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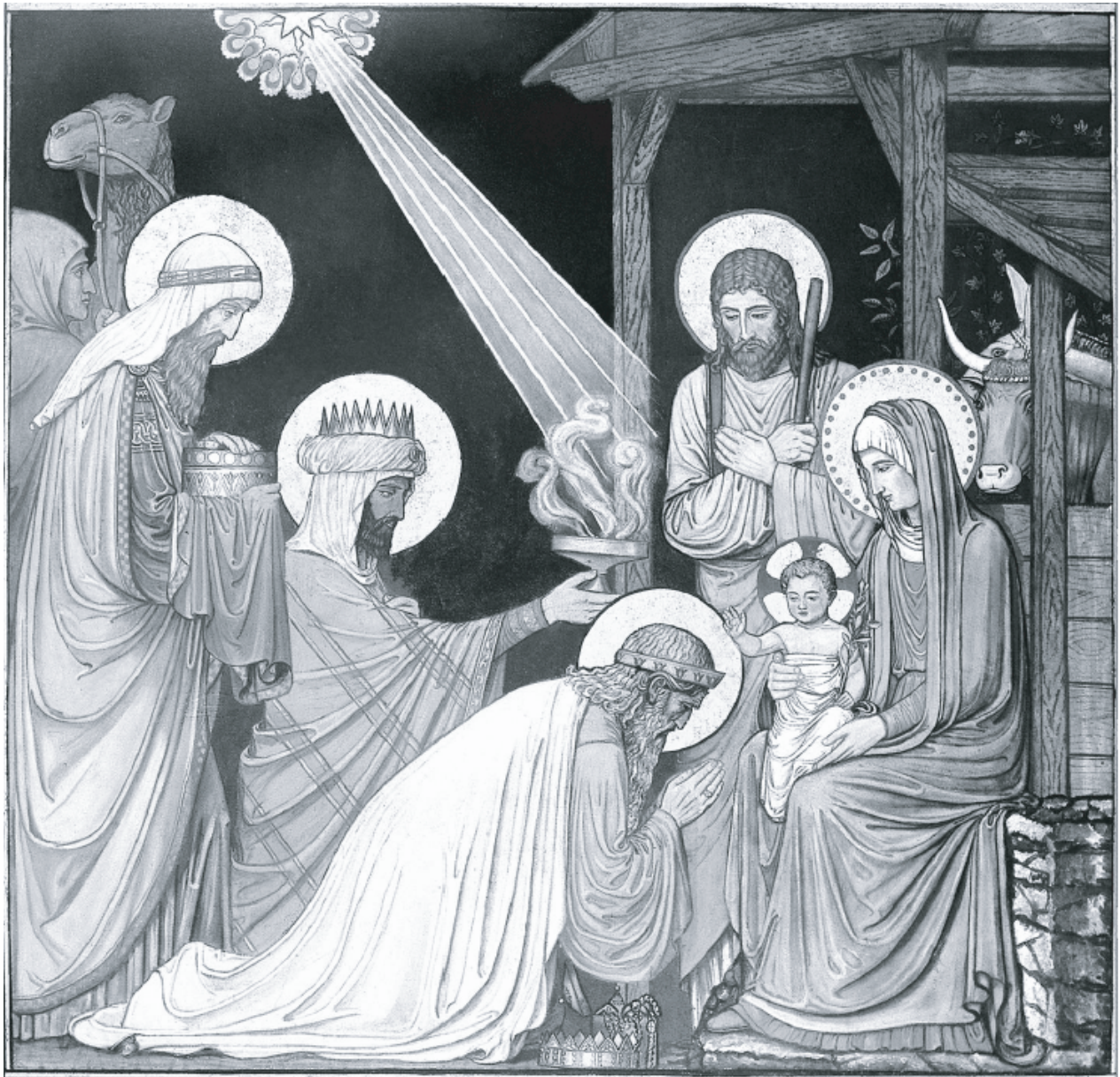
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*Feast of the Holy Family*

