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THE CALL TO HOLINESS

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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: December 26, 2021

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF PRAYER

With Grateful Hearts: We would like to Thank each 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
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Children's Choir	Hospitality committee	St. Ann Rosary Makers
Children's Liturgy Ministry	Church Décor	Holy Cross Family Ministries
Altar Servers	Out of the Cold Group	Pilgrimages and Mission Work



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 to develop a youth project called HOPE – where youth are encouraged make prayer cards to be distributed to the patients and seniors in the hospital and nursing homes. Thank you for donations 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.



The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC

On the First Friday, January 7, 2022, 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.



6:00 pm: Adoration

7:00 pm Holy Mass

Join us healing prayer and Blessing of Healing Oils.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Ann and Native People's Mission, we would like to wish all of you a Blessed and grace-filled Christmas Celebration. We would like to Thank each one of you who make St. Ann Parish a place of prayer and celebration of life and faith. We thank all the ministers and volunteers who help us with your time and talents.



May you have blessed and happy Christmas.

Parish Administration: Update Your Contact Information

Are you new to St. Ann parish? Please use envelopes for offertory from the entrance of the church and write down your name and full address so we can give you a tax receipt at the end of the year. Your registration also helps us with the Parish Administration and support you in our pastoral ministry. You can also enroll through our Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) program by following the instructions and fill the form enclosed within our PAG. If you or any member in your household changed address or contact information during this past year, please return it by no later than December 30, as it helps us keep updated records, ensuring the efficient delivery of parish services and tax receipts.

The Tax-receipts for 2021 will be issued only for the donations collected before December 31, 2021.

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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF PRAYER**

**YEAR OF PRAYER 2021 – 2022: “Lord, teach us to Pray” Matt. 6:9-13
DECEMBER 2021 – FAMILY PRAYER**

Let us dedicate the Month of December for the Family Prayer. We thank God for all the blessings that we receive in our personal, family and community life. We celebrate our Year of the Prayer, we pray for the grace, motivation and inspiration from the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, together with Sts. Ann and Joachim who is our Patron and grandparents of Jesus. Let us make every effort to pray for our family and our community.

May God bless our families, bringing healing, love, and peace. Amen.



NEW YEAR: 2022 – MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 31, 2021,

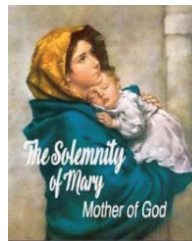
7:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:00 p.m.: Thanksgiving

Saturday Jan. 01, 2022

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving

5 pm: NO MASS



Sunday, Jan. 02, 2022

10: 30 a.m. Epiphany

12:30 noon - Native Mass

6:00 p.m. – Evening Mass

Happy New Year!!!

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 despite 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.

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