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Feast of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions

Monday 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the Intentions of
Pat Stuart

Monday 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve – For the People

Tuesday 10:30 a.m.
New Year's Day – For the People

Tuesday 12:00 p.m.
New Year's Day – For the People

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Margaret Tse
(Jefferson Tse)

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
+Joseph Mathew Pereira
(Anthony Pereira and Family)

Thursday 12:10 p.m.
+Martin Diaz
(Family)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the
Intentions of Rex, Margaret,
Jefferson and Giovanna Tse

Friday 7:30 p.m.
Vocations to the Priesthood

Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Living & Deceased Sisters of the Daughters
of St. Mary of Leuca and their Families
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
+Magno and Cipriana Dinglasan
(Family)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
+Deacon Vincent Cassidy
(Jackie Mackenzie)

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday 12:00 p.m.
+Harry Ramadhin
(Family)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Anne Canagasuriam, Johnny Luu, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Katie Fung, Paula Mackie, Andrew Carb, Joe De Juan, Agnes Yuen, Loreen Mohammed, Carolyn Evens, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Joe Leo, Edward Ramsay, Lawrence Lee, Mary Ann Molinari

PRAY FOR THE DEAD Luiza Pinto, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Through the intercession of our Mary, Mother of God, may the Lord bless all our families and loved ones and protect us this new year.

A FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant the Holy family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS including the lectors, servers, ushers, choirs, the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca for our flowers and altar decorations, and for Jackie Elias for our Christmas trees.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is on January 1 and is a holy day of obligation in Canada. Masses will be on New Year's Eve at 5:00 and on New Year's Day at 10:30 and noon. (No 9:00 a.m. Mass) There will be confessions on New Year's Eve from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:
December 31st at 12:00 Noon until January 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

**THE MONTHLY TRADITIONAL (LOW MASS) WILL
Will be held on the First Saturday of every month beginning this
Saturday, January 5th at 12:00 Noon.**

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the Parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS
TO PRIESTS AND STAFF AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, **contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997** vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

LEGION OF MARY

New Members are welcome. The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 8:10 and the Junior Legion on Friday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **For more information, please contact Amy Rebeiz: 647-643-2232** or amy.rebeiz@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS – Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Mark Huang to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support from parents. Call the parish office at 905-474-1224

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

In the new year we will be starting a campaign to raise funds for a new and improved sound system for the parish. We had a sound engineer come in and look at the current system and we were told that at best we would get a 10% improvement if we tried rebalancing what we have. Apparently, we were given a one size fits all model which was not designed for the contours of church space. A new system, designed for our worship space, will cost approximately \$50,000. We are hoping to raise half of this cost with new donations and pay the rest from our savings. You can make a donation specifically for the sound system by visiting the parish office during office hours or you could put a donation in the basket at Mass in a **different envelope** written in bold (with your envelope number). **Please specifically state that the donation is for the sound system** since 100% of all monies raised for a specific project goes directly towards that project and no portion of it will taken by the Archdiocesan parish assessment.

RECIPE BOOK FUNDRAISER

As part of our initiative to raise funds for a new sound system we would like to put together a parish cookbook which we would then make available for purchase. We are looking for Appetizers, Soups, Salads, Vegetables, Pastas, Beef, Pork, Lamb, Other Meats, Fish, Breads, Desserts, etc. If you would like to contribute a recipe to the parish cookbook, please send your recipes to st.thomasrecipes@gmail.com. Be sure to include in your recipes a list of ingredients with their portions and step by step cooking

WALK-IN COUNSELLING at Catholic Family Services York Region (21 Dunlop St., Richmond Hill) on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-9:00 (www.ccsyr.org)

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

First Confessions: Tuesday April 9 at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday April 10 at 6:00 p.m.
First Communion Ceremony on June 23 – Corpus Christi.

FORMED

The Parish has paid for a subscription to Formed **FOR THE WHOLE PARISH**. This is only for parishioners. **You can register by going to: Formed.org** Put your own email and the parish access number which is: 6K2ZMY Then register and enjoy: when you are on the website you can go to Study, watch, listen or read.

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