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Feast of the Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family



Our Father, we thank you for your love and for the many good things you have given to our family. Help us to show our gratitude by loving each other as you love us.

Give us patience and understanding to bear with one another, generously share our joys and sorrows, honesty to admit our faults and correct them.

We entrust our family to your fatherly care and protection. Help us to grow daily in wisdom and grace.

O dear Jesus, make our home a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor, and faith. Bless and protect all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family and of all the families of the world.

Blessed St. Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all necessities of life. Ask Jesus that special grace which he granted to you, to watch over our home, at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

UPDATE ON THE NEW CHURCH

Much as I would like our community to start celebrating Holy Mass in our new church this coming new year, our architect and the construction firm are not finished with their work. We ask for your patience. They are doing everything they can to give us a church that we will be happy for many years to come... Meanwhile, I would like to ask you to pray and be generous with your financial assistance.

I am so grateful to so many of you who have not only been contributing to the Building Fund, but also have stepped forward to sponsor different items for the new church such as the Stations of the Cross, the Sanctuary Lamp, and the Crucifix. We will also need a Statue of our Patron Saint. Since she was recently canonized (the Year 2000), the most beautiful and life-like statue available is done by Demetz from Italy. The cost of the statue including shipping is \$9,000 US. The size is 66 inches. We have sponsor forms available if you would like to contribute towards the purchase of the Statue. Thank you.



Mass Intention

Saturday (December 30)

5:00 PM +Bienvenido Andes

Sunday (December 31)

9:00 AM Thanksgiving to the Holy family

11:00 AM +Ignacio Delima and deceased relatives

12:30 PM +Virginia and George Lobo and deceased relatives

5:00 PM +Gyesoo Kim

Monday (January 1)

9:00 AM For the Parish Community

11:00 AM For the Parish Community

12:30 PM For the Parish Community

Tuesday (January 2)

7:30 AM +Ernesto Lombos Sr. and deceased relatives

Wednesday (January 3)

7:00 PM +Gabriel Valdes and deceased relatives

Thursday (January 4)

7:30 AM +Peter Sequeira and deceased relatives

Friday (January 5)

7:00 PM +France, Mimi Ng and deceased relatives

Saturday (January 6)

5:00 PM Open

If you want to offer Holy Mass for yourself or your Loved One, you can use the form on our parish website or contact Cecilia at the desk or at the parish office. Our Parish also accepts Mission Masses (also commonly known as unannounced masses). These Masses are offered by priests anywhere in the world. Please inquire at the desk.

Please continue to pray for our church building project, for the safety of all our construction workers

January 1
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
World Day of Prayer of Peace

The World Day of Prayer of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come”

“In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands. Let us draw inspiration from the words of Saint John Paul II: “If the ‘dream’ of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees’ and migrants’ contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more a universal family and our earth a true ‘common home’.” Throughout history, many have believed in this “dream”, and their achievements are a testament to the fact that it is no mere utopia. Among these, we remember Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in this year that marks the hundredth anniversary of her death. On this thirteenth day of November, many ecclesial communities celebrate her memory. This remarkable woman, who devoted her life to the service of migrants and became their patron saint, taught us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate our brothers and sisters. Through her intercession, may the Lord enable all of us to experience that “a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” (Pope Francis)



A Major Relic of St. Francis Xavier is coming for a visit

A first-degree relic of missionary Saint Francis Xavier is coming to the Archdiocese of Toronto, January 12-14, 2018. The forearm of the saint, permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be in Canada from December 29 – February 2, as part of a 14-city Canadian visit. In our archdiocese, the relic will be hosted by St.

Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (Jan. 12), St. Francis Xavier Church, Mississauga (Jan. 13) and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Toronto (January 14). More information about the visit and a full schedule of events can be found at: www.cco.ca/relic

Organizers believe this is the first time the relic has been on Canadian soil. The body of St. Francis Xavier, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm, are incorrupt—they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552. Organizers expect close to 100,000 people will visit the various events across the country—the same number of people it is believed Francis baptized with his right arm and hand.

Offerings	
Offertory	\$3214.25
Building Fund	\$802.00
Liturgical Fund	\$173.75
Stipend	\$200.00
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Statue	US \$1000
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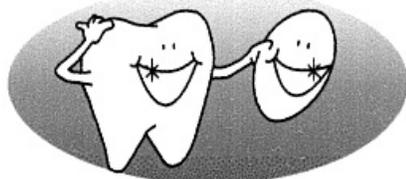
\$4690 (Toronto Departure including taxes and tips)

Travel arrangements by International Heritage Tours, Tel 416-444-6666 contact Stan at ext. 339 or Halina at ext. 315

Volunteer Screening

As part of our effort to make safety a priority in our parish community, all volunteers, staff, including clergy must undergo police check every five years. Agnes Lim has agreed to help facilitate this process for all of us...together with her team of fellow volunteers, they will contact all those involve in ministries and assist in applying for police check. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you to all parishioners who have signalled their desire to help in the planning for the Solemn Dedication of the new Church. An **Initial Meeting** will be held on January 9, 2018 at the Parish Rectory starting at 7:30 PM



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