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Feast of the Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| SAT | 28 | |
| 5:30 | pm † | Raffaele Caruso |
| SUN | 29 | |
| 8:00 | am † | Celina Kozlowska |
| 9:30 | am | <i>Pro Popolo</i> |
| 11:00 | am † | Larry Sousa & Sousa Family |
| 12:30 | pm | In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony |
| 6:00 | pm | In Thanksgiving |
| MON | 30 | |
| 8:30 | am † | Pam Gomes |
| TUES | 31 | |
| 8:30 | am † | Argrel Joseph Alegrio |
| 5:30 | pm | In Thanksgiving for the year ahead |
| WED | 01 | Solemnity of Mary |
| 9:30 am | | 11:00 am 12:30 pm |
| THUR | 02 | Sts. Basil & Gregory |
| 8:30 | am † | Sampaguita Nogoy |
| FRI | 03 | The Most Holy Name of Jesus |
| 8:30 | am † | Marcelina Valencia |
| SAT | 04 | |
| 9:00 | am † | Eduardo Demelo |
| | † | Manuel Pacheco |

FEAST OF THE WEEK

ST. STEPHEN

St. Basil the Great was a man of vast learning, eloquence and charity. First was a lawyer then a monk, Basil was one of the giants of the early Church. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil's principles influence Eastern monasticism today.

St Gregory of Nazianzen joined St. Basil's new monastery and as a priest he skillfully avoided a schism due to Arianism. At 41, Gregory was chosen suffragan bishop of Caesarea and like his good friend St. Basil, had a hard time opposing the then-Arian emperor, Valens, who supported the Arians. After the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great See of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. He is famous for his great sermons on the Trinity. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults and even personal violence.

Sts Basil & Gregory Pray for us !

The Holy Family

The feast of the Holy Family fittingly takes the place of the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas.

The Entrance Antiphon recalls that God the Son, in becoming man, makes His home on earth. He takes to Himself the natural human loyalty and affection of a family, and gives obedience and devotion to His human parents. We are reminded that the Family is the "Church in the Home", in which we first learn the ways of the Faith: our prayers and the richness of loving human relationships.

The Family bond reflects in a way the life of the Blessed Trinity as a communion of Persons bound together in an unbreakable unity of love. In His family, Our Lord learnt love and self-sacrifice, the very qualities that prepared Him for His Public Ministry and the Work of our Redemption.

~ Fr Paul Dobson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY DONATIONS FOR 2019

Must be received in the office by noon December 31st to be included in your 2019 tax receipt. Donations after this date will be credited to 2020.

MARRIAGE SUNDAY 2020

Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, or 60th, + wedding anniversary this year.

Join in this special celebration Mass at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 9 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch Ave, Toronto).

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve)

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

(Holy Day of Obligation) **NO 8:00 am or 6:00 pm Mass**

Wednesday, January 1 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

*The parish office will close December 31st at noon
and reopen January 2nd at 9 am*

YEAR A MISSALS are in the parish office - \$5

2020 PARISH ENVELOPES are in the hallway.

VITA CENTRE BABY CRIB

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations of disposable diapers and baby wipes which will be brought to Vita Centre. Please place any donations in the crib in the lobby, and our Knights will pickup and bring over to Vita Centre.

THANK YOU to PARISHONERS

The CWL thanks the parishioners most sincerely for their donations and support during the past year. We were able to support 25 charities, including sponsoring a child for the Human Family in Christ. We could not have done it without your support. The HUG gift cards amounted to \$1,005 and we have contacted the shelters to ask what they need most. We will purchase the items and deliver to the shelters and keep you updated.

THE EUCHARIST in Scripture

Mondays, Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 3 & 10 (6 sessions)
Mornings 9-11 am upstairs OR evenings 7-9 pm hall
Built around three of Dr. Scott Hahn's foundational talks: "The Lamb's Supper," "The Fourth Cup," and "Consuming the Word," The Eucharist in Scripture examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the Bible. Register in the parish office. Cost \$30 with workbook / \$10 without.

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY COLLECTION

Thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations for the 120 gift bags prepared for our visiting guests. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the visitors and organizers of this event.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS 2020

Our classes will be held on:
Friday March 20/21 and March 27/28
Friday 8-10 pm & Saturday 10am-5pm;
Register with the Parish Office. Payment by cash or cheque only. Couples must attend all four days.

MINISTRIES

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Meetings 7 pm every Wednesday in the Parish Hall
Next Special Events: - Everyone is Welcome -
HOLY MASS WITH HEALING SERVICE - Wed, Jan 29, 7 p.m. - Church | Celebrant: Rev. Fr. David Avila
LENTEN RETREAT Sat, Feb 29, 8am-4pm Parish Hall
Rev. Fr. Joel Okojie, Shrine Our Lady Grace, King City.

YOUTH GROUP – LIFE TEEN

Next meeting January 4th. For all teens grades 8 +

HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST

1 year Catholic Sponsorship.

Since 1989, HFC have been taking care of poor children in Bolivia. A \$200 (child) or \$935 (High School) yearly donation provides food, clothes, medicine, and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors receive information on the child's family background, a photo, and a tax receipt. Your donation has zero administration costs. Your full donation is passed to our Bolivian project.

Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012.

EVENTS

AROUND THE ARCH

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 2020

Saturdays 10am – 4pm: January 4, 11, 18, 25 & Feb 1, 15
At Pauline Books & Media | 3022 Dufferin St. Toronto.
Presented live by Sr. Paulina Burns fsp.
Why is John Paul II's life changing teaching – Theology of the Body – the answer to today's hottest issues?

TEAMS OF OUR LADY – COUPLES GROUPS

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STUDY: *The Bible and The Virgin Mary*

(12 sessions 20-30 minutes)

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SMILE OF THE DAY

What's the best way to stop food going bad?

Answer :

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