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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (in residence) 647-877-1774

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

Part Time Secretaries: Maureen Daunt, Geraldine Rocha

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 noon

Ask ushers for listening - aid devices

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday 12:10 and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (at Church)

Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - *forma ordinaria*

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Fridays after the 12:10 Mass to 7:00 Evening Mass.

CONFESSIONS

Before all Weekend and Weekday Masses

Father Allyn Rose: 416-799-0407

Father Patrick Gnanapragasam: 647-877-1774

DEVOTIONS TO

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

Will be the Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m.

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the deacon.

MARRIAGES

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest. One year advanced planning is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Families should notify the Parish Office in the event of serious illness.

“Dominus meus et Deus meus”

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DAY CARE

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 30 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Pat Stuart

Monday December 30 7:00 p.m.
No Evening Mass

Tuesday December 31 9:00 a.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of
Chit and Josephine Szeto

Tuesday December 31 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve – For the People

Wednesday January 1 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Day – For the People

Wednesday January 1 12:00 p.m.
New Year's Day – For the People

Thursday January 2 12:10 p.m.
+Neville Aggabao
(Family)

Thursday January 2 7:00 p.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Friday January 3 12:10 p.m.
In Thanksgiving and for the
intentions of Rex, Margaret
Jefferson and Giovanna Tse

Friday January 3 7:00 p.m.
Vocations to Priesthood

Saturday January 4 9:00 a.m.
Living and deceased members of the
Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca and their
living and deceased families

Saturday January 4 5:00 p.m.
Intentions of Florita Dinglasan
(Allan Dinglasan)

Sunday January 5 8:00 a.m.
For the People of the Parish

Sunday January 5 10:00 a.m.
+Wilfred Schultz
(Pucyk Family)

Sunday January 5 12:00 p.m.
For Wayne G. J. Chow
(Family)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2024

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Fitzroy James, Edilberto Claveria, Jack Wilson, Phillip Kong, Teresa Kong, Aloysius Carvalho, Nicholas Marshall, Al Jacob, Kelvin Ramoutar, Agnes Yuen, Jessica Kong, Dorine Couture, Wai Wong, Maria Francisco, Ronald Persaud, and Anna Azimi

PRAY FOR THE DEAD: Kenneth Chin-Loy, Hoi Leung, Gonzalo San Luis, 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.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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

Website: www.vocationstoronto.ca



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The KOC continue to fundraise by collecting EMPTIES, such as the following: Beer cans or bottles, wine bottles, spirits such as (vodka, rum, or whiskey, etc. **Drop off location for empties downstairs by the washrooms.** All proceeds will go to St. Thomas the Apostle and the Charities of the KOC.



THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

....including the lectors, servers, ushers, organists, cantor, choirs, the Daughters of St. Mary of Leuca for our altar decorations, and all who helped decorate the Christmas tree, etc.

JAN 1
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
SOLEMNITY



Mary, Holy Mother of God,
pray for us as we aim to treasure
our blessedness as you did.
Lay our "yes" at the feet of your Son,
Jesus, that we might carry Him
into the world, to be blessed
by His love and to bless others with it.
Amen.

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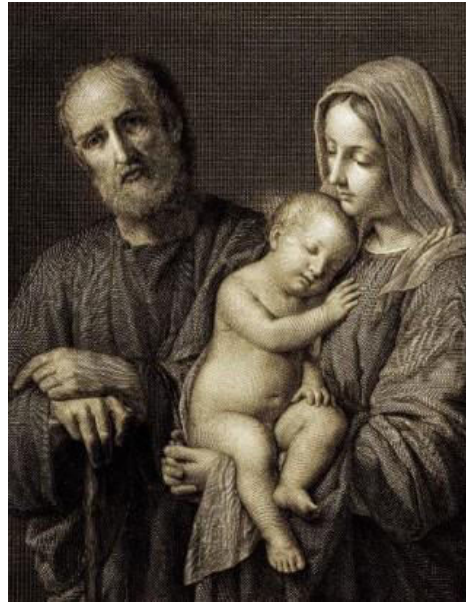
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NEW YEAR'S EVE SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
New Years Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day:
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
Confessions before and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the 31st
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve

DAILY MASSES:
Monday December 30 – 9:00 a.m. only
Tuesday December 31 – 9:00 a.m.



A FAMILY PRAYER

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

In our daily life and work, may we reflect on 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 that 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, God for ever and ever. Amen



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family. This Solemnity is part of the Christmas Season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the Birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus was found, Luke describes Him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although He is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about His Jewish tradition. In His dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with His insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead, they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that He was never lost; He was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and He is in His Father's House. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after His Resurrection at Pentecost.

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