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THE YEAR OF JOY

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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH: DECEMBER 29, 2019

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF JOY

Mass Intentions

(December 29, 2019 – January 04, 2020)

Saturday, December 28: 5:00 p.m.

+ Patrick Boyle Req. by The McAteer Family

Tuesday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Mass: Dante and Catherine

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Year of Joy: 2019 - FAMILY

We begin the celebration of the YEAR OF JOY with the words of Pope Francis: “*The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church.*” (Amoris Laetitia 1:1) This month of December, we shall dedicate to all the families and all people of God that Joy of Christ may radiate in our families, Church, Communities and the world. Let this Christmas may be a time for all to share the true joy and peace of Jesus to all.

Thank you for the Christmas Donation to the Poor and Christmas Flowers

The donations from the following items will be given to the poor and needy who come to the Rectory door. Your donations helped a family of Six members to have wonderful Christmas meal and celebrations.

We thank everyone who donated towards the purchase of Christmas flowers. Your generosity helped us to make our liturgical celebration more beautiful and meaningful for everyone who come to the church. Thank you for your contributions.



Rosary Makers Training Program

The Holy Cross Family Ministries at St. Ann Parish are hosting our next group of Rosary Makers’ Training event **on January 26, 2019** in the Parish Hall. If you would like to become a Rosary Maker, please fill out the Registration Form. For more information contact:

Fr. Wilson Andrade, CSC at 416 466 2127 or email: familyministry.canada@gmail.com or Website: www.hcfm-canada.com

The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC

On the First **Saturday, January 4, 2020**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brother Andre, the first Saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Brother Andre is known as the Miracle Worker of Montreal, as he promoted the devotion of St. Joseph with the healing oils. We will have the



Sacrament of the Sick after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Potluck dinner and fellowship to follow. All are welcome.

St. Ann’s Resettlement Committee

We confirm that our Syrian family has made the final decision to move from Toronto to Laval, Quebec on November 27, 2019.

We wish them all the best in their new home and as they settle down. We would like to thank all the members of the Resettlement committee for your active role in helping the family in their nine months stay in Toronto. Thank you for your generosity, commitment and leadership in helping the family to resettle in Canada.

With Grateful Hearts: We would like to Thank each and every one of you who make St. Ann parish a place of prayer and celebration of life and faith. We thank all the ministers who help us with your time and talents.

Pastoral Council	Pastoral Staff Members	Holy Family Prayer Group
Finance Council	Food Bank	Handmaids of the Lord
Liturgy/Faith Formation	Development and Peace	Couples Ministry and Girl Guides
Lectors	Collection Counters	Novena Devotions Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer Screening Group	Grief Ministry and AA group
Music Ministry	Holy Cross Youth Group	Bridgepoint Hospital Ministry
Children’s Choir	Hospitality committee	St. Ann Rosary Makers
Children’s Liturgy Ministry	Church Décor	Holy Cross Family Ministries
Altar Servers	Refugee Resettlement Group	Pilgrimages and Mission Work

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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.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES – 2019

Holy Cross Family Ministries – Canada would like to invite and thank you for your contributions towards the formal Fundraising Event to support our work of promoting family prayer and Rosary Makers. So far we have distributed 49,035 rosaries in 21 mission countries. The Event will be on **Saturday, December 28, 2019.**

The formal reception and dinner will be held in the Hall at 6:30 p.m. Ticket price: \$20.00.



Thank you for organising the Christmas Pageant

On behalf of the Parish community I would like to Thank Pat Cumming, Liz Calderhead, Melody and Nancy McMullan along with all the parents who helped with the Christmas Eve the family mass and all the children who dramatized the Christmas Story. May the Joy of Christmas become reality for everyone. **Thank you for your support**

Envelopes for 2020

Envelopes for 2020 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute through PAG, please fill out and submit the respective form. If you have changed your address for 2019, please inform the Parish office. Thank you for your support. The Tax-receipts for 2019 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2019.



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