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY

Living the gospel of the family is not easy today, even more so in these times. We are criticized or attacked just because we want to defend life from the womb. Yet in the gospel we find the way to live a beautiful life on a personal and family level, a way that is certainly demanding, but fascinating and all-encompassing. A way that is still worth trusting and relying on today, following the example and intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In every family there are happy and sad, calm and difficult moments. It is life. Living the "gospel of the family" does not exclude experiencing difficulties and tensions, encountering times of happy strength and moments of sad fragility. Wounded families marked by fragility, failures, difficulties... can rise again if they learn to draw from the source of the gospel, they can find new possibilities for starting over.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/it>

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

The restlessness and incomprehension of Mary and Joseph, despite their closeness to Jesus, despite having been prepared by God for the task of accompanying the first steps of Jesus' life, bring us back to our attitude towards God's work in us and around us. Every being is a mystery to those around him. The suffering that arises from this collective solitude finds no peace except in faith. Mary and Joseph did not fully understand what Jesus was saying or doing. But they accepted, in faith and out of love, to see him live his life and fulfill his mission, participating in it in the darkness of their faith. What a lesson for us! When we do not understand the action of our neighbor, because it exceeds our capabilities, we must know how to love without understanding: only with such an attitude does everything become possible.



*Prayer Requests*

## PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS

May the souls of the departed rest in peace:

**Mary Bar, William Mausser**

## PARISH DONATION ENVELOPES 2025

Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the parish hall for pick-up. They are arranged numerically. Refer to the binder provided for your name or donation envelope number.

Please do not start using these envelopes until the new year.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Dana McGrath, Roman J. Zakrajse, Phyllis C., Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone, Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Jose Vaz, Karen Radecky, Luis Inting, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Maria Bellissimo, Jane Delgado, Ines Granda, Bernice DeGrace, Diana, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Feliciano Ventura

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am: Morning Mass

12 Midnight: New Year's Day Mass

### Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

7:45 am, 9:00 am Italian, 10:30 am, 12 Noon & 7:00 pm

## PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closing at 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and will re-open on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## EXERCISE CLASS 55 PLUS

Classes will resume on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall.

## EUCHRE CLUB

Join us for euchre every Tuesday at 1:00 pm starting January 14<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall and connect with people who share the same interests. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon & a little friendly competition.

## NOVENA FOR CANCER

All are welcome to join us for Mass every Tuesday at 9:30 am. After the morning Mass, we will pray a novena to Saint Michael of the Saints: A Trinitarian mystic and patron saint of cancer patients. We will pray for all who are affected by cancer and pray for prevention of getting this illness.

## ALTAR SERVERS AND YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for adults to bake cookies, brownies, etc.. for the youth group members when we gather. Water and juices are also welcomed. Please contact Sr. Patricia at: [youthattransfiguration@gmail.com](mailto:youthattransfiguration@gmail.com)

## CHAPEL ADORATION

Our parish is honoured with an opportunity to have an adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours/day, 7 days/week exposed in our chapel for the last 22 years. If you would like to commit one hour a week or be a "backup", please leave your name and contact number in the parish office. All are welcome to come and pray.

## TORONTO SERRA CLUB: VOCATION

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 to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) Web: [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans (all sizes), winter coats, toques, scarves, gloves, towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, bar soap/liquid body wash, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, Advil, Ensure/Boost and any non-perishable food items. Please place your donated items in the blue bin by the parish office.

## FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO



Please join us for a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño to be held on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> (Rosary at 11 am and Mass at 11:30 am). A pot-luck lunch will be held in the parish hall after Mass and procession. Everyone is invited.

## PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE, TURKEY, SICILY & ITALY

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**NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE TOUR:** Meals not specified, tips on ship, insurance, documentation.

**For further information and registrations call: 416.444.666**

Halina: ext.315 or 647.294.4116 halina@ihtours.com

Alex: ext. 317 alex@ihtours.com

Liliana: ext. 324. liliana@ihtours.com

**Please join us for the first information session on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Hall.**

## PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Participants will learn and deepen their understanding and skills in the art of prayer in 15 weekly sessions of two hours each. Participants will overcome anxieties through healing and reconciliation, acceptance and surrender.

**Start date:** Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time & Place:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in our Parish Hall.

