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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

### *From the Desk of the Pastor ...*

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Let us pray for all the families in our parish and ask the Holy Family of Nazareth to intercede for us.

You are in my prayers.

Have a great celebration of New Year's Eve!

Fr. Pawel



Family of Faith

**THE FAMILY OF FAITH CAMPAIGN HAS REACHED ITS CONCLUSION! TOTAL COLLECTED: \$1,415,020 THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR CAMPAIGN!**

### **SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Innocents, Martyrs.** This feast honours the male children whose slaughter by order of King Herod is recorded in the gospel of St. Matthew. We invoke the intercession of the Holy Innocents to bring an end to the evil of abortion.

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen.** St. Basil was born in 330. For a time, he led the life of a hermit but in 370 was made bishop of Caesarea. He fought against the Arians and wrote many admirable works, especially his monastic rule which many Eastern monks still follow. St. Basil died on January 1, 379.

St. Gregory of Nazianzen was also born in 330. He first joined his friend Basil as a hermit and was later ordained priest and bishop. In the year 381, he was elected bishop of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzen where he died on January 25, 389 or 390. He was called theologus because of his outstanding teaching and eloquence.

**First Saturday of the Month.** We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR:  
+Gabriele Magnotta

**ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT** on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> is cancelled.

**OFFICE CLOSED** on Monday, Dec. 28th, Thursday, Dec. 31st – Jan. 1st.

**FAREWELL FR. OMAR!** As announced a few weeks back, Fr. Omar sadly will be leaving us soon for his new assignment. All are encouraged to convey their farewell and gratitude after all the Masses on the weekend of January 9/10.

**WELCOME FR. FRANCESCO SANDRIN!** We welcome Fr. Francesco who has been appointed as Associate Pastor to our parish.

**PARISH DEVOTIONS** On Fridays, we have our Sacred Heart devotions and on Saturdays, we have our Mother of Perpetual Help devotions. We have printed booklets for these devotions that are for parish use only. For those who would like to purchase a similar booklet for personal use that contain the same prayers, please come to the office.

**CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES** are still available from the parish office. All proceeds go to Campaign Life. Please support this worthy cause.

**PLEASE NOTE** that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2015 must be given by Sunday, Dec. 27th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

**2016 CHURCH SUPPORT ENVELOPES** are ready to be picked up in the Church hall. Envelopes are organized numerically. If your box is not there, or if you are new to the parish and wish to use envelopes, please write your name on the registration form next to the envelope boxes. **Please use current year's envelopes only to ensure your donations get credited to you.**

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**VOCATION SEEDS** If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris at [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org) or 416-968-0997.

**THE TWO HEARTS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** prays the 4 mysteries on Wednesdays @ 5:30p.m. in the church. Everyone welcome.

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, You came to enlighten the world with Your teaching and example. You willed to spend the greater part of Your life in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph in the [poor home of Nazareth. In this way, You sanctified that Family which was to be an example for all Christian families. Graciously accept our family which we dedicate and consecrate to You. Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep it in holy fear, in peace, conforming ourselves to the Divine Model of Your Family, may we all attain eternal happiness.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, by your merciful intercession make this our humble offering acceptable to Jesus, and obtain for us graces and blessings.

Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, help us by your prayers in all spiritual and temporal needs so that we may praise Jesus our Divine Saviour, together with Mary and you, for all eternity.

Lord, we pray that You visit our home and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Your Holy Angels dwell in it to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be always upon us.

Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we beg You to guard our family from all danger. And as we humbly worship you with all our hearts, in Your Mercy graciously protect us from all the snares of the enemy and keep us in Your peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**

Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31): 5 p.m.,

Day (Friday, Jan. 1): 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. **There are NO 8:00 a.m. and 4:30**

**p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

**CONFESSIONS Please note that there are no confessions on Friday, Jan. 1, and Saturday, Jan. 2.**

**PRAY OUT THE OLD YEAR PRAY IN THE NEW YEAR**

at St. Mark's Church, Stouffville. St. Mark's will host a Holy Hour for the last hour of 2015. We will then commence the New Year celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Date: Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Time: 11:00 p.m. until 12 midnight. Mass to start just after midnight. [www.stmarkstouffville.ca](http://www.stmarkstouffville.ca)

**SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED** is a vibrant, relevant and complete programme to re-evangelize and reinvigorate our parish. The 4<sup>th</sup> of our 9-part sessions in our parish hall is on **Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7-8 p.m.** The rest of the sessions will be on February 24, March 9, April 13, May 4, and June 8.

