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Feast of the Holy Family

Feast of the Holy Family: December 29, 2024



Saturday, December 28 at 5 p.m. Mass

Victoria Montifar – +

Letty Bayna – +

Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*

Parishioner of St. Ann

Victoria Montifar – +

Sunday, December 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Natives People's Mass – Everyone is welcome

Monday, December 30 at 8 a.m.

Victoria Montifar – +

Carmel Keirnan – +

Tuesday, December 31 at 6 p.m. Mass

New Year's Eve, New Years Vigil Mass

Mavic & Manny Galicia – Year-end thanksgiving

Victoria Montifar – +

Wednesday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. Mass

New Year Mass

Thursday, January 2 at 8 a.m. No Mass

Friday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour,

07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, January 4 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the*

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Feast of the Holy Family



The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many

moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them.

The Gospel from Luke recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their

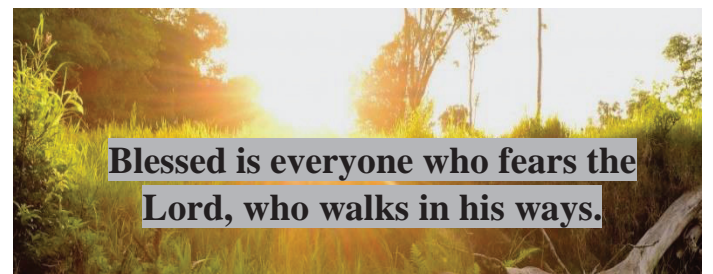
child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their first priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures.

We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone's schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

Summary

The Gospel from Luke today recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto



Pope's Prayer Intention 2024

The Pope's prayer intention for 2024 addresses challenges facing humanity and assists the mission of the church. In **December**, we pray that this Jubilee year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. – **Pope Francis**

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2024, thank you. Because of you, a neighbour is healing, a young mother is finding stability, and someone struggling with hunger now has a meal. Your kindness has transformed lives through ShareLife.

There's still time to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2024 tax receipt**.

Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!

Praise & Worship

ADORATION

Please join us this first Friday January 3rd at 6 p.m. for praise & worship and adoration. Followed by 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist.



The Holy Family Prayer



JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Please help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Grateful for Your Generosity

The staff at the parish would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donations toward the purchase of Christmas ornaments and Christmas flowers. Your kindness and support brought warmth and beauty to our church, making our liturgical celebrations even more meaningful for everyone who gathered in worship. Your contributions are a true reflection of the spirit of giving and community, and we are truly



blessed to have your support. Thank you for helping us celebrate this holy season with such love and joy.

Heartfelt Thanks for a Beautiful Christmas Pageant

On behalf of the Parish community of St. Ann, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pat Cumming, Liz Calderhead, Melody & Nancy McMullan, along with all the volunteers and parents who generously gave their time and effort to help with the Christmas Eve Family Mass. A special thank you to the children who beautifully dramatized the Nativity story, bringing the Christmas message to life. Your dedication and support made this celebration truly special. Thank you!

Happy New Year



As we prepare to enter the new year with reverence and hope, may God's love and grace surround us, guiding our hearts and strengthening our bonds as one family and one community. Together, let us honor His unwavering love, celebrate His blessings, and walk forward in faith and unity.

I join you in prayer, asking God to pour His abundant blessings upon your life, to fill your days with joy, peace and purpose, and grant you and your loved ones a year of health, love and fulfillment. May this New Year be a time of renewal – a chance to grow closer to Him, deepen our relationships and shine His light in all we do. Let us embrace the year ahead with gratitude and hope, trusting that His plan for us is far greater than we could imagine. Wishing each of you a bright, peaceful, and inspiring New Year filled with endless possibilities and his divine presence.

– **Fr. Francis & Pastoral Team**



New Year Schedule

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec 31 at 6 p.m.

New Year's Vigil Mass

New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan 01 at 10:30 a.m. New Year Mass

Coffee Sunday



Come together! Please join us this coming Sunday, January 5, 2025 for a coffee and fellowship with our parish community immediately following the 10:30 a.m. mass at the back of the church. All are welcome.



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