



## ***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.

### **Parish School**

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# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – DEC. 28, 2025



**Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - Tak Hing Wong †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Monica Kwok †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Joseph & Elizabeth Cheung †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Celine Gomes – Sp. Int.

## READINGS FOR – Jan. 4<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



**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
MASS AT  
4:30 P.M.  
NEW YEAR'S DAY  
09:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

## FIRST FRIDAY January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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  
DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>  
THURSDAY  
JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**



## THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt."***

During this holy season of Christmas, Jesus, Mary and Joseph should be remembered frequently by every Christian. To help us to remember them and above all to strive to imitate them, the Church has dedicated this Sunday to the memory of the Holy Family. Though they were the holiest family that ever lived, or ever will live, on earth, they had more than their share of this world's troubles and cares. Today's Gospel story tells us of some of these earthly woes and sufferings. They had just settled in Bethlehem, and the Baby Jesus was only a few months old when, to avoid his murder at the hands of the murderous and jealous Herod, they had to flee from Bethlehem and become displaced persons in a foreign and pagan land.

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.

The message of today's Gospel story is a message of encouragement and consolation for every one of us. If the Holy Family suffered such trials and hardships, surely, we should be ready and willing to suffer and bear with the trials that God sends us for our own eternal welfare.



**WORLD DAY OF PEACE  
JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2026**

The World Day of Peace 2026 will be celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme for this year is "Peace Be With You All: Towards and Unarmed and Disarming Peace," as announced by the Vatican. This theme emphasizes the importance of rejecting violence and embracing peace based on love and justice.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards, frozen casseroles throughout the year 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.

## 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. For the first month of using your new envelopes we ask that you **CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE NEW ENVELOPES**. This helps us to make sure that your information is correct in the system. If you continue to use old envelopes, we cannot guarantee the donation will be properly processed as envelope numbers have changed over the year. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to do so, please complete a request form.



## 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.



## 2025 CAMPAIGN

With some adjustments and recalculations with the ShareLife Office, the total so far for the campaign is \$142,000.00 towards our goal of \$148,500.00. We have such a generous and loving parish and we thank you for sharing your blessings with countless others that are receiving support and assistance through ShareLife. Here's to another successful year!

*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 2026.*

**Father Anthony**

## Day of Reflection - Eucharist - Church Where We Learn A Spirituality of Encounter & Service

Monday, January 26, 2026

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre

Day of Reflection for Men/Women. We will reflect and pray on the different movements and parts of the Eucharistic celebration. Gathering of God's People. Listening to God's Word. Thanksgiving for God's deeds in history. Sharing the Meal Jesus left us. Sent forth into the world on mission. Facilitated by Fr. Charles Pottie, SJ. The suggested offering is \$70 per person which includes lunch, coffee/tea break, program and Mass.

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