

# St. Joseph's Parish, Highland Creek

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*prepare the way...*



**Sunday December 23rd, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday**  
**of Advent**  
**Year C**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**December 22 to December 29**

Sat. Dec. 22	9:00 am	Intention of Maria Fan
	5:00 pm	† Hanoriah Fitzgerald
Sun. Dec. 23	9:00 am	† John Rodrigues
	11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	† Hanoria Fitzgerald
Mon. Dec. 24	9:00 am	† Deceased members of the Serrao Family
Tues. Dec. 25	9:00 am	† Deceased members of the DiNova Family
Wed. Dec. 26	9:00 am	† Joan Williams
Thur. Dec. 27	9:00 am	† Pablo Aguilar Jr. & Enrico Aguilar
Fri. Dec. 28	9:00 am	† Michael & Margaret Mullane
		† Myrtle, Morris & Michael D'Souza
		† David Bensi
		† Eden Lopez
		† Paul Than Vu
Sat. Dec. 29	9:00 am	† Dennis Pinto
	5:00 pm	† Cristino Balin

**PARISH MINISTRY—CONTACTS**

**Catholic Women's League:** Lucia Vacca at 416-283-3536  
General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2. Next meeting on January 14th 2019.

**Faith Enrichment:** Bonnie Washer at 416-284-5772 or Louise at 416-283-5055 Thursdays at 9:30 -10:45 a.m. in Room 2.

**Knights of Columbus:** Roy Van Veen at 416-281-0132  
General Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2. Next meeting on December 20th

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

**Live Christ Share Christ Program:** Francis and Therese Baduria at 647-981-5973. Meetings every first Saturday of the month after the 9:00 a.m. mass.

**Prayer Group:** Wavell D'Souza at 416-498-0948 or Patty Haley at 647-888-1292. Meetings every Thursday 7:30 p.m.

**Refugee Outreach:** Carmela Gaudet at 416-283-8151. Meets on the last Saturday of the month after the Gatherings.

**Seniors 50+ Club:** Joe Van Pinxteren at 416-284-4213 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. Resuming meetings on January 9th, 2019.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Tom DeLuca at 416-606-9260 Meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:30 am. in Room 3.

**Technology Ministry:** Contact Isis Rebello, 416-286-0707

**Youth Ministry:** Contact Angie Bernard, 647-242-8429 or [youth.ministry@stjosephstoronto.org](mailto:youth.ministry@stjosephstoronto.org)

**REFLECTION**

God's ways are so unspectacular. We would expect the Lord God to give convincing demonstration of might and majesty. Instead, God's Son entered upon human history as every human being must, as newborn infant. Today's reading show us the lowly surroundings and simple people who were central to God's design.

Although David's royal city, Bethlehem was an insignificant town. For Micah it is birthplace of the shepherd-king who will begin his rule of peace over a faithful few. In Luke's gospel, so sensitive to the lowly and the inspiration of the Spirit, we see the young woman alluded to by Micah exchange greetings with her older relative. Elizabeth's infant dances in her womb as she calls Mary blessed; unlike Elizabeth's husband, Mary had responded to God with perfect faith. The letter to the Hebrews shows how fully Jesus was his mother's son. His ready obedience accomplishes God's design for the redemption of the world. Jesus carries out the will of his Father from the wood of the crib to the wood of the cross.

(Sunday Mass Book)

**ROSARY SUNDAY**

To mark the 5th Sunday of the month the Knight's of Columbus leads the Rosary following the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. masses on Sunday December 30th. Please join us.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME!**

Registration Forms are found at the Church's entrances. You can drop off your completed form in an offertory basket. You can also register online by visiting [www.stjosephstoronto.org](http://www.stjosephstoronto.org)

**DAILY READINGS...**

Are available online at the Toronto Archdiocese's website. Visit [www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org) Select the "Our Catholic Faith" dropdown and at the bottom you'll find "Daily Readings" tab.



