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Feast of the Holy Family

Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 30th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Pro-Populo

Sunday December 31st

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Mass

Pro-Populo

New Year's Day

10:00 am Mass

Pro-Populo

Tuesday, January 2nd

7:00 pm Mass

† Marion Margaret McCormick

Wednesday, January 3rd

12:10 pm Mass

† Jim Morrissey

Thursday, January 4th

8:00 am Mass

◆ Anne LePage

Friday, January 5th

7:00 pm

† All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 6th

9:00 am Mass

† All Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of
All Souls in Purgatory

We ask for
your prayers



Please pray for the sick:

Madeline Anta, Caitlin Grace McDonald, Elizabeth Skinner

Please pray for the deceased:
Marietta Abrasosa, Ron Steer

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve—5pm

New Year's Day- 10am

Tue-Wed-Thurs-Fri

Regular Mass Schedule

OFFICE HOURS

January 1 & 2-Office closed

January 3, 4, & 5-9am-4pm

January 7-Regular office hours

(see front of bulletin)



Today's liturgy speaks of two families. The first is the family that consists of parents and children: "The shepherds...found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." The first two readings are about the qualities of the people who make up such a family, and we pray that God may "unite our families in peace and love." We also pray that God may "help us to live as the holy family, united in respect and love." Here the liturgy concerns the human family, of which the Holy Family is also a model: "we want to live as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in peace with you and one another." Perhaps now more than ever, we need to beg God to "show us the value of family life and help us to live in peace with all people."

A happy and peaceful Christmas to all our Parishioners and to all who are visiting our parish at this time. Serving in the parish we are continually encouraged and edified by those who worship with us. At Christmas we remember that God has come near to us in Jesus Christ, our 'Emmanuel'. It is a time when we are reminded of the hope that we experience through the coming of our Saviour. The heart of the Christmas story is that, in Jesus, 'God has visited his people'. Let us make him welcome. I pray for all that the grace of the Christmas message will brighten our lives, renew our faith and strengthen our bonds of friendship. We know that some hearts in this town will be broken again this Christmas season when that one special person is not there to share this time. For those whose children and spouses are with them, perhaps a prayer and a hug should come first. Prayers for those for whom this day will never be the same again and hugs for those surrounding you whose life you hold as precious. We need to know that even in these darkest hours, there is still light, which will take us to the place where we need to be...it will take us to the heart of Christ who will heal our brokenness, remove our anger and hurt and fill us with the peace and strength we need to not just move forward but to reclaim the life that is ours as a community in Christ Jesus. Thank you for the incredible strength that you have been for us in these days and for lifting us up in your thoughts and your prayers. I pray a special Christmas for all of us this year and for all that this holy season can hold for us as believers. (Fr. Efren Alvarez Pe-layo)



May the Peace of Christ dwell in our hearts throughout 2018

Thank you!!!

Dear parishioners: Through your loving and amazing generosity you have helped needy families and individuals throughout the year and during this joyous Christmas season. Thank you for your prayers and continued financial support. Thank you for seeing Jesus in those who are hungry and thirsty and in those who need comfort. We wish you all a blessed Christmas.



and **Saturday, February 24** from 9am-3 pm. Please call the office to register or for more information.

First Friday Devotions

We will celebrate First Friday Devotions on **January 5th**. Mass will be at 7 pm followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, and Benediction. During exposition, confessions will be heard until 8:30 pm when Benediction will be given.



Marriage Preparation Course

Couples who are planning to marry and have already set a date with a priest are invited to register for our marriage preparation course. This course is **suites for the engaged only**. Those who are in a civil marriage or have lived common law need to take a specialized marriage course upon consultation with the priest. St. John Chrysostom Parish will be offering this course in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday, February 20** from 7 pm-10 pm, **Thursday, February 22** from 7 pm-10 pm



Altar Servers

Children who have made their First Communion are welcome to join the Altar Servers ministry. All you need to do is sign up in the office and begin to serve right away. Altar Servers are trained as they serve. We ask that your child arrives 20 minutes before mass and begin the training under the guidance of experienced Altar Servers.



WANT TO KEEP CHRIST
IN CHRISTMAS?
FEED THE HUNGRY
CLOTHE THE NAKED
FORGIVE THE GUILTY
WELCOME THE UNWANTED
CARE FOR THE ILL
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
& DO UNTO OTHERS
AS YOU WOULD HAVE DONE
UNTO YOU.

Steve Maraboli

Knights of Columbus Meeting

There will be a Knights of Columbus meeting on **Tuesday, January 16** at 7:30 pm in the Bishop Clune Room of the Parish Centre. All members are encouraged to attend.

CWL News



Happy New year everyone. The first meeting of this new year will take place on **Tuesday, January 16th** following the 7 pm Mass. This will be a membership tea. Hope to see you there. Please remember your 2018 membership renewal payment of \$25.00.

Offertory Envelopes

The 2018 offertory envelopes will be removed for Christmas eve and Christmas day. We will bring them back next weekend (30-31) and they will remain there until the end of January. At this time, we would like to give everyone an opportunity to consider donating by Pre-Authorized Giving or credit card. Please call the office for more information on these methods of making your donations. If you are already donating by either one of those methods and no longer want to use a full box of envelopes, please call the office so that we may give you a box of envelopes containing only the special collection envelopes.



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Installation of the Sound System

We would like everyone to know that from Monday, January 8 to Friday, January 12, the sound system upgrade will be installed in the church. There may be last minute cancellations of events scheduled if it is absolutely unavoidable. We appreciate your understanding.

Faith Embodied -- Yoga

The Hatha yoga classes for parishioners will resume free of charge beginning **Monday, January 8th for 9 weeks**, from 2 - 3:15pm. There will not be a class on Family Day, Monday February 19th. Please contact the office to register or for more information.

Second Collection

We remind everyone that next weekend, **January 6/7**, there will be a second collection for the Capital Campaign. If you do not use envelopes and wish to use them for this purpose, please contact us at the office for instructions. Thank you for your continued Support.

Pray for Vocations



By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call **Fr. Chris Lemieux** at 416-968-0997 or Email him at:

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vocations@archtoronto.org
www.vocationstoronto.ca

Sing Praises to the Lord!

It has been nearly twenty years since the parish last purchased hymnals. In consultation with the choir and the community, we have decided to purchase 300 copies of the 3rd Edition of the Glory and Praise Hymnal. This will supplement the Catholic Book of Worship which we are currently using and provide us with a wider variety of music to use in our praise and worship of God. If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the hymnals we will be offering you the opportunity to dedicate a book in memory of someone who has died or in thanksgiving for those who are still living. For a donation of \$30, we will provide you with a bookplate that will be placed in one of the new hymnals. Please watch for people at the back of the church to accept your donation and information.



I am interested in donating towards the new hymnals

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Number of Hymnals: _____

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