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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: DECEMBER 31, 2017
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The Feast of the Holy Family



By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This week let's spend some time in reflecting on our Christian family life. A family is a basic unit of a social life and so it is also basic to our Christian life. The Second Vatican Council Documents calls "*a Christian family as a domestic Church.*" The Church gets its nature and growth from a family. We all belong to that one family of God.

Today we are given a model family to follow in the Holy Family. Many of us would say and often holy paintings depict them as holy people with a hollow around them. It is true they were holy people but lived a normal family like any one of us with all the family struggles – from making difficult marriage decisions, finding a safe-place in troubled political system, running away to Egypt as refugees, finding a new home in Nazareth, hard-labourers as a carpenter, experienced death of the father with a young teenage boy, then when Jesus grows up, he was not accepted by his society and later condemned to die on the cross.

In this family we meet a father who was hard-working, just and protector of the wife and son. We meet a mother who supported her husband with care and love, and her Son in his mission to proclaiming God's kingdom. We meet a Son who knowing that He is the Son of God still lived a humble and obedient to his earthy parents. They are true model to us to live our life in the family not because he had no difficulties but because they in spite of their struggles, they never gave up their faith in God, their love for each other, their hope for others in the world.

As we reflect on the life in Holy Family let's reflect on our family – our relationships, our struggles, our love and concern for each other, our faith in God, and our hope for the future of our family, our church, our society and the world. *Gracious God, help us to imitate the example of the Holy Family. Amen.*

ADVENT SEASON MASS SCHEDULE - 2017

Saturday, Dec. 30

5:00 p.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass
6:00 p.m.: Family Potluck Fellowship

Monday, Jan. 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

10:30 a.m.: Feast of the Holy Family Mass
12:30 p.m.: Native Mass
6:00 p.m.: Family Mass
11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass

Envelopes for 2018



Envelopes for 2018 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like an envelope box, or to contribute through P.A.G., please fill out and submit the respective form.

Those who have given the form for Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

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Mass Intentions

(December 27, 2017 – January 5, 2018)

Wednesday, December 27: *St. John*

8:00 a.m.: Healing of Virgilio Atarejos

Req. Connie Altarejos-Lee

Thursday, December 28: *The Holy Innocents*

8:00 a.m.: +Barney Kearns. Req. Loretta Kearns

Friday, December 29: *St. Thomas Becket*

7:00 p.m.: +Rosita Gomez

Req. Maria Fernandes & Michael Rodrigues

Saturday, December 30:

5:00 p.m.: +Barney Kearns. Req. Loretta Kearns

New Heating System Project

Since December 2017, after the consultation with the Finance Council, we have begun the Major Fundraising for the New Heating System.

Total Amount to be raised: **\$120,000.00**

Amount Raised: **\$19,290.85**

We have distributed envelopes requesting for donations that will help us to pay for the New Heating System. There is a letter of Request for Donation and pledge card. Please do take one if you would like to make a donation or you are welcome to give it to those whom you think could be potential donors to support our Fund Raising Activities.

Please do help us with your generous donations so we can better serve the community.

Thank you and blessings.

The Feast of St. Bro. Andre

On the First Saturday, **January 06, 2018**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Bro. Andre, the first saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Bro. Andre is known as the Miracle worker of Montreal as he promoted the devotion to St. Joseph with the healing oils. We will have a healing service after the 5 pm Mass.

5: 00 pm – St. Bro. Andre Feast day Mass

6:00 pm – Healing Service and blessing of Holy Oils

7:00 pm – Presentation on Grief Ministry

8:00 pm – Potluck Dinner and fellowship.

All are welcome to celebrate.

May St. Joseph and St. Bro. Andre

Pray for us and bring us healing and peace.

Holy Family Feast Potluck Dinner



The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you on **Saturday, December 30** to celebrate with us the Feasts of the Holy Family. You are welcome to bring a favourite dish to share, after the 5:00 p.m. mass.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

A special Mass will be celebrated on **January 14, 2018** at Good Shepherd Chaldean Cathedral, 2 High Meadow Place, North York at 1 p.m. A reception will follow immediately afterwards. His Excellency, Bishop Bawai Soro, the new Eparchial Bishop of the Mar Addai Chaldean Eparchy of Canada will celebrate the Mass, and Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto will be the homilist. Please join our community and other members of the Catholic community throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto on this important occasion.

Development and Peace Group

On **Sunday January 7 after 10:30 mass** our Development and Peace Group will have Fair Trade Products (tea, coffee, cocoa and chocolate) for sale at the back of the church. You are also encouraged to become a D&P member. Membership is free until Dec. 31 and it is a great way to educate yourself about social justice issues.

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported our Development and Peace Post Card campaign. We mailed 86 signed post cards to ask our Canadian government to take action by supporting women's organization at home and in the Global South, who are working for peace. We are asking the government to dedicate at least 0.7% of the gross national income to development assistance.

D&P Social Justice Retreat

Topic: Answering the Hard Call to Peace

Date: Friday Feb. 23rd (evening) – Sunday Feb. 25th

Cost: \$180 by January 31st \$200 after Jan. 31

Place: Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele St., King City

Fr. Paul Hansen will lead the reflection. He is a Redemptorist priest who has had a wide and varied career. He has always been focused on one thing - faith that does justice: biblical justice. For further info contact Catherine Barry or St. Ann Parish Office.



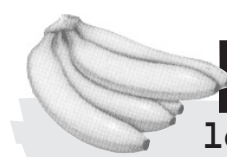
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