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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF MINISTRY

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Feast of the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH: DECEMBER 30, 2018 CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF CARE FOR CREATION

Mass Intentions

(December 28, 2018 – January 4, 2019)

Saturday, December 29: 5:00 p.m.

Intentions of Carmel Caruana *Req. Agnes Caruana*

Intentions of Jackie Hunt *Req. Agnes Caruana*



Care for Creation – December 2018

As we commence the year of Care for Creation, the month of December is dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will specially focus practicing concrete ways to care for mother earth. May God continue to bless and guide us during this year of Care for Creation.

The Feast of Blessed Basil Moreau – January 20, 2019



Come and celebrate with us the feast day of Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, on **Sunday, January 20, 2019**, with:

5:00 p.m. – Festive Mass

6:00 p.m. – Presentation on the life of Fr. Moreau and Veneration of the Relic of Blessed Basil Moreau

A formal reception (cost: \$10) will be held in the Hall after the liturgy. All are welcome to attend

The Feast of St. Brother Andre, CSC

On the First **Saturday, January 5, 2019**, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Brother Andre, the first Saint of the Congregation of Holy Cross. St. Brother Andre is known as the Miracle Worker of Montreal, as he promoted the devotion of St. Joseph with the healing oils. We will have the



Sacrament of the Sick after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Potluck dinner and fellowship to follow. All are welcome.

St. Ann's Resettlement Committee's Giving Campaign

Our Syrian family of four, two parents, a boy 13 and a girl 10, are expected to arrive in Toronto this winter and we need your help to prepare for their arrival. You can be instrumental in helping a family fleeing war and uncertainty, by assisting us in the following ways:

1) Housing: Our family will need somewhere to live when they arrive. We are looking for temporary housing initially and then a more permanent residence. With Toronto's vacancy rate at 1.5% and high rents finding suitable accommodation is proving to be challenging. If you or anyone you knows can assist this family in finding or renting suitable lodgings please contact us as soon as possible.

2) In-Kind Donations: After fleeing war and violence and subsequently living in Lebanon where employment is uncertain at best, our family will be arriving from Beirut without the essentials necessary to make a home. They will be in need of furniture, household goods, clothing, and various sundry items (such as cleaning supplies, pantry supplies and toiletries). If you have any items you could donate we would be happy to store them until our family arrives.

If you have a recommendation about housing or an In-Kind donation, please contact Theresa at 416-700-3358 or theresa.spohn@icloud.com. As always your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Thank you for your donations towards making our liturgy celebration more beautiful and meaningful.



Children's Christmas Pageant



Once again, thank you to Melody or Nancy McMullan for guiding the Children's Christmas Pageant this year. Many thanks to the children and the families that participated in the pageant.

Raise a Roof Jamaica – 2019

Next March 2019, a group of 14 local teens, joined by Fr. Wilson and 5 other adult project leaders, will be headed to Kingston, Jamaica to build houses for families in need. To fund this project, we are challenged with raising funds to cover the travel and material cost. Consider donating towards this cause. Envelopes are at the back of the church.



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The Feast of the Holy Family

By Rev. Wilson Andrade, CSC



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This week let's spend some time in reflecting on our Christian family life. A family is a basic unit of a social life and so it is also basic to our Christian life. The Second Vatican Council Documents calls "*a Christian family as a domestic Church.*" The Church gets its nature and growth from a family. We all belong to that one family of God.

Today we are given a model family to follow in the Holy Family. Many of us would say and often holy paintings depict them as holy people with a hollow around them. It is true they were holy people but lived a normal family like any one of us with all the family struggles – from making difficult marriage decisions, finding a safe-place in troubled political system, running away to Egypt as refugees, finding a new home in

Nazareth, hard-labourers as a carpenter, experienced death of the father with a young teenage boy, then when Jesus grows up, he was not accepted by his society and later condemned to die on the cross.

In this family we meet a father who was hard-working, just and protector of the wife and son. We meet a mother who supported her husband with care and love, and her Son in his mission to proclaiming God's kingdom. We meet a Son who knowing that He is the Son of God still lived a humble and obedient to his earthy parents. They are true model to us to live our life in the family not because he had no difficulties but because they in spite of their struggles, they never gave up their faith in God, their love for each other, their hope for others in the world.

As we reflect on the life in Holy Family let's reflect on our family – our relationships, our struggles, our love and concern for each other, our faith in God, and our hope for the future of our family, our church, our society and the world.

Gracious God, help us to imitate the example of the Holy Family. Amen.

NEW YEAR SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 31, 2018

5:00 p.m.: Family Mass

11:00 p.m.: Midnight mass

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

10:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving Mass



Envelopes for 2019

Envelopes for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute through PAG, please fill out and submit the respective form.

Those who would like to continue to donate through Envelopes, can now receive them at the entrance.

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