St. Thomas More Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family

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Mary's Pondering

The journey to Jerusalem for the Passover is difficult, often taking days of walking. The city is crowded, filled to the edges with people from all over the region and beyond. The air is thick with smoke and the smell of burnt offering and blood. And of course, Roman soldiers keep a watchful eye.

Imagine losing your child in this city, searching frantically for three days and the joyful relief at finding him safe! Jesus' cheeky response on being found always takes me by surprise. Even at twelve, he is aware of his origin. But Mary, his mother, the life-giver, the courageous woman who said "yes," knows there is more in her son's destiny. She collects these moments and ponders as she did when the shepherds visited Bethlehem at Jesus' birth. She and Joseph, after all, are the first people to know Jesus' true nature and have the greatest hand in shaping him.

Their approach of patience, listening and thoughtful meditation as they raise Jesus is a key touchstone that can guide us during our most difficult times. Like Mary, we too can benefit from this reflection on our own lives, listening for the messages from God to help us navigate our destinies.

> Saskia Sivananthan Excerpt from *Living with Christ*

Mass Intentions for December 29, 2018 – January 5, 2019		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Emelia Pauline
		Fernandes, requested
		by Ivan, Goretti & fami
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Souls in Purgatory,
		especially members of
		FOSS, requested by E
		Staszewski
	10:00 a.m.	+Rhea Cristy De Juan
		requested by the famil
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish
		community
	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of the
		Ketheesparan family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+David Francis,
		requested by the famil
	9:00 p.m.	Intentions of the
		Ketheesparan family
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	+Michael & Mary
~		McPherson, requested
		by the family
	10:00 a.m.	+Quinto Muzzo,
		requested by the famil
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the
		parishioners
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Fe Benavidez,
		requested by J. Carrille
	7:00 p.m.	+Tom Hutton
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Steve Goller,
		requested by C. Goller
	7:00 p.m.	+Bertrand Lee,
		requested by the famil
		Intentions of the
		Ketheesparan family
		Intentions of Diane
		Gaudette
		+Gioconda Cigagna,
		requested by the
		Bertazzon family
		Intentions of Robert &
<u></u>	7.00	Agnes
Friday	7:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving, Louisa Cobrana & family
	7:00 p.m.	+Marina David,
	· ·	requested by the family
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	+Steve Goller,
,		requested by the Torre
	1	family

2018 / 2019 New Year's Mass Schedule

Date	Mass time
Mon., Dec. 31	6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
New Year's Eve	8:00 p.m. Mass
Tues., Jan. 1	8:30 a.m. Mass
New Year's Day	10:00 a.m. Mass
(Office closed)	11:30 a.m. Mass
	2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	No 8:00 p.m. Mass
Wed., Jan. 2 and	Regular Mass schedule

Baptisms



We welcome into God's family the following children who have been baptized during the months of September to

December in our parish: Kennedy R. Murray, Emily M. Barrios, Ethan A. Freitas, Eli S. Lozano, Kian S. Melendrez, Emily L. Morales Cerrato, Christopher C. D'Abreo, Genesis M. Kudumula, Elaina M. Serrano, Katara C. Spring, Werner A. Chamar-Lemus, Clareeza J. Padilla, Mikayla I. Luna, Alexandre R. Barreto, Olyviah G. Bernabe, Katrina Chenthuran, Zoe J. A. Corpuz, Xyan R. Perez Joaquin, Mitra Pirundhapan, Liam I. Virtucio, Gabriela L. Beckett, Mikaela O. Omhenaka, Joshua L. Paul, Sebastian P. E. Castillo, Luca A. Hugh, Jacob M. Phillip and Enzo D. Unverzagt. May God bless them all the days of their lives!

Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Rodel Torres, Albert Vella, Audrey Caulfield, Antonio & Phyllis Cogliano, Mary Gouveia and Dr. Ben Otto. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

Is God Calling You?

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 you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris, at 416-968-0997 or at vocations@archtoronto.org.

Seniors' Mass & Luncheon

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Our first Mass and luncheon for the seniors in our parish will be held on Wed., Jan. 9 at 11:00 a.m. beginning with Mass. A luncheon in the parish hall will follow. For more information, please call the parish office at 416-439-1545.

Tips for Raising Catholic Children

Would you like to have children who are thoughtful, kind, charitable, hardworking and embody family values? If you do, then get down on your knees and pray, and never stop.

- 1) Watch saint's videos with your kids, and discuss them.
- 2) Take your children to different parishes.
- 3) Pray with your children and for your children.
- 4) Discuss spiritual books you are reading with your children.
- 5) When travelling, make a Catholic Church one of your very first stops, if not the very first stop.
- 6) Creatively establish that saints, the Church and being Catholic is cool.
- 7) Establish relationships with families that practice their faith. Children need peer-faith relationships.
- 8) Place a religious article, statue, crucifix, etc. in every room.
- 9) Have your house blessed. Invite a priest over when you are having a party, wedding, lunch, anniversary, etc.
- 10)Maintain parental authority. When it comes to Sunday Mass, there is no choice.

Daily Mass Readings Online

Parishioners can now find the daily Mass Readings online. The archdiocesan website, at <u>www.archtoronto.org</u> now has a tab under Our Catholic Faith drop-down menu where the Daily Readings can be found.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, January 4, 2019

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Fri., Jan. 4 from 8:00 a.m. (after the 7:30 a.m. Mass) to 6:30 p.m. Please come and spend some time in adoration.

