further removed from us than we would want to admit. In spite of the holy card depictions, a very different picture emerges when we contemplate the stories the church uses to frame this feast.

In liturgical year A, we hear how Joseph had to pack up the family and furtively flee the violence of his homeland, seeking refuge in the place where his people had languished in slavery. In Year B we hear that when the poor parents met the saintly Simeon in the temple, he predicted that the infant they bore would be a sign of contradiction and that Mary would live under the sword of sorrow. This year, Cycle C holds up the story of Mary and Joseph as the harried parents of the lost and found Jesus. Obviously, scripture depicts the Holy Family as knowing their share of the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the ordinary – and especially the afflicted – people of their age. What are we to make of today's Gospel, this story often contemplated as the joyful mystery of the "Finding in the Temple". What does it say to us on this feast of the Holy Family?

First of all, this Gospel reminds us that life in the Holy Family was as real as true holiness must always be. Pope Francis spoke of family life and said, "Sometimes, the plates will fly, but after the storm has passed things have to be worked out". This Gospel doesn't have flying plates, but Mary's comments to Jesus were more than a sweet "How nice to see you! We had no idea you were here". Evidently even the three from Nazareth needed the forbearance, patience, forgiveness and other virtues Paul recommends in today's selection from Colossians. This, Luke's first lost-and-found story, is a preparation for the Gospel stories to come. Might Mary's retelling of this episode have influenced Jesus' parables of lost sheep, coins and sons?

In this incident, Luke depicts Jesus as a young person unusually attracted to and conversant about the things of God. While his parents expected him to be with them, he ostensibly couldn't understand why they didn't realize that he "must be" involved in things that had to do with God...

Mary and Joseph's witness in the infancy narratives shows us that faith always involves risk. It indicates that love of God and family does not preclude confusion or irritation. Love depends on the willingness to continue reaching out to one another and accepting the fact that loving is an ongoing process that must be nurtured consistently by each person involved.

The Feast of the Holy Family presents a realistic example and call to the holiness of family life, be it the nuclear, extended or communal family of Christians. Let's celebrate because we're not called to be holy card images, but real-life seekers and finders of the love for which we were created.

– Celebration Publication



My Dear Parishioners of St. Anne's,

Although I am relatively new as pastor of St. Anne's, I already have a feel of how alive and active the parish is. I have seen how our parish with all the ministries concerned had worked together to accomplish some few things I need not mention. I am truly grateful to God for His abiding love and for His continual guidance of our faith community.

Hence, as we enter the New Year, I look forward to an even more prosperous and fruitful year ahead of us. As stewards or managers of God's gifts and blessings, our mission is to manage and use wisely and responsibly all that God has placed in our care. In the spirit of stewardship, we should envision our parish working together for the common good as opposed to personal interests (not to mention personal opinions) in all aspects of our parish life.

As we do our best to fulfill our mission, let us take it one day at a time. A famous writer once said, "Yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope." (Khalil Gibran, Maronite Christian)

On behalf of the priests and staff serving our community, let me also take this opportunity to thank all of you for many things, e.g., for your Christmas cards and gifts and most especially for your continuous help and support.

May you have a happy and grace-filled New Year!

*Fr. Joel B. Pabilona Jr., Pastor*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PEEL MANOR LONG TERM CARE

The church needs volunteers for Peel Manor to assist residents from their rooms to the service at Peel Manor. As well, Eucharistic ministers needed to assist and preside over the service one Sunday per month. If you are able to assist, please leave your contact information at the parish office.

### LAY PASTORAL VISITORS TRAINING-SAT. FEB.2 & SAT. FEB. 9

**Nativity of Our Lord Parish – 480 Rathburn Road, Etobicoke**  
**Sat. Feb. 2 and 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am to 4pm**

This program will prepare you to provide pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to the sick, elderly and homebound of our parish who are unable to attend Mass.

New and seasoned volunteers are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend. Please bring your own lunch.

To register, please call 416-934-3400, ext. 523. Register by January 28.

For enquiries, please contact Sally Amaral at 416-934-3400, ext. 518 or samaral@archtoronto.org

### MARRIAGE SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 9/10, 2019



As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, on Saturday, February 9th at the 5 PM Mass, St. Anne's will be honouring all couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, ie. 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th. If you would like to participate, kindly leave your contact information at the parish office.

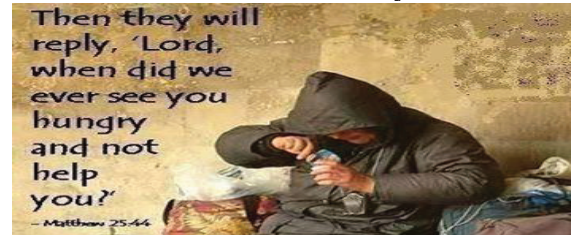
As well, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. The Mass will take place at 4PM on Sunday, February 10 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Ave., Woodbridge). A reception will follow Mass. All are welcome to attend – couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online or by phone to ensure reserved seating. Info at [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) or call: 416-934-3400, x 523.

This Week	Room Booking
Sunday (Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00am – Children's Liturgy (SR) 12:00pm – Children's Liturgy (SR) 10:00pm – RCIA PSR
Monday (Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> )	Limited office hours
Tuesday (Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> )	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Wednesday (Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	10:00am – Food Assistance (FR) 6:30pm – <b>Confessions (C)</b>
Thursday (Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9:30am – Centering Prayer (FR) 7:30pm – 10AM Choir Practice (C)
Friday (Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30am – Over 55 Group (SR) 7:00pm – Youth Leaders' Social (SR) <b>NO YOUTH MINISTRY</b>
Saturday (Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> )	8:00am – <b>Confessions</b> 2:30pm – Sacramental Prep (SR & PR) 4:00pm – Legion of Mary (FR) 4:00pm – <b>Confessions</b>

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

*Thank you for your Generosity!*

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



Please don't forget to take a moment and pick up your offertory envelopes from the Stephenson room. They are in numerical order and an alphabetical list is also provided. **Thank you!**

**EUTHANASIA: JANUARY 19 – 7-9PM**  
**St. Mary's Parish Hall-Fatima Room**

Presenting Blaise Alleyne on the topic of euthanasia. By asking challenging questions and appealing to cultural common ground on suicide prevention and human rights, we can change hearts and minds on assisted suicide. Light refreshments will be served. Jeff: 905-866-7423

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### FOR THE SICK

Kevin Akbarali  
 Darrell Costello  
 Steven Rei  
 Manuel Rodrigues  
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#### FOR THE DECEASED

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