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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 School**

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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# THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1, 2023



Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 8:30 am – †

Wed. 8:30 am – †

Thurs. Noon – Otilia Lee †

Fri. 8:30 am – Helen D’Souza Sp. Intention

Sat. 4:30 pm – Otilia Lee †

## READINGS FOR – January 8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

*New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day  
Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup>



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 6<sup>th</sup>

*Mass 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 in the foyer if you can commit to a specific time.



World Day of Peace, celebrated on January 1 every year, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal

peace on the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. In today’s modern age, the idea of having peace in the world may seem difficult or unrealistic. But many people still continue to hope for a time in history when all of the humans on earth can just get along. World Day of Peace is dedicated to not only ending war, but bringing peace to the people of earth in a variety of ways. Whether it is regarding peace on a small scale between family members or a large scale between nations, this day is worth observing and celebrating!

**MONDAY  
JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**



# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the "Frozen Casserole Program 2022" and money for "Protein for the Poor." The Good Shepherd Centre is grateful for the support provided by our parishioners. Your help supports seniors, people living on disability payments, people earning minimum wage and homeless men and women.

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.



## 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 have for Catholics today. All are welcome.

## Happy New Year from the York Catholic DSB



Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish,

As I start a new term as your Catholic School Trustee, I want to introduce myself and thank you for your support. Catholic Education is a great gift for Ontario's faithful and I am grateful to those who have registered as Catholic school supporters.

During the holidays, we get to see how joyous the integration of home, school and parish can be. There is always great excitement when the clergy celebrate Advent Masses in the parish schools. Many parents/guardians come into the schools for special faith-filled Christmas activities. And I am so proud of our schools' generosity in organizing food drives, warm clothing donations and raising funds for Catholic charities.

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you feel the warmth of knowing that Christ so loves us that he came into the world to be one with us.

Yours in Christ,  
Carol Cotton  
Trustee, Markham Area 1



## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2023

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As a new year begins, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer at the back of the church.

**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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