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## **Celebration of The Eucharist**

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am  
Thursday: 12:00 noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment.

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Second Sunday of the Month  
By appointment only.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.  
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

## **Parish Schools**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

For more information on Catholic education in our community, or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or [www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org) or the York Catholic District School Board 905-713-1211 or [www.ycdsb.ca](http://www.ycdsb.ca)

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>  
 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,  
 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>



**January 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 am –  
 Tong Gam Lin †

Wed. 8:30 am – Suit-Hing Wong †

Thurs. 12:00 pm (Noon) – Joseph & Elizabeth  
 Cheung †

Fri. 8:30 am – Adam Gilbert †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Vincent & Sylvia Chan †

**Readings: Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**



**The Epiphany of the Lord**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**2 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
 YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED**

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.”) requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

– *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2042*

[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

*Holy Family - Holy Obligation*

*Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm*

*Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am and 11am*

*New Year's Eve/New Year's Day*

*Holy Obligation*

*Eve: Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm*

*Day: Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am and 11am*



**GIFT CARDS: THANK YOU!**

A very warm thank you to all who donated gift cards to our less privileged brothers and sisters.

Thank you to all who took the time to put together gift bags for these individuals and for warming their hearts with your generosity.

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**



Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God’s plan to make all people live as one “holy family” in His Church. In

the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We are to live as His children.

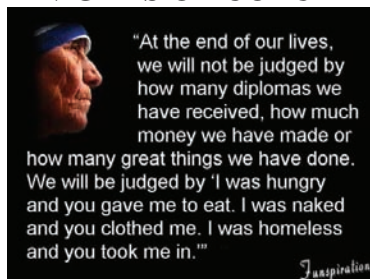
Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

The ties of the Holy Family are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke’s Gospel, can point us beyond those earthly relationships to the Fatherhood of God. In what Jesus calls “My Father’s house,” every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God’s house, His dwelling. But it’s also an image of the family of God, the Church.

In our families we’re to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: “I shall be his God and he will be My son” (see Revelation 21:3,7).

– *Adapted from Scott Hahn*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: THANK YOU!**



Thank you to the men and women of our parish who donated Frozen Casseroles in 2017. This past year, the parish community has made and donated

635 casseroles, an average of almost 53 casseroles each month. The total is 3,828 lbs or 6,350 meals for the less fortunate at The Good Shepherd Centre.



Yesterday is gone.  
 Tomorrow has not yet come.  
 We have only today.  
 Let us begin.

–Mother Teresa

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**



Today, as we celebrate the beginning of a new year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Mother of God. It is the oldest of all Marian feasts in our liturgy. It is also a feast uniquely appropriate to those of us concerned with new

beginnings, with new resolutions, and renewed hopes.

What the church offers in its devotion towards her, however, is its own spiritual and prayerful experience, its reflections on her throughout the millennia. She is blessed of all women, and we are told in the great Aaronic blessing from the Book of Numbers in today’s first reading, that God will smile upon those he loves and who love him, that his face will shine upon them. And today, this New Year’s day, we know that the face that smiles upon Mary as she holds him in her arms, presenting Him to His Father in the Temple, is that of her new-born Son Jesus. This is the face we yearn to see, the face of God made flesh, born of the Virgin Mary.

– Adapted from [www.saintandrewsabbey.com](http://www.saintandrewsabbey.com)

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**



Kindergarten registration begins January 8, 2018 in all York Catholic Elementary schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools, where we emphasize academic success using a curriculum that is

infused with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, please visit our website at [www.ycdsb.ca/admissions](http://www.ycdsb.ca/admissions).

**FIRST FRIDAY: JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Mass on First Friday will be at 8:30 am.* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon when the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed.



A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. If you are able, please commit to a specific time.



**RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup>**



A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier, the forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (January 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (January 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14). More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: [www.cco.ca/relic](http://www.cco.ca/relic). 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.

**SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – 2018:**

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes.



They do so much more good in your hands than in ours. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form in the foyer.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
 And be gracious to you;  
 The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
 And give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26



*Merry  
 Christmas*



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