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## **PARISH TEAM**

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MON 31 | Pope St. Sylvester I**

5:30 pm (Vigil for Solemnity of Mary)

**TUES 1 | Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

9:30 am | 11 am | 12:30 pm

**WED 2 | Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen**

8:30 am † Ivan Cvitkovic

**THUR 3 | The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

7:00 am † Irene & Jan Depe

8:30 am † Giuseppe & Filomena Catalano

**FRI 4**

7:00 am † John Jurenas

8:30 am † In Thanksgiving by Deacon Lionel & Pamela Gomes

7:30 pm † Marcelina Campos

† Edmund Lobo

**SAT 5**

9:00 am † Eduardo DeMelo

† Stella Kattar

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### *Solemnity of Mary*

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, our Lady's greatest title. This feast is the octave of Christmas. In the modern Roman Calendar only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Solemnity of Circumcision of Our Lord.

*"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom."*

— Catechism of the Catholic Church 721.

***Mother Mary, pray for us!***

### *Preparing To Meet the Lord*

The readings for this Advent reflect anticipation, contemplation, joy, conversion, discernment, repentance, hope, faith, and--last but not never least--charity. They are always within the context of historical events and realities involving men and women who face difficulties and struggles similar to those that confront us today.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger wrote that Advent is also about shaking off spiritual slumber and sloth: *"So Advent means getting up, being awake, emerging out of sleep and darkness."* As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, *"When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming"* (CCC 524).

Advent is about being prepared to meet Christ--not on our terms, but on His terms. By preparing us to meet the tiny Incarnate Word of God lying in a manger, Advent also directs our hearts and minds toward the return of that child as glorious King and Lord of all. ~ Carl E. Olson | Dec 3, 2006 [www.ignatiusinsight.com](http://www.ignatiusinsight.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Vigil: Monday, December 31 - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 1 - 9:30 am / 11 am / 12:30 pm

*There is NO 7 am, 8:30 am, or 6 pm Mass*

**Wednesday, January 2 No 7 am Mass**

### **PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

The office will be closed from December 31<sup>st</sup> to Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> and reopen at 9am on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with the regular schedule.

### **A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS**

To all those who volunteered their time and efforts to decorate the church for Christmas with flowers, the nativity scenes, trees and wreaths! The church was adorned beautifully to greet the Christ Child.

To our wonderful choirs who worked hard to make our celebrations especially joyful. .... to those that prepare the Altar and vestments, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extra-Ordinary ministers & ushers. .... to all our ministries that work throughout the year in service to our community of faith.

To our parishioners for their many acts of kindness and gifts of generosity during the Christmas season and throughout the year.

~ Fr. Marc, Fr. Neiman & Kevin.

## HUMAN FAMILY IN CHRIST

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## VITA CENTRE CRIB IN LOBBY

The Knights are collecting donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes. Place in the crib in the lobby.

## EVENTS

### AROUND THE ARCH

## TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Saturday, January 12, 2019 | 9 am – 2 pm**

**St. Philip Neri Parish, 2100 Jane Street, North York**

If you serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in our parish, please join the Archdiocese's Office of Formation for Discipleship for a formation and training day to learn more about your role in this ministry. The event is free but no lunch will be served. For info, call Rebecca at (416) 934-3400 ext. 525. To register, visit [emhcarchto.eventbrite.ca](http://emhcarchto.eventbrite.ca)

## PROGRAMS

### EXODUS: CALLED TO FREEDOM

**A 10 week Faith Study starting January 7<sup>th</sup> on Mondays at 9:15 am upstairs OR 7 pm Hall.**

The Exodus can be viewed as the defining moment in Israel's history, for it was then that God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as His people. The Exodus story is not just Israel's story, it is our story as well; it tells us who God is and what He calls us to be. \$40 for workbook or \$5 registration only. Register at the parish office.

*Wishing you  
Abundant Blessings  
in 2019 and Beyond*

## DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

**Wednesdays at 7 pm in hall. All are welcome!**

**SPECIAL SERVICE – Theme “Live as Children of Light”**  
(Eph.5:8)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7 p.m. – Parish Hall

**CELEBRATION OF 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at St. Joseph Church

Service begins at 2.30 p.m. Holy Mass at 3 p.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB

Followed by reception in the Parish Hall (finger food will be appreciated) All are welcome!

**HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS.**

Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 7 p.m. – Church

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**LISTEN Prepare the Way of the King** 67 min.



Dr. Scott Hahn, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare for the birth of our Lord.

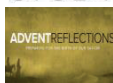
**READ Advent of the Heart - Seasonal Sermons and**



**Prison Writings—1941-1944.** 240 pages.

Fr. Alfred Delp was accused of conspiring against the Nazi government, and was arrested in 1944, tortured, imprisoned, and executed on Feb 2, 1945. While in prison, he was able to write a few meditations found in this book, which also includes his powerful reflections from prison during the Advent season about the profound spiritual meaning and lessons of Advent.

**STUDY Advent Reflections – Preparing for the birth**



**of our Lord – daily meditations** 3-5 min.

Walk with Dr. Tim Gray on an Advent journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ

**KIDS The Days of Advent Daily Advent short Videos**



Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Meditations, prayers, activities.

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