

# St. Joseph's Parish, Highland Creek

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*Feast of the Holy Family*



**Sunday December 30th,  
2018  
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary  
Year C**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**December 29 to January 5**

Sat. Dec. 29	9:00 am	† Dennis Pinto
	5:00 pm	† Cristino Balin
Sun. Dec. 30	9:00 am	Intention of the Robbins Family
	11:00 am	For the People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	† Giovanni & Aquilina Vacca
Mon. Dec. 31	9:00 am	Intention of Maria Fan
Tues. Jan. 1	9:00 am	In honour of Mother Mary & St. Joseph
Wed. Jan. 2	9:00 am	† Domenico Marcelli
Thur. Jan. 3	9:00 am	† Simeon Maristanes
Fri. Jan. 4	9:00 am	Intention of the members of the Haley Family
		† Michael & Margaret Mullane
		† Martin & Arnolta Raposo
		† Alfred & Matilda Hannah
		† Carlos McKie
	7:30 pm	Intention of Antonio Quitariano
		† Tony Davidson
Sat. Jan. 5	9:00 am	Intention of Kathy Butcher & Family

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**RETREAT DAY: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA  
VILLA ST. JOSEPH  
445 Monk Street, Cobourg  
Tuesday, January 23rd, 2019**

Kateri Tekakwitha, known as the Lily of the Mohawks, is North America's first indigenous saint. This retreat day will trace her beginnings from a village ravaged by a small pox epidemic, leaving her orphaned at four years of age. She endured many sufferings and felt a call to be baptized a Christian by the Jesuits. There have been many healing attributed to her. Yet she was also a child of nature — always seeking God in creation. The church has named her a patron saint of ecology.

Facilitated by Sr. Linda Gregg, CSJ.  
Cost: \$40.00 includes lunch and snacks  
Phone: 905-372-2741  
Email: [villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org)

**REFLECTION**

Every year Christmas unites the weary and warring human family for a few days of rejoicing. Each year we are surprised anew at the richness of God's gift to us of Christ. From contemplating this gift we learn the meaning of self-giving love. Today's Mass centres on our human school of love, the family. Sirach comments on the fourth commandment, to honour one's parents. The last verses of Colossians draw on a pre-Christian household code, but its first two sections are remarkable within a patriarchal culture for their fully Christian values: relationships are based on mutual love and forgiveness rather than subordination. With such love God sent his Son. The gospel readings remind us that the Holy Family was not spared the pain, separation, and need for trust experienced by those who love. Our suffering can be transformed by imitating Christ's love—a love which he learned from his parents. The miracle of Christmas assures us that God boundlessly enriches our everyday lives when live with love.  
(Sunday Mass Book)

**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)

**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.  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 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)

## New Year's Schedule

### 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



### New Year's resolutions: the pope Francis list:

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy: (The Joy of the Gospel).

A blissful New Year to all...



## HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday, December 31st - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Tuesday, January 1st - Closed

## 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: [dcnvmt2002@gmail.com](mailto:dcnvmt2002@gmail.com)

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

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## 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.

## SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

### First Communion preparation:

1st parent meeting - Sunday, Feb. 3 at 1:00 p.m.  
or Monday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 p.m.  
2nd parent meeting - Sunday, Mar. 3 at 1:00 p.m.  
or Monday, Mar. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

### First Communion Masses occurring on:

**April 28 at 1:00 p.m. – St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf**

**May 5 at 1:00 p.m. – Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio and Sunday School**

### Confirmation Dates

If your child is not yet registered, please visit our website. Under "Sacraments" you will find Confirmation. On this page you can download the required forms. In addition, if your child was **not** baptized at St. Joseph's, a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate is required.

### Confirmation Masses occurring on:

**Tuesday May 7– St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf**  
**Wednesday May 8– Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio and Sunday School**

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S SEMINARY LAY FORMATION PROGRAM

2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough

Saturday February 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

Theme: Same-Sex Attraction and Gender Identity:

Welcoming and Accompanying with the Hear of Christ  
Questions of sexual identity in our time are as important as they are challenging. Often the subject of much attention and tension both within and outside the church, they can evoke different and strong reactions in each of us. This workshop will explore the Catholic vision of the human person, love and sexuality and how this vision guides the important work of pastoral care for our brothers and sisters who are experiencing same-sex attraction or navigating questions of gender identity. The retreat will include

Mass in the seminary chapel.

Cost: \$50.00 (includes lunch) 416-261-7207

## Youth Ministry Corner

Thank you to all the children, youth, singers, leaders and sewers who made the Nativity Play before the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass possible. Your gift of time, talent, treasure and evangelization were greatly appreciated by our parishioners, guests, Priests and our God.

**EDGE** night for youth (Grade 6, 7 and 8). We are starting the *Climbing Season* with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. It's not too late to join us!

### HS FOUNDATIONS

Jan 6th: We continue on the topic of Truth and Freedom found in Jesus. For High School youth, 4:00 p.m. in the hall. New youth welcome.

**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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