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Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 2019
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Year A

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 28 to January 4

Sat. Dec 28	9:00 am † Michael&Margaret Mullane
	5:00 pm † Pascalia Rodrigues
Sun. Dec 29	9:00 pm † Kitty Paes
	11:00 am The People of the Parish
	7:00 pm † Giovanni & Aquilina Vacca
Mon. Dec 30	9:00 am Intention of Mario & Maria Simao
Tues. Dec 31	9:00 am † Joyce D'Souza
Wed Jan 1	9:00 am † Deceased members of the Di Nova Family
Thurs. Jan 2	9:00 am † Mary Lynde
Fri. Jan 3	9:00 am † Michael&Margaret Mullane
	† Simeon Maristanes
	† Martin & Arnolta Raposo
	† Alfred & Matilda Hannah
	† Mary & Grace Karunanayake
	7:30 pm † Naseem (Jimmy) Shiekh
	† Souls in Purgatory
	† John Roderigues
	† Christine Leskovec
	† Mary Sequeira
	† Jacinto Vaz
Sat. Jan 4	9:00 pm † Daphne & Mark Footman
	5:00 pm † Purification Coelho

BIBLE STUDY

New Bible Study for 2020!

Matthew—The King and His Kingdom

24 Sessions, January 7 to June 23, 2020

Weekly Small Group discussions and DVD teaching

Taking place in the Parish's Hall on Tuesdays,

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Contact Pat Wilson, 416-997-8303 or pwils435@gmail.com



"The Holy Family" by Jacob Van Oost (Belgium)

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 lived with love.
 (Sunday Mass Book)

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please visit our website for some information about us: www.stjosephstoronto.org. You can register on line. Registration forms are also available at the back of the Church, in the Narthex and the Hall. We are happy to have to have you as a member of our parish family.

PARISH MINISTRY—CONTACTS

Catholic Women's League: Kim Deans 416-206-6341 & Marla Tanuan 416-209-8659. General Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 2.

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: David Belcastro at 647-458-0591 General Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 2.

Legion of Mary: Dawne Williams at 416-284-8699 or Rohini Furtado at 647-827-5964. Meetings are on every Tuesday in Room 1. Adults meet at 7:30 pm and Juniors meet at 6:30 pm.

Live Christ Share Christ Program: Francis and Therese Baduria at 416-281-5973. Meetings every first Saturday of the month after the 9:00 a.m. mass.

Prayer Group: Jennie Fernandes at 416-286-3568 or Sheila McManus at 416-4388453. 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. Contact: 416-282-0370 ext. 217

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

Youth Ministry: Contact Angie Bernard, 647-242-8429 or youth.ministry@stjosephstoronto.org

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

First Communion: First Communion 1st meeting
Children are expected to attend these meetings
Sunday February 9th @ 1:00 p.m.

or Monday February 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

First Communion 2nd meeting
Sunday March 1st @ 1:00 p.m.
or Monday March 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation: Class lists will be posted the first week of January in the Narthex.
First set of classes will take place in the last week of January.
Confirmation Classes will run on a monthly basis from Jan. to May
Confirmation Masses:
Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.
St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf
Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m.
Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio

ST. JOSEPH'S NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday, January 1st (New Year's Day)

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday December 31st 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday January 1st Closed

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD

January 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Trinity Parish Hall, 3220 Bayview Avenue

This coming year Pope Francis will inaugurate "Word of God Sunday" - the third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Sacred Scriptures. Accordingly, our own Cardinal Collins will be speaking about the importance of the Word of God, the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer. Cardinal Collins has his PhD in Sacred Scripture, and notably, in the Book of Revelation. As well, he regularly broadcasts Lectio Divina sessions on the Bible. His engaging style and love for Jesus and the Church will be most evident as he shares with us his thoughtful insights on the central place the Bible has for Catholics today.

Contact: Fellowship of St. Joseph of the Association for Hebrew Catholics-ahctoronto@gmail.com

SERRA'S 'VOCATIONAL SEEDS'

By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director at 416-968-0997 or email: vocations@archtoronto.org

FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION WITH GOD

December 31st at 6:30 to 11:00 p.m.

This is a family friendly, potluck, alcohol free event
Tickets are \$5.00 and children under 5 years of age are free.

7:00 p.m. the Potluck begins followed by fun games

9:00 p.m. Rosary

9:30 p.m. Early Countdown

And after that until 11:00 p.m. **DANCING!**

Dance Like David (1 Sam 6:3,5)

Net proceeds will benefit

our Youth Ministry

*Children in grade 8 and under must be accompanied by a parent



CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE MASS

February 9th 2020

St. Isaac Jogues Parish, 1148 Finch Ave., Pickering
As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, **Cardinal**

Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples in the Archdiocese of

Toronto. All married couples are welcome come and will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows. A

special blessing will be given to couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th or 60+) in 2020 and group photos will take place after the Mass. A reception to follow after Mass as well.

Please note that everyone wishing to attend is required to register due to space limitations. Early registration is highly encouraged to avoid disappointment as we anticipate a high demand. Reserved seating will be available only for couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversaries, mentioned above. Non-reserved seating will be provided on a first-come first-served basis to all other married couples, family members, friends and others attending the Mass. (doors open at 2:00 p.m.)

Contact: Ella Okankwo at 416-934-0606 ext. 523

Email: formation@archtoronto.org

THANK YOU!

To all who participated and witnessed the Nativity Play on December 24th.
What a beautiful Christmas gift to God!

Youth Ministry Corner

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

Registration forms are in the Narthex

Next EDGE Night is on January 10th: Be NAMED!
For youth in grade 6, 7 and 8; registration is still open.

H.S. FOUNDATIONS

Next meeting is on January 5th 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

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