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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Dear Brothers and Sisters!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

Next year in September of 2015, our dear Holy Father, Pope Francis, will be visiting Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families 2015. Also taking place next year, will be a General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family in the Vatican. 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

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS THIS WEEK BURN FOR:
+Gabriele Magnotta

SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday, January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Friday, January 2nd, 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.

Friday, January 2nd, First Friday of the Month. We honour the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration from 6 p.m. until just before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

Saturday, January 3rd, First Saturday of the Month. We honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **PLEASE NOTE** that anyone wishing to have their donations included for the year 2014 must be given today, Dec. 28th. We are unable to pre-date any donations. Thank you for your continued support.

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

2015 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. Parishioners using envelope numbers 1501 and above have been reassigned. Please check the chart for your new number.**

COME JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC & POLAND with FR. OMAR! May 24-June 2, 2015 for \$2390. To join or for more info, please call Stan at 647-463-9057 or Halina at 647-294-4116 or speak with Fr. Omar after Mass.

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 & 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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION begins on January 5th in all York Catholic schools. We look forward to welcoming your child into our schools. You can register your child at your local Catholic school. For more information, please visit www.ycdsb.ca and click on the **Admissions** icon.



PLEASE NOTE that confessions are cancelled on January 2nd and 3rd.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES are available for purchase from the parish office.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT on Jan. 2nd is cancelled.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES between Christmas and New Year's Day remain the same.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

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

Day (Thursday, Jan. 1): 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (Italian), 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. There is **NO** 4:30 p.m. Mass this day. Please note that January 1st is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**.

LAY CARMELITES. A Journey of Love (3rd ORDER CARMELITES)

The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be involved in the ministries of the Church and to contribute to the transformation of the secular world. Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and women called to share in the charis of the Carmelite Order. They are part of an 800 year old tradition of contemplative prayer, community and ministry. Carmelites share a deep spirituality embraced by the Order's friars, nuns and laity, including St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and St. Nuno Alvares Pereira.

We meet every Second Saturday of each month in the St. Mary Immaculate Church Meeting room after the 8:30 Saturday morning Mass (January 10). For more info, please contact Lourdes at 416-628-0746 Lourdes.crabtree@laycarmelites.org or Lidia at 905-508-9831.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Is your marriage or someone you know heading for divorce? **Retrouvaille, a Catholic based programme,** is a program highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the live-in weekend and Post sessions, call 416-281-6007 or visit the web site at www.torontoretrouvaille.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Mariann Home. Great for students requiring their High School hours. Piano players, readers, programs assistant...etc. Please contact Jeanine or Paula at 905-884-9276 ext 234.

Sacra Famiglia – 28 dicembre 2014

“ La casa di Nazaret è la scuola dove si è iniziati a comprendere la vita di Gesù, cioè la scuola del Vangelo. Qui si impara ad osservare, ad ascoltare, a meditare, a penetrare il significato così profondo e così misterioso di questa manifestazione del Figlio di Dio tanto semplice, umile e bella. Forse anche impariamo, quasi senza accorgercene, ad imitare. ... In primo luogo essa ci insegna il silenzio. Oh! se rinascesse in noi la stima del silenzio, atmosfera ammirabile ed indispensabile dello spirito: mentre siamo storditi da tanti frastuoni, rumori e voci clamorose nella esagitata e tumultuosa vita del nostro tempo. Oh! silenzio di Nazaret, insegnaci ad essere fermi nei buoni pensieri, intenti alla vita interiore, pronti a ben sentire le segrete ispirazioni di Dio e le esortazioni dei veri maestri. ... Qui comprendiamo il modo di vivere in famiglia. Nazaret ci ricordi cos'è la famiglia, cos'è la comunione di amore, la sua bellezza austera e semplice, il suo carattere sacro ed inviolabile; ci faccia vedere com'è dolce ed insostituibile l'educazione in famiglia, ci insegni la sua funzione naturale nell'ordine sociale. Infine impariamo la lezione del lavoro. Oh! dimora di Nazaret, casa del Figlio del falegname! Qui soprattutto desideriamo comprendere e celebrare la legge, severa certo ma redentrica della fatica umana; qui nobilitare la dignità del lavoro in modo che sia sentita da tutti; ricordare sotto questo tetto che il lavoro non può essere fine a se stesso, ma che riceve la sua libertà ed eccellenza, non solamente da quello che si chiama valore economico, ma anche da ciò che lo volge al suo nobile fine; qui infine vogliamo salutare gli operai di tutto il mondo e mostrar loro il grande modello, il loro divino fratello, il profeta di tutte le giuste cause che li riguardano, cioè Cristo nostro Signore.”

