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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



MON, JAN 1 9:30 am	In thanksgiving - Okorie family
10:30 am	
12:30 pm	Gilbert Lambe †; Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Ester Maniakupara †; Paciencia, Juan & Ludano Biding †; All Souls in Purgatory
TUES, JAN 2 7:00 pm	In thanksgiving - Lawrence & Leena
WED, JAN 3 9:15 am	In thanksgiving for blessings received - Lito & Dona Olindan
THUR, JAN 4 7:00 pm	Eugenio Scornaienchi †
FRI, JAN 5 9:15 am	
7:00 pm	Albina Fernandes †
SAT, JAN 6 9:15 am	
5:00 PM	Maria Raposo †; In thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Xavier & Yolande Fernandes
SUN, JAN 7 9:00 am	
10:30 am	Germano Pavao †
12:30 pm	Juanito & John Elmer Go †; Betty Reyes †; Rosa Soriano †
8:00 pm	For the People of the Parish

Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my "Paraclete". In light of the hour of judgment, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death. In this regard, I am constantly reminded of what John tells us at the beginning of the Apocalypse: he sees the Son of Man in all his grandeur and falls at his feet as though dead. Yet He, placing his right hand on him, says to him: "Do not be afraid! It is I..."

- Pope Benedict XVI, February 6, 2022

The coinciding of New Year's eve and the one year anniversary of the death of Pope Benedict XVI offers the opportunity for retrospective insight. The varied criticisms of his papacy are as numerous as the conjecture surrounding his resignation. For some, Pope Benedict XVI was reviled for his firm conservatism; for others, he was not strong enough in rebuking those who were undermining the Church from within. As time elapses, a fair evaluation ought to include the treasury of his penetrating and prescient thought and writing. As an astute first class scholar, the priest and bishop, Joseph Ratzinger understood well the tumultuous period of the 20th century and the efforts of the Second Vatican Council to address the unfolding crisis of a rebellious world to traditional Catholicism. The cited quote is taken from his last known public statement. At 92 years of age, he was being indicted for mishandling of abuse cases from his time of overseeing his diocese of Munich-Freising, some 40+ years ago. Laying in plain evidence is his conscience. Such transparency speaks of the mystery of one who has grappled with the world's evils and his best efforts of serving the Church as devotedly as possible. Whatever one's feelings about the former Roman Pontiff, one cannot help but envy his articulate, humble confidence in surveying his life and looking forward with hope to his definitive encounter with Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The church has found many reasons to mark the importance of today's feast. Aside from celebrating the secular calendar's turn to the new year, an appropriate time for prayer and thanksgiving, this day is also the eighth day after our celebration of the birth of Christ. Older Catholics can probably remember a time when this feast celebrated Jesus' circumcision, which according to Jewish law took place on the eighth day after his birth. At various times in history, today's feast also celebrated the Holy Name of Jesus, which we now remember on Jan. 3. References to each of those commemorations appear in today's Gospel. Some of the earliest celebrations of this feast in Rome, however, focused attention on Mary's mission to be the mother of God, and it was that mission that inspired later generations of Christians.

The world first received Jesus through Mary, but the task is not yet complete. The liberation Jesus preached has not yet become a reality. We have now become the point of continuity that Mary was in Luke's Gospel. When we give ourselves over to Christ's mission in big ways and small, we offer Christ to the world in new ways. Part of our discipleship is the search for Christ as he is already at work, letting him surprise us with all the unexpected twists and turns of salvation history as it continues to unfold. If we seek him in the signs of the times, we can make his presence known to all whose slavery will end when his love appears. This is what Mary proclaimed when she became the mother of God, and this is the mission his disciples can continue today following her example.



