

St. Paul's Basilica Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 30th	4:30 p.m.	+Monica Chappus
Sunday, December 31th	8:30 a.m.	+Monica Chappus
	11:00 a.m.	+Jose Faller



**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT BURNS FOR:
+ETTORE MEMME**



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I have read all the recommended ‘what-to-expect’ books. Yet nothing prepared me for how utterly unprepared I felt as our family of now-three walked out of the maternity hospital. I figured they would stop us at the door. Surely, they had seen my pathetic attempts at diapering and feeding.

They did send us home and, even more surprisingly, I did eventually figure it out. However, I never felt ready as a parent. I was not ready for the feeling of the rush of love at my son’s first smile, the gripping fear I experienced in the wake of fevers and late night hospital visits, or the overwhelming emotion washing over me as I saw him climb onto the yellow bus on his first day of school. That’s the funny thing about parenting. Once you think you have figured it out, the kids are already onto the next stage: crawling, walking, running, dating, driving.

Only now, 22 years later, I realize one checklist matters. We find it at the conclusion of today’s Gospel, where Jesus’ formative years are summed up in seventeen words: “The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.”

Reflect today on what helps you and your loved ones grow strong in character, rich in wisdom and eager for God’s favour. Know that whatever role or task God doles out; because of him, we are more than prepared.

Caroline Pignat, Kanata, ON



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31st

8:30 a.m.
11 a.m.
4:30 p.m.

Monday, January 1st

8:30 a.m.
11 a.m.

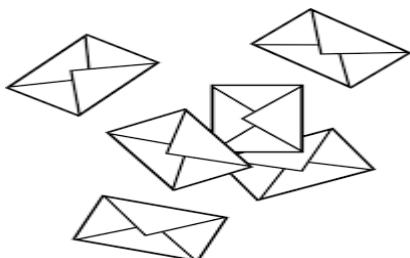


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God is Good, all the time!

Deacon Paul

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