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Feast of the Holy Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Let us contemplate the Holy Family and, in the words of this feast's Gospel, consider Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Immediately after the Adoration of the Magi, Matthew recounts in his Gospel the flight into Egypt, the Massacre of the Innocents, and the return from Egypt: three episodes connected to the story of the Holy Family and presented in the Gospel as fulfillments of Old Testament prophecies. God, the Savior, acts in different ways. Faith in God and obedience to His word can change the course of our lives. Thus, it is for our salvation that God saved the Holy Family.

SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESÙ, MARIA E GIUSEPPE

Contempliamo la Santa Famiglia e, nelle parole del vangelo di questa festività, consideriamo Gesù, Maria e Giuseppe. Subito dopo l'adorazione dei Magi, Matteo narra nel suo Vangelo la fuga in Egitto, la strage degli innocenti e il ritorno dall'Egitto: tre episodi collegati alla storia della Santa Famiglia e presentati nel Vangelo come altrettanti compimenti di profezie dell'Antico Testamento. Dio, colui che è il Salvatore, agisce in diversi modi. La fede in Dio e l'obbedienza alla sua parola possono cambiare il cammino della nostra vita. Così, è per la nostra salvezza che Dio ha salvato la Santa Famiglia. <https://www.lachiesa.it/calendario/20251228.html>

MARY AND GENEALOGY OF JESUS

It is amazing that God chose to enter our fallen human condition by becoming Incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was born of her, raised by her and Saint Joseph, acquired human knowledge through their teaching, worked with His hands, experienced the fullness of human society, and did so within the context of an earthly family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph made up a sacred family, the Holy Family. Today's feast continues our Christmas Day celebration. This feast falls within the octave of Christmas that culminates January 1 with the Solemnity of the Mother of God. Though the earthly life shared by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph has always been a source of prayer and inspiration, the feast we celebrate today is relatively new. In 1893, Pope Leo XIII instituted the Feast of the Holy Family as a liturgical celebration. <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year>

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO CELEBRATION

Everyone is joyfully invited to a special celebration of the Feast of Santo Niño on Saturday, January 17, 2026!



The celebration will begin with the Rosary at 11:00 am, followed by Mass at 11:30 am in honour of the Holy Child Jesus. A procession will follow, and a potluck lunch will be shared in the Parish Hall afterward. Please bring a dish to share with your fellow parishioners.

Please note that a nine-day Rosary and Novena to Santo Niño will begin on January 8th. All are welcome to participate as we prepare our hearts for this beautiful feast.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULEWednesday, December 31st

9:30 am: Morning Mass

5:30 pm: New Year's Day Mass

12 Midnight: New Year's Day Mass

Thursday, January 1st

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

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will close at 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 31st and will re-open on Monday, January 5, 2026.

EXERCISE CLASS (55 PLUS)

Our 55 Plus Exercise Class meets twice a week in the parish hall and will resume on Monday, January 12th and Wednesday, January 14th. Join us to stay active, improve strength and balance, boost energy, and enjoy good company in a fun and supportive setting.

EUCHRE CLUB

Come along for euchre every Tuesday at 1:00 pm starting January 6th in the parish hall and connect with people who share the same interests. Share a fun-filled afternoon & a little friendly competition.

CHAPEL ADORATION

Our parish has been blessed with Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in our chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for the past 23 years. We are looking for more volunteer adorers so that someone is in the chapel 24 hours a day. If you can commit to one hour of prayer each week, or serve as a substitute adorer, please leave your name and contact number at the parish office. All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

2026 contribution envelopes are available in the parish hall and are arranged numerically. If you have not picked up your envelope yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. A white binder, organized alphabetically by last name, is available to assist you in locating your number. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. If you are a registered parishioner and have recently changed your address, please let the parish office know so that we may keep our records up to date. Thank you for your consideration.

