

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY | DECEMBER 31, 2017

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Sat 9:00 am - 6:30 pm Sun 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

5:00 pm (Sat);

9:00 am; 10:30 am; 12:00 pm; 4:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sat: 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri: 7:30 am; 12:10 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

VESPERS Mon-Fri: 5:10 pm

LAUDS Sat: 9:00 am

ADORATION

Thurs: 3:30-5:00pm



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JOY IN THE FAMILY

by Fr. Norm Tanck, CSB

The Gospel for this weekend's Feast of the Holy Family ends by telling us that, "When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him". We can assume that not only Jesus grew and became strong, but also that Mary and Joseph continued to mature and that as a family they grew stronger because of their love for one another and their desire to be obedient to God's plan for them. Their obedience and love for each other gave them hope in the face of adversity and filled them with joy in ordinariness of everyday life.

It was their love for one another that sustained them through difficult times. We can look to Mary and Joseph as an example and model of a family in distress as they were forced by conditions beyond their control to flee from Bethlehem to Egypt and move from place to place before they were able to settle in Nazareth. It was their love that brought them moments of peace and consolation in the hardscrabble life in a small Galilean town. And it is their love that is the model for Christian families today and a model for us as a Christian community.

Reflecting on the Holy Family, Pope Francis said, *"The true joy which is experienced in the family is not something random and fortuitous. It is a joy produced by deep harmony among people, which allows them to savour the beauty of being together, of supporting each other on life's journey. However, at the foundation of joy there is always the presence of God, his welcoming, merciful and patient love for all. If the door of the family is not open to the presence of God and to his love, then the family loses its harmony, individualism prevails, and joy is*

extinguished. Instead, the family which experiences joy — the joy of life, the joy of faith — communicates it spontaneously, is the salt of the earth, and light of the world, the leaven for all of society."

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

GENESIS 15.1-6; 17.3B-5, 15-16; 21.1-7
PSALM 105
HEBREWS 11.8, 12-13, 17-19
LUKE 2.22-40

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Please note the following Mass schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan 1)

- Sunday 5:00pm (Vigil)
- Monday 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm;
NO 4:30pm; **Parish office Closed**

Our regular weekend Mass schedule resumes on January 6/7, 2018.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Are you planning to have your child baptized at St. Basil's, or have you been recently asked to serve as a Godparent?

Please note that our upcoming baptismal preparation class take place on the following dates in the new year:

- January 27, 2018
- February 24, 2018
- March 31, 2018

To register for a class or to get more information, please email the Director of Pastoral Ministries, Jessica at jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca

RCIA LECTURES

The RCIA program resumes again on Wednesday evenings in January; the evening begins at 7:00pm with prayer in the church. The following talks are open to parishioners who wish to attend.

- **January 10:** What is a sacrament?
Br. Emmaus O'Herlihy, OSB
- **January 24:** Sacrament of Healing,
Fr. John Reddy, CSB
- **February 21:** Social Doctrine of the Church and the Beatitudes, John Dalla Costa
- **February 28:** Human Sexuality- A Catholic Perspective, Dr. Moira McQueen
- **March 7:** Introduction to Eco-Theology,
Dr. Stephen Scharper
- **March 14:** Call to Holiness, John Dalla Costa

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact Jessica via email at jessica.deluca@utoronto.ca

JOHN FORD FIRST SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our next food drive is on January 6/7. Although all donations are most certainly welcome, we are most in need of:

- Canned Tuna, Chicken, Ham
- Canned Soup (Tomato, Chicken Noodle or Vegetable)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Diced Tomatoes
- Family Sized Juice (frozen or shelf stable)
- Cookies
- Granola Bars

Thank you for your continued support of the Out of the Cold and Miller Group Outreach Ministries.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

If you have moved in 2017, please confirm your new address with the Parish Office so that you will receive the donation receipt at the correct address.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the parish office is only open this week (Tuesday - Friday) from 10am-1pm. Regular hours resumes on Saturday.



MASS INTENTIONS

DEC 31ST — JAN 6TH

SUNDAY **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

9:00am *Pro Populo*
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm *Pro Populo*
*5:00pm(vigil) *Pro Populo*

MONDAY **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

9:00am Loretto Sisters, Loretto College Community
10:30am *Pro Populo*
12:00pm *Pro Populo*

TUESDAY **St. Basil the Great**

7:30am
12:10pm Corazon Bueno (liv.), Vicenta Arcon (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am The Thalheimer Family
12:10pm Erin McCarthy (liv.)

THURSDAY

7:30am Francis Co (+)
12:10pm Michael Popovich (+), Florence Bastrampillai (liv.)

FRIDAY

7:30am
12:10pm *Vocations*

SATURDAY

5:00pm Juan Amestay (+)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Mary O'Brien, Claire Fidler, Kam Fung Tem, Angel Martinez, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, Joe Torres, Rita Moran, Celerina Agpoon, Bernice Casey, Concha Gaeitereiro, Lucy Rietveld Bowers, Donna Wood, Clare DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Roberto Martello, Filomena La Rocca, Joseph Troncone, Carry Eillen, Hai Luen Liu, Neil McCormack, Barbara MacMahon-Firestone, and Alexander Wu.

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