(Paolo VI, Discorso tenuto a Nazaret, 5 gennaio 1964)

O Dio, nostro Padre, che nella santa Famiglia ci hai dato un vero modello di vita, fa' che nelle nostre famiglie fioriscano le stesse virtù e lo stesso amore, perché, riuniti insieme nella tua casa, possiamo godere la gioia senza fine. Per il nostro Signore Gesù Cristo, tuo Figlio, che è Dio, e vive e regna con te, nell'unità dello Spirito Santo, per tutti i secoli dei secoli.

AVVISI

1. Festa della famiglia, sabato 3 gennaio; chiamate Antonietta Miniaci (905-737-3210) per ulteriori informazioni.
2. A tutti auguri per un nuovo anno pieno di gioia e serenità.

MASS INTENTIONS		Dec. 28-Jan. 3
SAT.	5:00 p.m.	+Norma Mortellaro +Thomas Alexander
SUN.	9:30 a.m.	+Defunti Famiglia Morra +Benedetto Baccilieri +Dario Iacobelli +Michael Bucchi +Nazzareno Cristini In virtu del Sangue versato da Gesù sulla croce in espiazione Dei peccati dell'umanità +Nicola e Concetta Fiorucci +Francesco e Giovanna Toffi +Giuseppe e Alberto Giancola +Umberto perciballi e defunti famiglia +Tommaso Romanelli +Mario e Genoveffa Azzoli +Mario e Linda DiVizio
	11:00 a.m.	+Michael Vincent Sy
	12:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
	4:30 p.m.	Pro Populo
MON.	8:00 a.m.	+ Bill Romanow
TUE.	8:00 a.m.	+ Gabriele Magnotta
WED.	8:00 a.m.	+Francesco Sallese
THURS.		SEE NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY SCHEDULE
FRI.	8:00 a.m.	+Patrick Ribbons
	7:00 p.m.	CANCELLED
SAT.	8:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary +Angela Mazzotta +Norberto Gomes & Deceased Family Members In Thanksgiving for Wolfgang & Monika Saul Intentions of the friends of Angela Gerritse-Bramson

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK: Ursula Addesi, Doris Anderson, Eugene Bomba, Matteo Burbano, Patrick Burke, Rory Burke, Stephanie Byrne, David Calado, Andy Calado, Victoria Carli, Bruno Cassara, Andrea Cavallin, Joe Cinno, Carol Cook, Manuela Clement, Rosa Corvinelli, Caterina De Grano, Paolo D'Elia, Thomas De Souza, Harry Dekharmenjan, Tanya DiPersio, Maria DiZio, Nancy Duncan, Steven Fiorini, Roberto Garcias, Margaret Gardiner, Milberg Gibbons, Jessica Gonzales, Godfrey Gosein, Carmel Harrison, Gertiudes Henriques, Andy Heutehaus, Theresa Hogan, Lawrence Howe, Elena Iacobelli, Rogelia Infante, Maria Iudiciani, Jolanta Karabowicz, Margaret Kelly, Olivera Lambeta, Mary Malandrino, Macaria Margate, Chris Markle, Veronica Martin, Rachelle (Joy Ann) Mendoza, George Morgan, Anthony Morse, Susan, Nino Naccarato, Lydia, Michelle Antoinette Nedvedskaya, Helen & Catherine, Luigi Nucci, Myola Nunes, Rosemary Palmieri, Lisa, Domenico Pileggi, Kaliopi & Eugenia Pandelopoulou, Esther Reyes, Todd, Patricia Rybka, Santaguida, Werner & Lucienne Schachatsiek, Claire Schickedanz, Hung Ki Sem, Vincenzo Sorbara, Pat Sullivan, Jannette Thompson, Linda Vincent, Therese Vincent, Nora Waldherr, Abigail Walz, Sandra Weinholdt, Kayla Whelan

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