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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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH – DEC. 31, 2023



Jan. 2nd – Jan. 6th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – John & Mary Williams Sp. Int.

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Noel Vaz †

Thurs. Noon – Linda Power †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Otilia Lee †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Vincent & Sylvia Chan †

READINGS FOR – Jan. 7st

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

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

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12



**DECEMBER 31ST
NEW YEAR'S EVE
MASSES AT
4:30 P.M.
JANUARY 1ST**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
09:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.**



FIRST FRIDAY

January 5th

Mass will be at 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to be with Jesus. We invite everyone to stay after Mass and experience being in the presence of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will 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.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2024

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 in the foyer.



**MONDAY
JANUARY 1ST**

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel."

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. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states: "The children must learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." 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.

As we gather to celebrate and reflect upon family on this holy day, let our prayer be for solidarity as we feast at the table of the Lord. May this unity help us to grow in wisdom and grace before God and others.



*Dear Parishioners,
I wish to bring heartfelt New Year's greetings to all of you and your families. On behalf of Deacon's James and Micheal and myself, I want to thank all of you for your kindness over the past year, and especially during the Christmas Season. Your generosity, in so many ways, continues to be humbling and is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, there are too many of you to thank individually for all that you have given to us, both tangibly and spiritually. Please accept this note of appreciation as gratitude for all your varied gifts. As we enter the New Year, let the brilliance of Jesus' saving light shine brightly in and around you and may the abundance of God's overflowing love be lavished upon you and your loved ones. Please continue to pray for the Deacon's and for me, and we will continue to pray for you. May you have a blessed 2024.*

Father Anthony



**WORLD DAY OF
PEACE
JANUARY 1st 2024
"Artificial Intelligence
and Peace"**

This is the theme of the next Message of the World Day of Peace. Pope Francis calls for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects. *"We must make sure that Artificial Intelligence is put at the service of peace in the world, rather than being a threat, and that it makes a beneficial contribution on the future of humanity. I have dedicated the Message for the World Day of Peace to this."* Pope Francis

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

This is the last month (January 2024) that The Knights of Columbus will be accepting aluminum pop cans. Beginning in February, we will only be accepting wine and spirits bottles and aluminum cans from drinks that contain alcohol, such as beer cans. We thank you for your continued support of this project.



**Celebration of Marriage Mass with
Archbishop Francis Leo**

Sunday, February 11, 2024

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

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Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards global eradication of Leprosy. During the months of December and January, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼" and no more than ½" border. Deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table in the foyer. Donation of stamp collections, first day covers or stamp sets are also very much appreciated. Thank you.



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. If you are currently enrolled, please consider an increase for 2024. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer or call the office for assistance.

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