**27 dicembre 2015 - Sacra Famiglia**

Di tanto in tanto Gesù nel tempio interrogava i dottori, di tanto in tanto rispondeva. E sebbene fossero straordinarie le sue domande, tuttavia molto più straordinario è ciò che egli rispondeva. Se vogliamo dunque anche noi ascoltarlo, se vogliamo che egli proponga anche a noi delle domande che lui stesso risolverà, supplichiamolo, e cerchiamolo con tutta la fatica e il dolore: così potremo trovare colui che cerchiamo. Infatti, non a caso sta scritto: *io e tua madre addolorati ti cercavamo*. E' necessario che colui che cerca Gesù, lo cerchi non in modo negligente e trascurato e con impegno saltuario, come lo cercano alcuni che perciò non riescono a trovarlo. Per parte nostra invece diciamo: *Ti cerchiamo addolorati*" (Origene, *Commento al vang. di Luca*)

Maria è la vergine in ascolto, che accoglie la parola di Dio con fede; e questa fu per lei premessa e via alla maternità divina, poiché, come intuì Sant'Agostino, la beata Maria, colui (Gesù) che partorì credendo, credendo concepì (...). Fede che fu per lei causa di beatitudine e certezza circa l'adempimento della promessa: *e beata colei che ha creduto nell'adempimento delle parole del Signore (Lc 1,45)*; fede con la quale ella, protagonista e testimone singolare dell'incarnazione, ritornava sugli avvenimenti dell'infanzia di Cristo, raffrontandoli tra loro nell'intimo del suo cuore. Questo fa anche la Chiesa, la quale, soprattutto nella sacra liturgia, con fede ascolta, accoglie, proclama, venera la parola di Dio, la dispensa ai fedeli come pane di vita e alla sua luce scruta i segni dei tempi, interpreta e vive gli eventi della storia (Paolo VI, *Marialis Cultus*, 17).

In lui oggi risplende in piena luce il misterioso scambio che ci ha redenti; la nostra debolezza è assunta dal Verbo, l'uomo mortale è innalzato a dignità perenne e noi, uniti a te in comunione mirabile, condividiamo la tua vita immortale (prefazio del Natale, III).

AVVISI

1. A tutti, auguri di un buon anno nuovo, apportatore di pace e misericordia.
2. Le buste per le offerte per il 2016 sono a vostra disposizione nella sala parrocchiale.
3. Pellegrinaggio in Terra Santa ed in Italia con P. Omar, 23 maggio – 4 giugno 2016. Per maggiori informazioni, chiamate Stan (647-463-9057) o Halina (647-294-4116).

**COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & ITALY with FR. OMAR! May 23 – June 4, 2016** To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116.

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec. 27-Jan. 2
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Jose Luis Valdovinos Ascencio
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	+Caterina Carrocia +Nazzareno Cristini +Benedetto Baccilieri +Giuseppe e Alberto Giancola +Domenico e Pasqualina D'Agostini +Pacitto Family +Dario e Padre Virgilio Iacobelli +Luisa Iafrate e famiglia +Gabrielle Magnotta +Maria Teresa Furlano +Michele & Angelina Palmieri
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	+Sergio e Angelina Durante
	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	+Michael Vincent Sy
	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Int. of Matteo Lombardi
<b>MON.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Michael Bucci
<b>TUE.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>WED.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Gabriele Magnotta
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	In Thanksgiving
<b>FRI.</b>		SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHEDULE
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	+Members of the Paxton Family

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK:** Fr. Kenneth John Decker, Fr. McGough, Fr. Tilley, Eugene Bomba, Severino Bucci, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Alan & Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Nicholas Di Cearare, Francesca Di Domenico, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Frank, Gail Frey, Maria Theresa Furlano, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Albert Karau, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Ester Lin, Gabriella Ludwinski, Mary Malandrino, Jacob, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Susan McGee, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Patricia Rybka, Mike Sartor, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan, Louise.

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