



*Feast of the Holy Family*

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## Pastor

Rev. Anthony Iacobelli

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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 AND JOSEPH – DEC. 29, 2024



Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

Thurs. Noon - Vivian Kan †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Otilia Lee †

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

**READINGS FOR – Jan. 5<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



**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 3<sup>rd</sup>

*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.



**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**



## 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. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. 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.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. 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.

## WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2025



The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the World Day of Peace for 2025 is, “Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace.”, corresponding to “the biblical and ecclesial understanding of the Jubilee Year”.

“At the dawn of this New Year given to us by our heavenly Father, a year of Jubilee in the spirit of hope, I offer heartfelt good wishes of peace to every man and woman. I think especially of those who feel downtrodden, burdened by their past mistakes, oppressed by the judgment of others and incapable of perceiving even a glimmer of hope for their own lives. Upon everyone I invoke hope and peace, for this is a Year of Grace born of the Heart of the Redeemer!”  
Pope Francis

**THANK YOU**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards, frozen casseroles and cash for "Protein for the Poor." The support and generosity provided by our parishioner's effect and assist so many in need during these difficult and challenging times. Blessings to you all.

## C.W.L 2025 Youth Awards Program



The Catholic Women's League Youth Awards Program is a combination of contests which are intended to support Catholic youth to hone their skills in becoming people of faith dedicated to following in the footsteps of Christ to serve God and Canada. These contests are good confidence builders for the students and an opportunity for them to share their views and values on important Catholic teachings. For the Education component of Catholic Women's League of Canada Education and Health Committee, one of the educational based projects that continue to be a major focus across the Toronto Diocese, the program is comprised for Gr. 7 to 12 of the following contests:

- Mary Matthews Public Speaking Gr. 7 & 8
- Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay & Poetry Gr. 7 to 12
- Jean McCann Youth Service Award age 15 to 18
- St. Michael's College Scholarship Gr. 12 (females only) due May 31, 2025

All contests' registration forms (except St. Michael's College Scholarship) **must** be received by **Friday, Jan. 17, 2025**. Good Shepherd Parish **Mary Matthews Public Speaking** will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025 at 1:30 pm** in the Church Hall. For each contest package and any further questions, please e-mail parish contact, Catherine Ger at [catherine.ger@outlook.com](mailto:catherine.ger@outlook.com). **May our Lady of Good Counsel guide us in all that we do.**



## 2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

*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 2025.*  
**Father Anthony**

## PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Pre-authorized is a way to give to our parish even if you cannot make it to church regularly. Especially during the winter months, you are still able to keep up your contributions when you cannot attend in person. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



## TORONTO SERRA CLUBS

By baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org)

## FIRST COMMUNION 2025

Gentle reminder that registrations for children receiving their First Communion are to be submitted by January 31, 2025. Please drop off registrations at the parish office.



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