**Contact:** Ana Orellana [aorellan55@gmail.com](mailto:aorellan55@gmail.com)

**Registration Fee:** 0

**Material Cost:** \$20.00

## SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE

L'inquietudine e l'incomprensione di Maria e di Giuseppe, nonostante la loro vicinanza a Gesù, nonostante che siano stati preparati da Dio al compito di accompagnare i primi passi della vita di Gesù, ci riportano a quello che è il nostro atteggiamento di fronte all'opera di Dio in noi e intorno a noi. Ogni essere è un mistero per quelli che lo circondano. La sofferenza che nasce da questa solitudine collettiva non trova pace se non nella fede. Maria e Giuseppe non hanno capito a fondo ciò che Gesù diceva o faceva. Ma hanno accettato, nella fede e per amore, di vederlo compiere la sua vita e adempiere alla sua missione, partecipandovi nell'oscurità della loro fede. Che lezione per noi! Quando non capiamo l'azione del nostro prossimo, perché supera le nostre capacità, dobbiamo saper amare senza capire: solo con un tale atteggiamento tutto diventa possibile.

<https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario>



## MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday December 29</b>  | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph   |
| 7:45 am                    | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| 9:00 am                    | †Girolama Cangemi, †Felice Labrozzi, †Spirito Santo (asking for Special Blessing & Enlightenment)   |
| 10:30 am                   | †Francis De Souza, In Gratitude to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Blessings Received  |
| 12:00 pm                   | †William Mausser, In Gratitude to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Blessings Received   |
| 7:00 pm                    | †Charles & Joan Kelly, †Gawhara Nalbandian, †Robert & Amelie Chong, Thanksgiving for the Infant of Prague & Special Healing for Domenico                        |
| 8:00 pm                    | Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)  |
| <b>Monday December 30</b>  | Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord   |
| 9:30 am                    | †Curtis Yec-La, Special Intentions for Lucy & Fred Di Martino   |
| <b>Tuesday December 31</b> | Seventh Day w/in the Octave of Nativity of the Lord   |
| 9:30 am                    | †Mary and Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, All Souls in Purgatory, A Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon(L)  |
| 12:00 am                   | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| <b>Wednesday January 1</b> | The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  |
| 7:45 am                    | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| 9:00 am                    | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| 10:30 am                   | †Wayne & Matthew Dishart, †Michael D'Cunha, †Lily Castelino   |
| 12:00 pm                   | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| 7:00 pm                    | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| <b>Thursday January 2</b>  | Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church   |
| 9:30 am                    | †Gianluigi Lijoi, Special Blessings for Albina & Amanada Lijoi  |
| <b>Friday January 3</b>    | Christmas Weekday / Holy Name of Jesus  |
| 9:30 am                    | †Edward & Sophia Coleman, †George Mydlak  |
| <b>Saturday January 4</b>  | Christmas Weekday   |
| 9:30 am                    | †Mary and Kenneth Falzon, †Natasha Raciopa, †Marcello Mastrella, Special Blessing for Anthony Falzon, Special Intention of Teresa Silva                         |
| 3:30 pm                    | Mass at Parkland  |
| 4:30 pm                    | Confessions   |
| 5:30 pm                    | †Caetano & Ruth Ratos, †Vincent & Emanuel & Rose Micallef   |
| <b>Sunday January 5</b>    | Epiphany of the Lord  |
| 7:45 am                    | All Living & Deceased Members of our Parish   |
| 9:00 am                    | †Leonarda & Francesco Lenucci, †Vincenzo Trelle, †Joe Andrade, †Michele & Angela Sala, †Michele & Gaetana Di Leo  |
| 10:30 am                   | †Emily Narvaez, †Robert Pereira, †Nicola Biancofiore<br>Special Blessings for Deanna Carnevale and Family,<br>Special Blessings for Maria Di Marino and Family, |
| 12:00 pm                   | †Walter Ryan, Emanuel Azzopardi, †Mario De Rose   |
| 1:30 pm                    | Igbo Mass   |
| 7:00 pm                    | †Gawhara Nalbandian   |
| 8:00 pm                    | Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)  |

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

A Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) helps support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. 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. For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office or email [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)

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