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"The child grew, filled with wisdom."

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



The Sunday between Christmas and New Year is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. All families are called to be instruments of God's love. As we remember the family of

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- January 1st -



A reminder that New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. We begin each new year in company with Mary, Mother of God. She is the Mother of Jesus and mother of the great family we call the Church. As we move forward into the days and months of a new year, let us walk with Mary in the footsteps of Jesus her Son. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God's gifts and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a Church vocation, call Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS

Monday, 29 December is the Feast of St. Thomas Becket, bishop.

Wednesday, 31 December is the Feast of St. Sylvester I, pope.

Thursday, 01 January is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Friday, 02 January is the Feast of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors.

Join us in prayer in communion with Mother Mary, these great saints and all saints in Heaven at the daily masses.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

January 1st

The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated on January 1st. The intercessions should include petitions for peace in the world, for love and goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil leaders. The meaning of the sign of peace in Mass could be highlighted. Families are encouraged to pause to discuss their responsibility to work and pray for peace.

FRIARS' STUDENT WRITING AWARD

It is time once again for the Friars' Student Writing Award. Student aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2015.

The theme for this coming year is, "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink'" (John 4:7). Students should read the Scripture passage John 4:1-42 and answer the following question in the essay:

If Jesus was able to reach out beyond his own Jewish community, and to a woman with a questionable reputation, what does that tell Catholics about the value of Christian Unity?

First prize is an iPad Air (16 GB), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, and third to sixth prizes are a one year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is **January 9, 2015**. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409. Please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the front page of the essay. For further information call 416-934-3400 ext. 344 or 416-934-3410, ext. 404 or 1-855-441-4077. Don't miss this opportunity!

INSIDE
Annunciation Church:

**A NEW YEAR'S
GREETING**



*May God's light shine
upon you, your family and loved ones
throughout the coming year!*

*The Pastoral Team of Annunciation Parish:
Fr. Jude Coyle, Fr. Stephen Gilbert, Fr. Filip
Krauze and the entire parish staff, wishes you
a Happy New Year filled with God's love,
peace, joy, and blessings!*

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS!

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Musicians & Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Parish Staff and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and kindness!

TIME FOR A NEW BOX OF ENVELOPES

The New Year is almost upon us and it's time to pick up your box of 2015 Sunday Offering Envelopes if you haven't picked yours up yet. They are now available from the parish office. Make sure you mark your name and address on the first few envelopes. Please throw out any remaining envelopes from 2014 after December 31st.

BUILDING FUND

This weekend, we take up the Monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your generous support to Annunciation Church.

**NEW YEAR
MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 29th

Daily Mass at 9:00AM
Office Closed

Tuesday, December 30th 2014

Daily Mass at 9:00AM
Office Closed

NEW YEAR'S EVE : Wednesday, Dec. 31st, 2014

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM
Office Closed

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Thursday, January 1st, 2015

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM

FIRST FRIDAY, January 2nd, 2015

Daily Mass at 8:00AM followed by Exposition
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:15PM
Daily Mass at 12:30PM

"HOLIDAYS" AND "HOLY DAYS"

A reminder that New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. We begin the new year united with Jesus Christ in the mystery of the Eucharist. Mass on New Year's Eve fulfills your obligation.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE YEAR

Friday, January 2nd is the First Friday of the month and the First Friday of the New Year. Join us as we honour the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM and the church will be open all morning for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is at 12:15PM, followed by Mass at 12:30PM. Start the new year in the Heart of Jesus.

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers all those parishioners who have gone to their rest in Christ, particularly those we remember who died recently:

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