LEADING TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST

KICK OFF EVENT FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

7:00PM - 9:00PM

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 9 - 12

LIFE NIGHTS every **OTHER** Friday in the Parish basement
7 - 9 pm

RELATIONAL MINISTRY WHERE TEENS ASK THE BIG QUESTIONS
AND GROW IN FAITH

*For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD
plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you
hope and a future
Jeremiah 29:11*

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Fr. Roger

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2024 boxes of Offertory Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please ensure you pick up your own box and that your name & address is correct so that when the T4 slips for income tax purposes are prepared, they will be sent with the correct name & address. If your box is not there or you need to make any changes, or you wish to begin using envelopes fill out an Envelope Request Form and return it to the office. Please **DO NOT** use these envelopes until **JANUARY 1, 2024**. Reminder: **DO NOT USE ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!**



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus – Council 15612 invites the children of our parish to participate in the annual “Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest.”

The Theme is: “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.”

Age Groups: J. K. – Grade 8 Due Date of Submission : - December 31, 2023. For further details, kindly pick up a form from the

Knights in the Narthex.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

First Friday Adoration, is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with 9:15 AM Mass and is followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day. Adoration concludes at 7:00pm followed by Mass.

WHAT FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION PARTICIPANTS DO: *Come any time during the adoration hours (approximately 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM) to spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. Adoration participants commit to specific time (There will be a sign-up sheet in the office). These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.*

FIRST FRIDAY - HOLY HOUR

Please join us in this holy hour of prayers during the Eucharistic adoration on First Fridays of every month. We start with the 3 O'clock Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm. Then, we continue with Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Reparation, and Intercession. We also pray the Eucharistic Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament. We end the hour with a hymn of praise and adoration at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

55+ CLUB - NIAGARA WINE TOUR

The 55 plus club is organizing a Niagara Wine tour on from January 26th—28th, 2024. They will be staying at the Embassy suits hotel. Buffet breakfast and managers reception is included. The cost includes the winery pass (6 Winery's) coach bus and hotel. Single \$621; Double \$415; Triple \$364 & Quad \$338 per person. Deposit is due by December 19th and final payment is due January 16th, 2024. If you would like more information please contact Sandy at 905-791-7315.



SMALL GROUP FAITH MINISTRY

“Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.” (Matthew 18:20) If you would like to apply what you have learned from Scripture, teachings, and practical personal reflection questions, join the SGM. For more details, email Olivia Saqui at screeningcommittee.smdy@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a charitable Catholic organization, active throughout Canada. The work of the society is to assist those in need who live within our parish boundary. If you are in need of assistance please contact the St. Marguerite d'Youville Conference directly at 647-642-4906 or email: vinctdepaulsmdy@gmail.com

SERRA'S VOCATION SEEDS

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, contact **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.** Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

Volunteers Needed!



If you are interested in volunteering at the parish, please email Linda at LYeh@archtoronto.org with the following information:

1. Your first and last name, phone number and email address.
2. Are you an Adult (18+) or Minor (under 18)
3. Which ministry you are interested in.

THE 55+ CLUB

The 55+ group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm. We resume our regular meetings on Tuesday January 9th in the Parish Hall. Wishing you all a New Year filled with God's blessings. For more information contact Sandy at 905-791-7315 or email: sandyrobin22@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

New members are always welcome. For more information please contact Alvin at 416-856-2842.

STITCHES FROM THE HEART

Once again we are approaching the holiday season. Stitches from the Heart group will be close for the holidays and resume on Monday January 8, 2024. On the behalf of all the women the Stitches from the Heart Group, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2024.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, a world-wide apostolic organization of Catholics, meets every Tuesday: Adults: 6pm and Saturdays at 5pm for the Vietnamese Legion. Our Lady of Fatima statue will visit your home. For more information, please leave message for Lina Go or Annette Fernando at the parish office.

CONFESSION

The schedule of Confessions is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 6:45pm, Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:45pm and by appointment only. **Please be respectful of these times as Father needs time to prepare for Mass. Thank you!**

OAPCE - ENGAGE. ADVOCATE. ENHANCE.

OAPCE is the voice of parents that helps promotes and protects publicly funded Catholic Education in Ontario. www.oapce.org

NEXT EDGE NIGHT !!!



We will begin again in the new year on **Friday, January 5th, 2024**

Anyone wishing to register their child from grades 6 - 8 please pickup a registration from in the church or visit our website.

For more information email Margaret at dyouvilleyouth@gmail.com

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