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Feast of the Holy Family



Mass Intentions

Monday 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the Souls in Purgatory (Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Monday 7:00 p.m.

+Magno and Ciprana Dinglason (Family)

Tuesday 12:10 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Pat Stuart

Tuesday 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve – For the People

Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day – For the People

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

New Year's Day – For the People

Thursday 12:10 p.m.

+John Mackenzie (Jackie Mackenzie)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

+Joseph Mathew Pereira (Family)

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.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Teresa Chiu (John Chiu)

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.

+Wing Pak Seto (Family)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2019

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Andrew Carb, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Lawrence Lee, Maribel Monje, William Lee Ah-Chong, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Antonio Tiongson, Alban Munroe, Nancy Lyn Arsenault, Vartouhi Kapandjian, Ardemis Moushian, Josephine Pereira, Chuba Asad, Margaret Carter, Rita Yu, Louis Ma, Erlinda Tiongson, Belen Alcalde, Clemente Magnayi, Andrew, Junny and Afonso Hung, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tiongson, Marian Pereira, Patricia Chong Ah Yan, Gonzalo San Luis, Gene Chong and Wing Yuen

PRAY FOR THE DEAD Henry Hoi Leung, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER

O God of ancient blessings, your servant Mary pondered in her heart the treasured words spoken about her Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Bless us, as we gather in his name, and prepare our hearts to receive His Spirit, that tongues may confess him Lord, every day of this new year, and for ever and ever. Amen.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

The Sisters of the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca who arranged all our flowers and Altar decoration, our altar servers, musicians and choirs, ushers and lectors. The generous efforts of so many helps to make our liturgical celebrations a more worthy offering to the Lord.

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 FIRST FRIDAY OF JANUARY

Occurs this week. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place until Benediction at 11:45 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 be held this week on the Frist Saturday 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.

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

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.vocationtoronto.ca**

LEGION OF MARY

New Members are welcome. The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 7:40 p.m. 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 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

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Main office: 21 Dunlop Street, Unit 101 Richmond Hill L4C 2M6 1-800-263-2075, 905-770-7040 Ext 241 – Counselling. CCSYR is a multicultural agency and welcomes people from all ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds regardless of marital status or sexual orientation. CCSYR is a member of Family Service Ontario and is accredited by the Canadian Centre for Accreditation All locations are wheelchair accessible.

PAG (PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING)

For those who would like to begin PAG for 2020 you can fill out the Authorization Form along with a void cheque and hand it in the office Sunday 10:00 – 2:00 and Monday to Friday 9:00 – 4:00 or you could put it in an envelop and put it in the collection. The next withdrawal will be January 20th. The information is needed by the January 14th.

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