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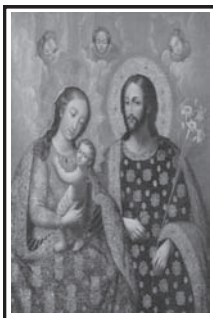
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**MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD
LEAD YOU THROUGH THE NEW YEAR**



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Decmeber 30 to January 6

Sat. December 30	9:00 am	Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
	5:00 pm	† Simonne Beirne
Sun. December 31	9:00 am	Intention of Robbins Family
	11:00 am	For the People of our Parish
Mon. January 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	
Tues. January 2	9:00 am	† Souls in Purgatory
Wed. January 3	9:00 am	† Simeon Maristanes
Thurs. January 4	9:00 am	Intention of Alicia Santos
Fri. January 5	9:00 am	Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
		Intention of Lili's Family
		† Michael Chin-Leung
		† Martin & Arnolta Raposo
		† Alfred & Matilda Hannah
	7:30 pm	Intention of Luzviminda Maristanes
		Intention of Ann Persaud
		† Teresa Manero
Sat. January 6	9:00 am	† Eva Cochrane
	5:00 pm	† Edward Sebastien Meyers

REFLECTION

This liturgical feast has been on the church calendar for about one hundred years, often on different dates. It is a "devotional" or "idea" feast that inaugurated by Holy Family associations. Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, comes from the Gospel accounts read over the three years. It celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. On the surface the Gospel describes the fidelity of the parents to the Jewish custom of presenting their first born male child to the Lord. As they do this in respect to the tradition, they encounter Simeon and Anna who represent that tradition and who acknowledge that new tradition is unfolding in the child Jesus. Their waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem is over; the hope of the past has been fulfilled and the future is at hand. (Sourcebook For Sundays, Seasons and Weekdays 2018)

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

St. Timothy's Parish, 21 Leith Hill Road, Toronto

The Prayer and Life Workshops are a series of sessions that help you learn and deepen your art of prayer. This learning has a very practical character, like a workshop: by praying we learn to pray. Session include prayer methods such as prayerful reading, prayer of surrendering, adoration, and contemplative prayer. In every session, we meditate on readings of the Word and listen to a message from Fr. Ignacio Larranaga, AFM Cap., our founder. The Workshop consists of 15 weekly sessions of 2 hours each and a final one day retreat. Instruction is free and all material have a total cost of \$15.00. For more information and to pre-register call Chandra at 647-980-6800, or Pablo at 416-346-7580. Or send an email to: Ontario@tovpil.ca. Our website is tovpil.ca/Ontario

PARISH MINISTRY - CONTACTS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month in Room 2. Rosary at 7:10 p.m. followed by a meeting. Contact Lucia Vacca at 416-283-3536 Next Meeting on Jan. 15.

FAITH ENRICHMENT: Thursdays at 9:30 -10:45 a.m. in Room 2. Contact: Bonnie Washer at 416-284-5772 or Louise at 416-283-5055

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: General Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2. Contact Roy Van Veen at 416-281-0132 Next meeting on Jan. 18.

LEGION OF MARY: Meetings every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1, Legion of Mary Juniors at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Dawne Williams at 416-284-8699 or Rohini Furtado at 647-827-5964.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PROGRAM:

PRAYER GROUP: Meetings every Thursday 7:30 p.m. Rosary at 7:45 p.m. (Praise and Worship, Reflection on the Sunday Gospel, or a Biblical Teaching & Fellowship). Contact: Jean Fernandes at 416-281-4182 or Wavell D'Souza at 416-498-0948

REFUGEE OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Meets on the last Saturday of the month after the Gatherings. Contact Carmela Gaudet at 416-283-8151

SENIORS 50 + CLUB: Lunch, cards, scrabble and companionship from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall every Wednesday. Seniors Mass is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Contact: Joe Van Pinxteren at 416-284-4213.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3. Contact: Tom De Luca at 416-606-9260.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Contact Angela Bernard @ youthministry@stjosephstoronto.org

GOOD SHEPHERD

PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM 2018

The casseroles parishioners prepare feed the needy who visit the Good Shepherd Refuge on Queen Street East.

How the program works:

A lidded casserole container and recipe are provided. You can find them in our Office's vestibule. Prepare the same meal once a month. Drop off the **FROZEN** casserole on the dates provided below **between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. after the Saturday mass in the west parking lot.** An empty container will be exchanged when you drop off. We encourage you make extra because it is delicious! Below you will find December's drop off date and the dates for 2018.

To participate or have any questions please contact:

Annie Alkins: 416-283-7420

DROP OFF DATES

For 2018: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 7, Aug. No pick up, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 1

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

3rd Parent Meeting: Sunday, February 4th
@ 1:00 p.m. in the Church
Repeat: Monday February 5th @ 7:00
p.m. in the Church

Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin in January 2018.
Class lists have been posted in the Narthex.

Win a Great Prizes!

By participating in the Friars' Student Writing Award Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18—25, 2018. The theme for this coming year is "*Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power*" (cf. Exodus 15:6). Students should read the Scripture passage Exodus 15:1-21 and respond to the following question in the essay:

Just as the Israelites sought deliverance from enslavement, in contemporary society the dignity of all people is threatened by new enslavements to poverty, violence, injustice and addictions. In what ways can Christians of all denominations work together to stave off these assaults to human dignity? Explain.

First prize is an iPad Pro (128 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O Edition2 and third to sixth prizes are a one year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in
The Catholic Register.

Deadline for entries is January 8, 2018.

E-mail your essay to editor@catholicregister.org
or FAX it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number and the name of your school on the front page of the essay).

For further information please call 416-934-3400 ext. 344
or 416-934-3410 ext. 403 or
1-855-441-4077.

An opportunity you should not miss!

New Year's Mass Schedule

December 31 (New Year's Eve):
5:00 p.m.

Performing: St. Joseph's Folk Group

January 1 (New Year's Day):
9:00 a.m.

Performing: 9:00 a.m. Choir
11:00 a.m.

Performing: Senior Choir
7:00 p.m.

Performing: Celebration Group



WHAT IS THE NEW YEAR FOR:

"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul"

(G.K Chesterton)

POPE FRANCIS ASKS:

"Have we used the past year mostly for ourselves, for our own interest, or did we know to spend it for others too? How much time did we set aside for being with God, in prayer, in silence, in adoration?"

AS YOU MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potentials. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do."

(St. Pope John XXIII)

RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A first-degree relic of missionary St. Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12 to 14, 2018. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesu in Rome, will be in Canada from Dec.

29 to Feb. 2, as part of a 14 city Canadian visit. In our archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12); St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13); and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (Jan. 14) More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: www.cco.ca/relic Organizers believe this is the first time the relic has been on Canadian soil. The body of St. Francis Xavier, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm are incorrupt. They have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552.



Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues; grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen

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