"Christmas is joy, religious joy, God's joy, an inner joy of light and peace." Pope Francis

**THE PASTORAL TEAM...**  
wishes you and your families a very  
**Merry Christmas!**

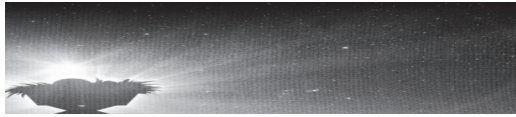




## 2018 Christmas and New Year's Schedule

### **Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)**

- 4:30 p.m. Carol Singing (Sunday Celebration Group)
- 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Carol Singing (Saturday Folk Group)
- 7:30 p.m. Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Pilipino (Carol Singing)
- 9:30 p.m. Mass
- 11:15 p.m. Carol Singing (Senior Choir)
- 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass



### **Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day)**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- No evening Mass*

### **Monday, December 31**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

### **Tuesday January 1 Solemnity of Mary**

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Mass



### **HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE**

- Monday, December 24th - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 25th - Closed
- Wednesday, December 26th - Closed
- Monday, December 31st - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 1st - Closed

### **2019 SUNDAY MISSALS**

The missals are now available for sale in the Narthex at a cost of \$5.00 each.

There will be a limited number of Missals for use ONLY in the Church for those who do not wish to have their own personal copy. These will be found at the East and West entrances to the Church at the beginning of Advent and should be returned to their respective locations after each Mass.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

#### **PROVIDE-A-MEAL PROGRAM 2019**

Thank you once again from the Good Shepherd Refuge! The casseroles prepared by our parishioners feed the needy that drop in to the Refuge on Queen Street East.

How the program works:

- We provide the container and recipe.
- You prepare the same meal once per month.
- Save some for your family-it's delicious!
- Drop off the casserole between 9:30 & 10:00 a.m. in the west parking lot. Dates provided below.
- Pick up an empty container when you drop off

Contact: Annie Alkins 416-283-7420

**2019 Dates:** Jan. 5; Feb. 2; Mar. 2; Apr. 6; May 4; Jun. 1; Jul. 6; Aug. no pick up; Sep. 7; Oct. 5; Nov. 2; Dec. 7

### **THE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY**

Do you want to have a better understanding of our faith and a deeper relationship with God and others? Please join us for "The Bible Timeline Study" beginning in the new year on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

January 15, 2019 to April 2, 2019.

It is a fascinating study that takes you on a journey through the entire Bible. You will learn the major people, places and events of the Bible and see how together they form the foundation of our faith.

By being a part of this study you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow close to Christ.

For more information or to register please contact the Parish office or the following:

Pat Wilson: [pwils435@gmail.com](mailto:pwils435@gmail.com)

Mai Tran: [dcnvt2002@gmail.com](mailto:dcnvt2002@gmail.com)

Francis/Therese Baduria: [ftbaduria@gmail.com](mailto:ftbaduria@gmail.com)

### **Youth Ministry Corner**

#### **YOUTH NATIVITY PLAY**

Its not too late to be part of the Nativity Play. All children and youth are invited to be part of this play on Monday from 4:20 to 4:45 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. We need MANY shepherds and angels.

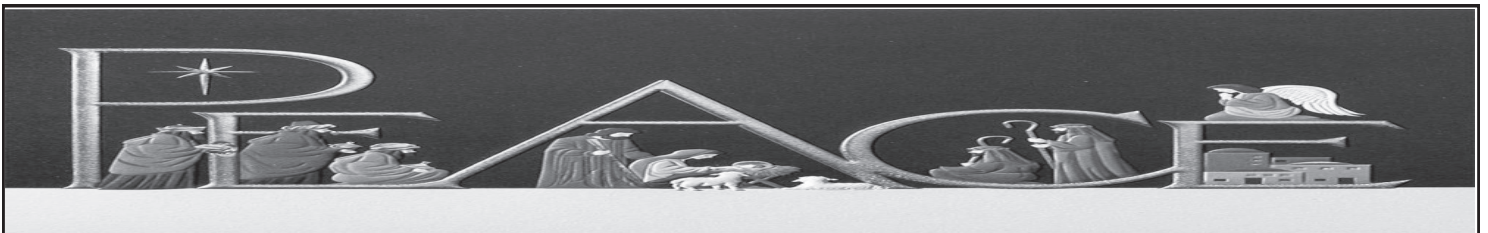
Arrive at 4:00 p.m. dressed in a white top!

**All of us in the Youth Ministry would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!**

**For information about the Youth Ministry go to:**

**<https://www.stjosephstoronto.org/ministries/youth/>**

**or contact Angie Bernard at 647-242-8429**





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