



Feast of the Holy Family

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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.

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - DECEMBER 30, 2018

Jan 2nd – Jan 5th

Wed. 8:30 am - Elizabeth Cheung †

Thurs. Noon - Edmund Wong †

Fri. 8:30 am - Joseph Cheung †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Adam Gilbert †



READINGS FOR – January 6th

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.”



As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us

there were also the so-called hidden years - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. We know little of Jesus at this stage in his life. Yet no matter what challenges the family faced, Mary and Joseph supported Jesus in a way that enabled Him to grow in age and grace and wisdom before God and others. Jesus experienced solidarity within the family, with those around him and with God. He grew up in a loving community. Our celebration of this feast announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



4 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

Holy Family - Holy Obligation

Saturday, December 29th at 4:30pm

Sunday, December 30th at 9am and 11am

Mary, The Holy Mother of God Holy Obligation

Eve: Monday, December 31st at 4:30pm

Day: Tuesday, January 1st at 9am and 11am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY FIRST

This feast was entered into the calendar in the liturgy of the city of Rome for the first day of January. The purpose of the celebration is to honor the role of Mary in the mystery of salvation and at the same time to sing the praises of the unique dignity thus coming to "the Holy Mother...through whom we have been given the gift of the Author of life." This same solemnity also offers an excellent opportunity to renew the adoration rightfully to be shown to the newborn Prince of Peace, as we once again hear the good tidings of great joy and pray to God, through the intercession of the Queen of Peace, for the priceless gift of peace.



FIRST FRIDAY JANUARY 4th 2019

Mass will begin at 8:30 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at the completion of Mass and continue until noon. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church. If you are able, please commit to a specific time.



WORLD DAY OF PEACE – JANUARY FIRST

THEME FOR 2019

“Good politics is at the service of peace.”

Every citizen bears political responsibility, and in particular those who have received the mandate to protect and govern. This mission consists of safeguarding the law and encouraging dialogue between figures of society, among generations and among cultures. There is no peace without mutual trust. And trust has as a first condition respect for the given word. Political commitment – which is one of the highest expressions of charity – involves concern for the future of life and the planet, the youngest and smallest, and their thirst for fulfilment. (Vatican Press)



THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated gift cards to our less privileged brothers and

sisters. Your generous donations provided many through Rosalie Hall, John the XXIII Parish and John Vanier High School.



Thank you to the men and women of our parish who donated Frozen Casseroles in 2018. This past year, the parish community has made and donated 531 casseroles, an average of almost 44 casseroles each month. The total is 3,339 lbs. or 5310 meals for the less fortunate at The Good Shepherd Centre.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

ENVELOPES 2019



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.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As the year winds down, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan for the New Year. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer at the back of the church.



XL: Relentless Father

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Flato Markham Theatre

171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham

Ring in 2019 with a fun, faith-filled

night that has the ability to change your complete outlook on life. Ministry team members include Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (USA), Kathleen & Jesse Leblanc (worship leaders) & Msgr. Vid Vlasic of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Unionville. Prayer, praise, witness & eucharistic adoration. Confessions offered that night. Come pray and hear how the Father's love is "relentless."

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WELCOME 2019

When did you first learn about Christ? Was it from a friend? At church? At home? When did God become more than just a word to you? When did faith become a personal relationship, and not just a religion, for you? It's good to take a look back and remember.

Remember the passion you felt for God – the feeling of relief from the burden of sin, guilt, and shame, the unspeakable joy, the peace and confidence of knowing that you were forgiven and accepted by God! Temptation seemed to have lost its grip and you felt free! Nothing else mattered as Jesus took first place in your life. It was euphoric; for some perhaps, even sensational! For others, the feelings may not have been as ecstatic, but the reality was the same. God did a work of grace, and His grace was not without effect. You were changed, born again! Old things passed away, and all things became new! You had a new outlook on life. Hope replaced despair!

Just looking back for a moment causes gratitude to rise. He chose me! He chose you! Before you set your gaze on the year ahead, glance back. Consider what God has done and give Him thanks. How did He work in your life in 2018? What prayers did He answer? In what ways have you grown closer God?



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