# St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

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# Feast of the Holy Family



#### Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM - For the intentions of St. Anne's Community 10:00 AM – † Dimas Hermenegildo & Reis family 12:00 PM - Special Intention

5:00 PM - Fernita Dejamco-For healing 10:30 PM – ADORATION 1130 PM - Special Intention <u>Monday, Jan</u>uary 1<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM – For the intentions of St. Anne's Community 10:00 AM - + Louisa Siu 12:00 PM - + Maria Jose Tavares

**Tuesday, January 2** 9:15 AM - + Special Intention

Wednesday, January 3 9:15 AM - + Special Intention

#### Thursday, January 4

9:15 AM - + John Costa & Manuel Costa

#### Friday, January 5

- 9:15 AM -+ Stella Kattar
- 7:00 PM -+ John McKenna \_ **†** Maria & Fernando Pontes

Saturday, January 6 9:15 AM - + Cesar Torrefranca

5:00 PM - + Gavino Gascon

# Lamp Intentions

## SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 1

Special Intention SANCTUARY LAMP NO. 2 **Special Intention** 

SACRED HEART LAMP **Special Intention** 

ST. ANNE LAMP

In memory of Bill Holmes

**DIVINE MERCY LAMP** 

In memory of Alfredo & **Gisella Feregotto** 

### **OFFERTORY** LAMPS are available to burn for your intention

for one week for \$10.00 per candle. They burn from Sunday to Saturday. Please call the parish office to book vour lamps.

#### DECEMBER 31 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



## Gospel: Luke 2.22-40 - The Presentation

#### **Creating Countless Holy Families**

On this First Sunday after Christmas the Church invites all of us to reflect on the beauty of the Holy Family. It is through meditating on the Holy Family that we

begin to learn how we are called to live in our own homes. St. John Paul II says that "the Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families."

The Holy Family teaches us how to work towards holiness through our daily family life. St. Josemaria Escriva says that "in the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbours, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things."

Essentially, the Holy Family did ordinary things with extraordinary love. They too had to work, cook meals, clean the house, and wash their clothes and every other regular activity that we too perform. Yet, endowed with love for one another, these seemingly minute tasks became great sources of sanctification. We too should look to be stewards in our own homes by using our time and gifts to serve our family. One tangible thing we can avoid is complaining about performing house chores but rather strive to see them as an opportunity to love our family members, and by extension, love Christ. As we strive to be stewards in our parish communities, let us also follow the model of the Holy Family and be stewards in our own homes and, by extension, our parish communities as well.

#### Course Dates: (4 Sat.) – January 13 to February 3, 2024

IOVE For additional information, please contact the Parish Office during office hours or William Batres Franco at 647-567-2706 Please register by: January 10, 2024

SUNDAY MISSAL

GOD'S

PLAN for

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM Based on the Joy-Filled

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Marriage program.

2023/'24 SUNDAYS MISSALS - \$6 EA.

2023/'24 Sunday Missals are now available after all Sunday Masses from the Religious articles store or from the parish office for \$6ea.



#### PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN on FORMED

Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent

journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ. https://watch.formed.org/advent-and-christmas/videos/prepare-theway-of-the-king-by-dr-scott-hahn

**FORMED: How to register** for **FREE** 1. Go to **FORMED.org** 2. Register using your email 3. Enter St. Anne's Church, Brampton 4. Access Code: **TWYVQ7** 



#### ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024, 4 P.M. ET

Venue: St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral

(455 Ferrier St., Markham, Ont. L3R 5Z2)

#### Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

#### THE HOLY OF HOLIES: DISCOVERING THE RICHNESS OF THE MASS

St. Augustine's Seminary presents this talk as part of its Spirit & Life Series for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. **Speaker**: Fr. Eric Rodrigues

Date: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: In-Person event at St. Augustine's Seminary (2661 Kingston Rd, Scarborough ON) Cost: \$35 plus HST

The prayers and rituals of the Catholic Mass have a history that goes back centuries. We often take them for granted and might go through them every week without knowing what we are saying or doing. During this retreat, we will enter into the meaning and fascinating history of these familiar prayers and rituals. By doing so, we will enrich our Lenten spirituality by discovering why there is no better place than the Mass to immerse ourselves in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord.

If you have any questions, please contact our Event Coordinator, Chère MacLean at <u>chere.maclean@utoronto.ca</u>

https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/st-augustines-spirit-life-serieslenten-retreat

### 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 www.vocationstoronto.ca

Please note: The parish office will be closed this Monday, January  $1^{st}$  and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January  $2^{nd}$ .

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Weekly Offertory for:

Sunday, December 17

\$5,530.60

# Thank you for your support!

#### 2024 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are

available for pick up from Stephenson room for those currently using envelopes!Boxes are in numerical order. If you can't



- remember your number, an alphabetical list is available.
- 2. Commence using your new envelopes on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- 3. Please write your information for the first couple weeks in January
- 4. **PLEASE DO NOT** use any previous years' envelopes.

You may contribute through pre-authorized giving or PAG which is one of the most convenient ways of giving your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generous support!



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January 19-21 2024 in Mississauga. For more information call 437-234-5610 or visit torontoretrouvaille.com or helpourmarriage.org

#### PATRISTIC CONCEPTIONS OF MARTYRDOM AND THEIR RELEVANCE TODAY – JANUARY 30 @ 6:30PM

The Pontifical Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary presents this talk as part of its Series of Patristic Talks for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Speaker: Dr. Katherine E. Milco, Ph.D.

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location: Charbonnel Lounge, University of St. Michael's College, Elmsley Hall, 81 St. Mary Street, Toronto

This talk will consider patristic conceptions of martyrdom before the rise of Emperor Constantine: What did the Church Fathers think that martyrdom was? Why did they think that it was so important? This talk will also consider the relevance of their ideas today in view of contemporary global events.

#### https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/patristic-talk-jan2024

Online attendance is available for participants not residing in Toronto. Please email Chere MacLean directly at chere.maclean@utoronto.ca to register. Cost: Free

#### **PRAYERS ARE NEEDED**

#### FOR THE SICK:

Troy Cameron Yvonne Solie Marilynette Estrada Theresa Pillai Rhic Martinez Nieva Del Ty Kevin Ackbarali Cidalia Oliveira Victor Brum Jacob Williams Bruno Bunicci Mike Ali Pushparaja Selvam Rosemary Aversa Leonora Bonifacio Yolanda Gonsalvez Lydia Stasienko

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