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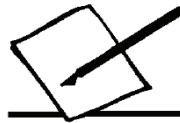


Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sun Dec 26	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Owen Baker Mila Zovak Teresa Belko Bernard Koster Bruno Bertolo Jack Del Gatto Patrick Davidson 11:00 Meintje Klumper req Ted & Family
Tue Dec 28	8:30	No Morning Mass 7:00 Lucia Saccone req Gino & Louisa Romano
Wed Dec 29	8:30	Bruno Bertolo req Linda Bertolo
Thur Dec 30	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Mila Zovak Teresa Belko Alice Lecoup Bruno Bertolo Owen Baker Int Helen Sorg
Fri Dec 31	8:30	Int Louise Shannon req Mom & Dad
	5:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sat Jan 1	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
Sun Jan 2	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Marion Sweet Int Mizzi Kreisz



From the Pastor's Desk

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: Christmas – the birth of Christ – heralds the beginning of our salvation. In the darkness of the night, God's purest light appeared in time, offering us a share in his eternal life through a newborn child who is *Emmanuel*: God is with us. May Christ who is with us always, bless you and keep you in his care during this holy season and all year round.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: The feast of the Holy Family invites us to celebrate our relationships with those we love most deeply. It reminds us that the greatest gift we can give others is to respect and nurture their freedom to become all God has created them to be. Whether it is with children, spouses, siblings or members of our communities, we know it will not be easy. But with Mary, we can pray, "Dear God! You never warned me!" and remember the only assurance she was ever given: "Nothing will be impossible for God." From all the indications we have, Mary and Joseph established what can honestly be called a holy family. Not only did they participate in the communal rituals of their faith, but the child they raised had learned to pray in the style of his mother. The first prayer we hear from her is, "May it be done to me according to your word." As Jesus faced the greatest test of his life, he prayed, "Not my will but yours be done."

WORDS OF THANKS: We would like to express our appreciation to all whose help and assistance have gone into making our Christmas Masses such beautiful celebrations. We are grateful to our musicians, cantors and members of the Choir, our Lectors, Auxiliary Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers and Gift Bearers, and all those who decorated the church and did the "behind-the-scenes" work. May God graciously bless you and your families for all that you do.

STEWARDSHIP: The Gospel from Luke today (Holy Family) 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 worked to pass their beliefs on to their child. We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well as by teaching the importance of the Mass and family prayer.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: Together with all the Sundays of the year, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (January 1st) is one of the two additional Holy Days of Obligation in the Church calendar. We will have Mass Friday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m. "He who created all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son nothing could be redeemed." St. Anselm

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Parishioners who were not using Offertory Envelopes in 2021 and who would like to use them in 2022 are asked to contact our parish office, so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

VOCATION: By Baptism, we are God's "holy family". Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. www.vocationstoronto.ca

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES 2022: We have placed at the main entrance of the church Offertory Envelopes for 2022 for our envelopes users. Parishioners who were not using envelopes in 2021 and **would like to use them in 2022** are asked to please contact the parish office so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations.

If you have a RED DOT on your box you have been given a new number

Please DO NOT use 2022 envelopes before January 1st

DO NOT use 2021 envelopes after December 31

Envelopes are arranged by surname

DECEMBER 26, 2021



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus wishes you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Holy New Year

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday January 11 7:00 P.M.



St. Mary's CWL wishes you a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy, Holy New Year

CWL GENERAL MEETING: will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the Parish Hall. The Installation of the new Executive will be held immediately following Mass at 7:00 p.m. prior to the meeting.

2021 DONATIONS: If you wish to make a final donation for the 2021 tax year, you are asked to do so before Sunday December 26. Your donation must be received in the Parish office by this date to receive credit for 2021.

Donations received after this date will for the 2022 tax year.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: St. Paul tells us that if our faith is so strong that we could move mountains but do not have charity, we have nothing. We know that charity is the only way we love God through Jesus Christ by loving our neighbor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul offers us a way to express our love for neighbor by supporting their mission to serve those in need.

Your support through poor box donations at the front entrance of the church is a way to do this. Gifts of \$10.00 or more will be receipted for income tax purposes. Place your donation in an envelope marked **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Remember to include your **full name and address** so a receipt can be prepared and sent to you at year-end.

The Poor Box offers us an opportunity to love Jesus Christ by helping those in need!

If you discern a desire to engage directly with our neighbors in need by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul call or text Vince at 289-943-5881 and leave a message for more information.

COVID-19 SAFETY RULES REMINDER

- 1) **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN OVER YOUR NOSE**
- 2) **NO SINGING**
- 3) **Maintain 6 feet distance.**
- 4) **If you are sick please stay home**
- 5) **Sanitize your hands when entering Church**

Please Pray For All The Sick

And Those Who Love and Minister to Them

Gord Shields
Pina Maffei

Anne Scholtes
Elisa Pellegrino

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NEW YEARS MASSES

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Saturday January 1 11:00 AM

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