PRAY FOR THE SICKPlease remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas, Lisa Petriglia, Tony Elia, Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco, Gianfranco, Ines, Roman Zakrajse, Teresa Pirrello, William Bennett, Emily Williams, Margaret Speciale, Mark Ramjattan, John Benjamin, Jane Delgado, Rosa Natale, Christina Vitale, Gary Cullum, Manuel Uy, Luisa Spinato, Katherine Idzik, Domenico Loprevite, Ramon Ortiz, Alba Micelli, Joseph Borgerding, Leo Bombardieri, Ann, Feliciano Ventura Jr., Domenica Fantini, Ivy D'Souza, Luca, Naz, Bert, Mary Sue Snow, Neveah, Patricia

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a baptism preparation class on Monday, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall for parents and godparents of the children being baptized in January or later in the new year. Please contact the parish office at 416.247.0513 to register.

GOOD SHEPHERD CASSEROLE PROGRAM

December 27/28 January 24/25 February 21/22

Thank you to the members for helping feed the poor and disadvantaged. If you are interested in becoming a member of this program, please call our parish office at 416.247.0513.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SSDVP has received a total of \$1,559.81 in donations for the month of November and would like to thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG)

The donated amount for November to our parish through the PAG is \$2,093.54. We extend our sincere gratitude to the parishioners who have donated so generously.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER

FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026, 4:00 p.m. EST

Venue: Runnymede United Church, 432 Runnymede Rd, M6S 2Y8
Join Bishop John A. Boissonneau 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 Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations and the GTA Council of Christian Churches.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2026

As part of Marriage Sunday 2026 celebrations, Bishop John Boissonneau will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2026. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Reserved seating is available for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversary in 2026. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass. Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

On the weekend of February 27 - March 1, 2026, St. Augustine's Seminary is offering a Discernment Retreat at their seminary for single men aged 18+ who feel the Lord may be calling them to discern the priesthood. The retreat will start on Friday evening at 6:30 PM and will end on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Meals & Accommodations will be provided. A suggested donation of \$100 is appreciated. No one will be turned away due to financial reasons. **Register now or for more information, please contact:**

E: vocations@archtoronto.org W: www.vocationstoronto.ca

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." Luke 2:51-52



MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

INTENZIONI DI MESSA E PROGRAMMA LITURGICO

Sunday December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Deceased members of the Valdere Family, †Pat Sandre, †Claudio Loprevite
10:30 am †Dominic Bertucci & all deceased family members, †Rowena and Fred Moge, A Special Blessing for Bert Vanderwyft
12:00 pm †Lina & Rosario Colosimo, †Joseph Valador, Noel Rodrigues, †Francisco & Rosalina Brum, †Oliver Yap, †Maria Bernardo
7:00 pm Thanksgiving for Prayers & Blessings Received
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Monday December 29 5th Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord/ Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:30 am †Adelina & Aurora Oliveira, †Mariano De Sousa, A Healing Mass for Miroslava Shmakov, Special Blessings for the D'Sylva Family in Australia, Special Birthday Blessing for Valentina Castillo

Tuesday December 30 6th Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

9:30 am †Irma Castillo, †Vittorio Simone, Special Blessing for Nevaeh
7:00 pm 1-Year Memorial Mass (English): Ercole Russo

Wednesday December 31 7th Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

9:30 am †Maria
5:30 pm Thanksgiving for Special Blessings & Prayers Received
12 Midnight Souls in Purgatory

Thursday January 1 The Octave Day of Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am For the sick, weak and suffering in our community
10:30 am †Matthew & Wayne Dishart, †Lily Castelino, †Gianluigi Lijoi, Special Blessing for Albina & Amanda Lijoi
12:00 pm Peace in the world
7:00 pm Bishop M. P. Lacey
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

Friday January 2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of Church

9:30 am †Giovannarosa Martino

Saturday January 3 Christmas Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:30 am Souls in Purgatory
3:30 pm Mass at Parkland
4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Thanksgiving for Special Blessings & Prayers Received

Sunday January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:45 am All living & deceased members of our Parish
9:00 am †Pina Locicero, †Francesco Leanoca, †Michelle Gianta
10:30 am †Edward Coleman, †Ivan Laporte, Special Blessings for the RCIC Catechists, the Candidates and their families
12:00 pm †Walter Ryan, †Marco, Antonia & John Mastrandrea, Special Blessings for Eric & Leila Fernandez for the 50th Wedding Anniversary
7:00 pm †Nicola Biancofiore
8:00 pm Adoration (with ½ hour Meditation)

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