



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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St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - DECEMBER 29, 2019

Jan 2nd – Jan 4th

Thurs. Noon - Joseph & Elizabeth
Cheung †

Fri. 8:30 am - Francis Wong Chan Wing †

Sat. 4:30 pm - Vincent and Sylvia Chan †



New Year's Eve/New Year's Day
Tuesday, Dec. 31st at 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 1st at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

READINGS FOR – January 5th

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12



THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"Take the child and his mother and
escape into Egypt."***

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families.

Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. Our celebration of this feast, and the Word of God we proclaim, 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. Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We cannot fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1st



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 3rd 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.



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.

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 to the "Casserole Program 2019". This past year, the parish community made and donated 445 casseroles providing meals for the less fortunate at The Good Shepherd Centre. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto – The Importance of the Word of God

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

3220 Blessed Trinity Parish

Bayview Avenue, Toronto

This 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. 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. All are welcome.

Retrouvaille Weekend Help for Troubled Marriages

Friday, January 24, 2020 6:00 pm to Sunday, January 26, 2020 2:00 pm

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If you are thinking of separation or divorce — or you are already separated but want to try again — then Retrouvaille can help. This program will give you the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will also give you the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

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WORLD DAY OF PEACE – JANUARY 1st

THEME FOR 2020

“Good politics is at the service of peace.”

On January 1st, 2020 Pope will mark the annual World Day of Peace with a message titled: “Good Politics is at the Service of Peace.” Pope Francis compels everyone to be engaged in the work of advocating for and with those whose voices are marginalized, to ensure the protection and fulfillment of the “youngest and smallest.” Advocating for and with communities who are oppressed, disadvantaged, or excluded is a response to our baptismal call to love all members of the Body of Christ, in imitation of Christ’s love. God created human beings as social and relational creatures, made in His own image. We are called to reach out and build relationships of love and justice, making love visible in structures and policies through political engagement.

TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

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



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration begins Jan. 6, 2020 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.

**As the New Year approaches us with hopes
anew, here is to wishing you and your family
a blessed year ahead.**



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