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Masses For The Week



DECEMBER 26 – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday December 26

- 8:00AM – For the intentions of St. Anne's Community
 10:00 AM – † Jonathan Faria & Marlene Faria
 12:00 PM – † Luizinha & Mateus Fernandes & Max Charles

Monday, December 27

- 9:15 AM – † Nuradi

Tuesday, December 28

- 9:15 AM – † Emmanuel David, Leonardo Marbella, Felecito Custodio
 – † Aurora & Regedor Lopez, Rey Endozo
 – Noli & Chona Masangkay - 25th Wedding Anniversary blessings

Wed., December 29

- 9:15 AM – † Antonio, Mario & Mario Martins
 – † Carlos Dennis Camposano

Thursday, December 30

- 9:15 AM – † All souls in purgatory

Friday, December 31

- 9:15 AM – **CANCELLED**
 *5:00 PM – † Hermes Vasquez
 9:30 PM – ADORATION
 11:30PM – † Ayland Vaz

Saturday, January 1st

- 9:15 AM – **CANCELLED**
 *10:00 AM – In Thanksgiving for Chong family **
 12:00 PM – † Levita D'Souza **
 5:00 PM – **CANCELLED**
 * *Livestreamed Masses*
 ** *Registration is required through our website*



SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

For Siu & Lai Family intention

SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2

For Siu & Lai Family intention

SACRED HEART LAMP

For Siu & Lai Family intention

ST. ANNE LAMP

For Siu & Lai Family intention

DIVINE MERCY LAMP

For Siu & Lai Family intention

Offertory Lamps are available to burn for your intention for one week for \$10.00 per candle. These burns from the Sunday to the Saturday. Please call the church office to book your lamps.



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.

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*

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

The Knights of Columbus is inviting everyone to participate in our parish celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. At all Masses on Sunday, December 26th, our council members will be distributing prayer cards at the church entrance. Our Celebrant will lead in saying the prayer on the card during Mass after Holy Communion. Thank you for your participation in helping strengthen families in our Parish.



The Pastor's Christmas & New Year's Greetings



My Dear Parishioners,

To say that two years of Covid-19 have changed our lives is truly an understatement. The pandemic has certainly changed the way we learn, work, socialize, travel, and worship as physical distancing has led us to a more virtual existence.

Nevertheless, I trust that we have managed to see the positives in our experiences despite our concerns and difficulties. What is crucial to our survival right now more than ever is to ensure that the positive overwhelm the negative.

That is what the Christmas celebration is all about and it invites us to rejoice at the birth of Jesus who brought hope, peace, love, and joy into our troubled world. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

As we enter the New Year, may we leave behind all the negativities of last year and bring with us all of God's countless blessings. May the year 2022, fill our lives with goodness and joy.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joel B. Pabilona Jr.

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available for [pick up from the STEPHENSON ROOM](#) after all Masses. They are in numerical order. Please print your contact information for the first couple of envelopes. Please note that envelopes are available only for those registered parishioners who request them. [If you wish to begin using envelopes, please contact the parish office.](#) Thank you for your generosity!

Due to an attempted break-in to our outside mailbox by the exit doors, we kindly ask parishioners to refrain from dropping off offertory envelopes in the mailbox or drop-box outside the church. Please deposit envelopes in the wooden offertory box in the lobby or during collections at Masses. Thank you for your continued support and understanding!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a **Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG)** to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

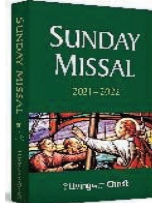
Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact the parish office or email development@archtoronto.org. Forms available by the exit doors.

CHRISTMAS SACKS

The Over 55 Group thanks all of those who picked up a Christmas Sack for their annual fundraiser and for those who have not done so, kindly return them to the parish by the end of this week. Thank you for your support!



SUNDAY MISSALS & RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

2022 Sunday Missals are now available for \$6 each in the Stephenson room after all Masses or the parish office during the week.

Many beautiful religious items also available to purchase: Statues, bracelets, etc. and Christmas re-usable fabric gift bags and much more!!!!

PRAYER REQUEST

FOR THE SICK

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