

# ST. ANN PARISH & Native Peoples' Mission

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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

## Feast of the Holy Family: December 28, 2025



Saturday, December 27, at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 28, at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, December 28 at 12:30 p.m.  
*Native People's Mass – Everyone is welcome*

Monday, December 29 at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, December 30 at 8 a.m. Mass  
*Carmel Kiernan – +*

Wednesday, December 31, at 6 p.m. Mass  
*New Year's Eve, New Year's Vigil Mass*  
*Mavic & Manny Galicia – Year-end thanksgiving*  
*Victoria Montifar – +*

Thursday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. Mass  
*New Year Mass*  
*Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Friday, January 2, at 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour,  
07 p.m. Mass

Saturday, January 3 at 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mass *for the Parishioners of St. Ann*

Sunday, January 4 at 12:30 p.m.  
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### Feast of the Holy Family



**This Sunday's great solemnity invites us to contemplate the beauty of the Holy Family.** Pope Paul VI says that the Holy Family should "serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing." What is a community of love and sharing but one rich with stewardship. We should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family. Not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another. A tangible practice we can adopt is being faithful to the family dinner, a dinner without external distractions like the television or radio in the background.

This involves being totally present to those in our family, which can help begin to alleviate the rampant loneliness that ravages our culture. We can then move outwards and be stewards of our time with our second family, our parish community. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

#### Summary

On this solemnity, we are reminded that we should strive to be true stewards towards the members of our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family, not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth?

*-Stewardship Bulletin Reflections, Archdiocese of Toronto*



### Sharelife

#### ShareLife will match your gift!

**NEW:** Your gift will double in value! From November 3 until year's end, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000.

The vulnerable members of our parish community are facing loneliness, hunger, and uncertainty this season. Your year-end gift to ShareLife enables those in need to receive support through 40+ ShareLife-funded agencies. Because of you, hope can live beyond Christmas and into the new year.

**There's still time** to double your impact. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2025 tax receipt**.

Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through [sharelife.org/donate](https://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 2nd at 6 p.m. for praise & worship and adoration. Followed by 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist.



## Feast of the Holy Family: December 28, 2025

### The Holy Family Prayer



**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**Saint Joseph**, pray for the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

**Mother Mary**, pray for the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

**Lord Jesus**, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

**Holy Family of Nazareth**, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, 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 Christmas basket prizes (Myrna Jamon,

Monica Alejo, Chelseeah Biason & Specs Saver Gerrard, as well as to our parishioners who purchase the 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.

### Offertory Envelopes Boxes

Offertory envelope boxes are now available. If you had a box in **2025**, you would find the **same number** assigned to you along with your name and address.



If you have **changed your address** or **contact number**, please inform the parish office at **416 4662127** so we can update our records. If you **did not use a box in 2025** and would like to use one in **2026**, please speak to the ushers at the back of the church. Alternatively, you may choose to contribute through our **Pre-authorized Giving Plan** (direct debit)

monthly. For more details, please contact the parish office by phone or email.

### 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!



### New Year Schedule

**New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.**  
**New Year's Vigil Mass**

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

### Blessings for a New Year

As we welcome the New Year, may God's infinite love embrace us, filling our hearts with hope and guiding our steps with His gentle light. May this new beginning strengthen us as one family in faith, united in purpose and gratitude for all His blessings.

I lift each of you in prayer, asking God to pour His abundant grace upon your lives, granting you joy that uplifts, peace that sustains, and purpose that inspires. May he bless you and your loved ones with a year filled with good health, love and deep fulfillment. May this New Year be a season of renewal – a time to draw closer to God, nurture our relationships and allow His light to shine through us. 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**

### Coffee Sunday

**Come together!** Please join us this coming Sunday, January 4, 2026, 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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