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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28 8:30 am	<i>The Holy Innocents</i> † Basil Smith
Tuesday, December 29 8:30 am	† Mario Amores
Wednesday, December 30 8:30 am	In Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 31 5:30 pm	<i>Vigil of Solemnity of Mary</i> † Alojzija Segudovic
Friday, January 1 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm	<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>
Saturday, January 2 9:00 am	<i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i> † Antonio Pavao † Manuel Pavao

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday December 28, The Holy Innocents *The fourth day of Christmas commemorates the baby boys, of Bethlehem ordered slaughtered by King Herod and considered martyrs. This was foreshadowed in the book of Exodus when the Pharaoh ordered all male children to be destroyed so to weaken the captive descendents of Jacob. They are glorious martyrs who died not only for Christ, but in His place.*

Friday January 1, The Solemnity of Our Lady the Holy Mother of God. *This celebration is meant to commemorate The Blessed Virgin Mary's part in the mystery of salvation, the oldest feast of Our Lady celebrated by the Catholic Church. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy ... to receive the Author of life. She, who gave earthly life to the Son of God, continues to give human beings divine life, which is Jesus himself and his Holy Spirit. For this reason she is considered the Mother of every human being who is born to Grace and at the same time is invoked as Mother of the Church.*

Friday January 2, St. Basil the Great *was one of ten children of St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia. Several of his brothers and sisters are honored among the saints. A man of vast learning and constant activity, genuine eloquence and immense charity he first was a lawyer but later became a monk and found a monastery for which he wrote a famous monastic rule. He was given the title of "Great" during his life and Doctor of the Church after his death. Basil was one of the giants of the early Church.*

*After his baptism at 30, **St Gregory of Nazianzen** accepted his friend Basil's invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. As a priest he skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. Then, as bishop of Caesarea he came into conflict with Emperor Valens, who supported the Arians, but this battle caused tension with St Basil. When protection for Arianism ended with 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.*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

The birth of the Child in the night of Bethlehem gave rise to the Family. Hence, the Sunday during the Octave of Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. This is the Holy Family, because shaped by birth of Him whom even His adversary was constrained one day to call "the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). The Holy Family, because the sanctity of Him who was born became the source of a singular sanctification, both that of the Virgin Mother and that of her Spouse, who in the eyes of mankind, as lawful consort, was considered to be the father of the child born during the census of Bethlehem.

This Family is at the same time a human family. The Church, therefore, addresses every human family through the Holy Family in the Christmas season. Sanctity impresses a unique, exceptional, irrepeatable, supernatural character upon this Family. In fact, the Holy Family was truly poor. It was without a roof over its head at the moment when Jesus was born and was forced into exile. When the danger was over, it remained a Family living modestly, in poverty, through the labour of its hands.

Its circumstances were similar to those of so many other human families. It is the place where our solidarity meets up with every family, with every union of man and woman, in which a new human being is born. It takes upon itself those profound, beautiful and generally difficult problems which married and family life brings.

~ Pope John Paul II

MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

A Solemn High Mass in Honour of:

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Will be held HERE AT St Joseph Parish
on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:30 pm.

The Mass will be celebrated according to
 the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite



NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Thursday December 31	5:30 pm
New Year's Day Thursday January 1	9:30 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm
The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday January 3	8 am , 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm

*The Parish Office will be closed Christmas week
 and will re-open on
 Saturday January 2nd at 9 AM*

COFFEE HOUR



Will be **Tuesday, January 6,** following the 8:30am Mass. Come join us!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2016



Friday, Feb. 19: 8pm-10pm & Saturday Feb. 20: 10am-5pm; Friday, Feb. 26: 8pm-10pm & Saturday, Feb. 27: 10am-5pm. Couples must attend all four days. To register, attend at the Parish Office to complete registration form.

Vita Centre



Vita Centre a project started by the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League to support women with unplanned pregnancies, has reached the 25th anniversary. Again this year, they are seeking donations of disposal diapers and wet wipes. Please place your donations in the boxes in the front lobby of the church.

CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES - KINDERGARTEN 2016

There will be an information session for parent of children with differing abilities including vision, hearing, autism, physical/medical and/or developmental delays who are transitioning to Kindergarten in September 2016. The meeting will be at: **Catholic Education Centre**, Room 301 on Tuesday, January 12 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Snow date, Wednesday, January 13 7:00 - to 8:30 p.m. **Parents are also reminded to register their child at their local school.**

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer Services every Wednesday 7 pm – Parish Hall

Next DMPG Youth Group Meeting will be on Saturday, January 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the basement meeting room.

HOLY MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

*Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. in the Church
Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Pierre Farrugia*

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2016

Envelope boxes **for 2016** are in the Hallway between the office and the hall in **numerical order.** For those using PAG (pre-authorized giving), your envelope box is still available if you wish to use for those additional envelopes for collections outside of the monthly deductions. Those left behind in January will be cancelled and the numbers redistributed to new parishioners. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this regard.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME & ADDRESS ON YOUR ENVELOPE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

**FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2016
OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

First Holy Communion dates were made available the Weekend of December 5/6. If you did not get a date contact Andrew at sacraments.streetsville@gmail.com.

**SUPPORT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED OR
DIVORCED CATHOLICS**

Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 6 week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 beginning January 5th to February 9th, 2016 at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact Alex Lopechuk at 416-921-1163.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

.... will take place at our elementary schools (listed on the bulletin cover) on:

January 25* from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

January 27, 28, 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Snow Date: Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm.

See more at:

Information about how to register can be found at dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools

CATHOLIC SPONSORSHIP 1 YEAR COMMITMENT

Since 1989, the **Human Family in Christ** has been taking care of poor children in Bolivia through a sponsorship program. A donation of \$180 a year provides food, clothes, medicine and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors will receive a photo and information on the child's family background. The sponsor will also receive a tax receipt. Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012. *Or visit stjosephsstreetsville.com for additional details.*

CHURCH HISTORY FAITH STUDY - EPIC



Have you ever been curious, confronted or criticized about some element of Catholic history? As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. A story 2,000 years in the making, one word best describes Catholic history: *Epic*. This highly praised 20 week Study gives an understanding of Church history that enables us to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

Join us **Monday nights at 7 pm in the Church Hall starting January 4th.**

Cost is \$40 for materials and registration. Register with the office or email michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com.

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